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Training and Education in Social Innovation

TRANSNATIONAL MASTER



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ABOUT THE MASTER

TESI-TN trains the professional role of the “**Social Innovator**” — an expert capable of designing, implementing, and evaluating **innovative programs and policies** to support public administrations, Third Sector organizations, and private actors in responding to unmet social needs.

The Master intends **to strengthen networks of practitioners in the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region** and bridge the gap between academia and the business world.

Why join TESI-TN?

- Become a recognised **SOCIAL INNOVATOR**, with the skills and credentials to drive change across public, private, and third-sector organisations.
- Build your network across a prestigious alliance of **universities and research centres** spanning the entire ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION.
- **Connect with a growing ecosystem of institutions, practitioners, and policymakers** actively shaping social innovation across the ADRION area.
- Access **cutting-edge training methods and real-world case studies** from one of Europe's most dynamic cross-border regions.

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KEY INFORMATION	
OPEN DAY ONLINE	July 1st, 2026
APPLICATION DEADLINE	September 30th, 2026
ENROLLMENT	1 Nov – 30 Nov, 2026
AVAILABLE PLACES	25
ECTS	60
DURATION	Jan 2027 – Mar 2028
ATTENDANCE	80%
TEACHING	30 ECTS – 10 weekends
INTERNSHIP	30 ECTS – Mobility + project work
VENUE	Dept. Political & Social Science, UniBo
FEE	- FREE — fully funded by IPA-ADRION* - Subscription fees will be reimbursed to the selected students.

LEARNING PATH

Teaching CTS (30 ECTS)

10 weekends of classes: 8 in-person in Bologna and 2 online

Internship/ (23 ECTS)

The master's program includes a mobility period (during July 2027) at a partner university, where students participate in laboratories and study visits to local innovative social businesses (3 ECTS), and engage in an internship/project with a business partner (20 ECTS) to be elaborated in a final presentation.

Project Work (7 ECTS).

The students will elaborate on a “project work”: a) to develop social innovation management strategies in real-life working, or b) to research a specific case study in one of the developing areas studied during the teaching modules.

**The Master Programme will cover the cost of mobility to/from Bologna, accommodation and meals for all participants during the 8 in-person training sessions that will be held in Bologna.*

OVERVIEW



TESI-TN focuses basically on **five macro-specific topics**:

- Migration and Social Integration
- Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups and People
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Economy
- Urban Regeneration and Urban Policies
- Education and Youth Empowerment

And on five **macro methodological topics**:

- Social Innovation Theories;
- Project Design, Management, and Capacity Building for Social Innovation;
- Theory of Societal Transformations;
- Data Analysis and Participatory Design for Social Innovation;
- Community Design and Impact Evaluation for Social Innovation.



TARGET GROUPS

TESI-TN is open to candidates from all countries of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region:

- **Junior or mid-senior professionals** working in **NGOs, public bodies, or private organizations** who seek to deepen their understanding of social issues and acquire new tools to address them;
- **Post-graduate students** with **professional experience** in the social or public sector who aim to build a career in social innovation.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

TESI-TN trains **Social Innovators** — professionals able to design, implement, and evaluate innovative social interventions within multi-stakeholder governance frameworks across the Adriatic-Ionian area. Graduates are equipped to work in:

- **Public administrations** — leading social policy design and innovation programs
- **Third Sector organizations** — managing projects and building community partnerships
- **Private enterprises** — covering CSR roles and social impact strategies
- **International and EU-funded programmes** — as project managers or impact evaluators

The master develops both managerial and analytical skills, enabling graduates to build synergies between actors, respond to community needs, and monitor and assess the social impact of implemented strategies.

COURSES

January 15/16th

Social Innovation Theories

UNIBO: R. Prandini e G. Ganugi

February 19/20th

Community Design and Impact Evaluation for Social Innovation

University of San Marino: A. Taddei, R. Varini

March 19/20th online

Theory of Societal Transformation

University of Tirana: M. Sako, E. Sulstarova

April 23/24th

Project Design, Management and Capacity Building for Social innovation

University of Zagreb: D. Bagic, J. Bozic

May 14/15th

Migration and Social Innovation

University of Belgrade: M. Veskovic, I. Petrovic, M. Bobic

June 18/19th

Education and Youth Empowerment

University of Tirana: M. Sako, E. Sulstarova

July

INTERNSHIP (two weeks).

September 10/11th

Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Economy as Social Innovation

UNIBO: E. Macchioni, G. Torluccio

October 8/9th

Social Innovations and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups

Science and Research Centre Koper: M. Sedmak, Z. Medaric

November 19/20th

Urban Regeneration as Social Innovation

University Iuav of Venice: E. Micelli, E. Ostanel, M. Moscatelli

Dicember 17/18th online

Data Analysis and Participatory Design for Social Innovation – Department of Special Account for Research Funds

Hellenic Open University: M. Spella, A. Kameas

February 18/19th (2028)

Final days of project work discussion.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL

TESI-TN offers 10 weekend modules (8 in-person in Bologna, 2 online), each structured in three parts:

Theoretical: knowledge of social innovation, analytical and design skills to address emerging social needs;

Workshops & labs: real-case studies with academics and practitioners to develop practical solution-design skills;

Methodological: competences to analyze, anticipate, govern and evaluate social innovations in a participatory way.

Transversal themes include: digital solutions, gender balance, diversity, ethics, and political structures

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The 25 positions are open to candidates from the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region: Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Greece, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, and San Marino.

To apply you need:

- a second cycle degree / master's degree (Bologna Process)
- excellent knowledge of English.

Candidates with a degree obtained **abroad** must provide the Declaration of Value (or, for EHEA countries, a Diploma Supplement) with official translation and legalisation.

The full list of accepted degrees and requirements is available in the call for applications.

SELECTION PROCESS

Admission is based on a qualification-based selection carried out by the Scientific Board, scored out of 100: academic and professional background (30 pts), motivation letter (25 pts), English proficiency (20 pts), academic merit (25 pts).

Apply online through the **Università di Bologna application portal**: [\[unibo.it/master\]](http://unibo.it/master)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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