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UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO



ADVANCED COURSE IN **PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR THE MOUNTAINS** METHORS AND TOOLS

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Carrying out the MIUR - UNIMI Framework Agreement to consolidate the Edolo University experience and the establishment of the "MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY" as a national reference centre for university education on mountain issues (Uff. III Prot. n. 1293 del 05/08/2011)

course coordinator: *dott.ssa Anna Giorgi* requirements: graduates of any class (I or II level) deadline for entries: October 9<sup>th</sup> language: english modality: blended learning

Course venue MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY - EDOLO (BS) DECENTRALIZED CAMPUS OF MILAN UNIVERSITY

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Dates: **NOVEMBER 2014 - FEBRUARY 2015** Lessons: Friday afternoon and Saturday, weekly/byweekly Duration: **60** 

For information and application: www.unimontagna.it

The course is a postgraduate qualification that confers an academic qualification.

It is the second edition of a less specific advanced course provided during the last academic year 2013-2014. This updated version is more focused on the development of specific skills in the field of Project Management in mountain areas. The objective is to create **experts** able to support public and private institutions in the **planning** and **implementation** phases of complex financing projects for the development of business opportunities and sustainable development in mountain areas, by the involvement in national and European calls.

The lessons in **English** or **Italian** (according to the origin of the majority of the participants), with an international approach and a specific focus on cooperation among mountain territories and Alpine countries, will consider the main policies for sustainable development and the priority issues of the Alpine Convention.

The course will be offered in **blended learning**, with the aim to promote the use of computers and remote collaboration, particulary important and useful for remote sites, minimizing travel costs and related removal from work and residence. The course is designed and offered as part of the framework agreement between the Ministry of Education and the University of Milan's Edolo Campus (Bs), also called the "Mountain University", a centre of excellence for study, research and training on mountain issues.

# FEATURES OF THE COURSE

The course in "**Project Management for the Mountains: methods and tools**" offers a greater analysis, systematization and consolidation of Project Management methodologies, of operational tools required to **design** and **manage**, all stages of intervention in favour of development policies in mountain areas, both at an international and at a national level, taking advantage of European (and other) policy guidelines most suitable for subsidizing individual projects and taking into consideration the main themes of the financial programs aimed at projects in mountain areas.

The course will be taught in **English** or in **Italian**, according to the origin of the majority of the participants.

The idea is to develop competence able to work in national or cross-board mountain areas, in order to generate growth phenomena founded on the local asset

## BENEFICIARY

**COURSE OBJECTIVES** 

All graduates of any class (I or II level).

### ADMISSION TO THE COURSE

#### By assessment interview.

*Preferred Requirements*: proven communication skills, experience in public administration, consortia or local authorities, organizations or consulting firms who deal with European project design, participation in tenders and notices, project management.

The CV must be accompanied by a covering letter in which candidates express their level of knowledge of issues related to the mountains and of how their work activity will benefit from attending the course, including the potential transferability of skills acquired.

The training course will provide the methodological and operational tools required for experts in the planning of intervention and development policies aimed at mountain areas. In particular it will provide in-depth knowledge regarding the key elements of international policies for the mountains and European financial programs aimed at development in the mountains in order to immediately and correctly identify planning criteria.

The course will train a Planner of intervention and sustainable development policies in mountain areas, starting from the participation in national and European calls for project funding up to the management of all phases of the project, if funding is awarded.

The Planner will know about:

- Public institutions, particularly those of local government;

- Companies and professional firms for the design and implementation of intervention;

- Individuals, public and private, involved in support and in active participation in intervention in public policy (development enterprises and agencies, banks, etc..).

The course stems from the need to fill a gap evident in particular in the context of development programmes promoted both by the European Union (Alpine Convention, ETC Alpine Space Programme, other international agreements on the mountains in Europe, the Carpathian Convention, EU macro-regional strategies, the EUSALP, etc..) and new opportunities for local development (the new CAP for the protection of EU agricultural policies).

Whilst even highly qualified experts are available with specific training in elaborating and planning interventions directed mainly at urban or foothill areas which have hence benefited in recent decades from the diffusion of economic activities, it is now fundamental to increase the presence and distribution of experts who can work for the benefit of mountain areas and their distinguishing features.

Otherwise phenomena of marginalization and fragility (hydrogeological risk, climate change, transport / accessibility of remote areas, demographic changes, etc..) and important opportunities in various sectors (tourism, management of endogenous resources of the mountain, environmental, social and economic assets of the mountains, protected areas, ecosystem services, etc..) may not be fully taken into consideration even in projects that are intended to respond to financial programs which actually deal with such issues.

## EMPLOYMENT SECTORS

The course will be provided with **blended learning** teaching methods in the presence of the Italian participants who attend the course at its base in Edolo (Bs), Italy.

At the same time, the lectures will be available online/through e-learning thanks to a specific virtual classroom, for participants from European (and other) countries bordering Italy who are unable to reach the physical location of the course.

The system allows simultaneous connection in multiple locations and with multiple participants, interactive question and answer activities both through audio-video participation in sync and by chat.

The teachers from other European countries who are involved in the advanced course will be able to deliver their lesson remotely, online or through e-learning.

The lessons, materials and collaborative activities of "practical training" in the development of professional planning skills will be available on-line thanks to a specific e-learning platform.

# TEACHING METHODS

COURSE FEES 766 euro

