

NUMBER 2. Social Cooperation for Inclusion and Growth

Organisation:	University of Foggia
PROJECT TITLE:	Social Cooperation for Inclusion and Growth (SCoopInG)
Call topics of interest (choose from the list):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENG-GLOBALLY-03-2017: The European Union and the global challenge of migration
Submission deadline:	02 February 2017
Short description of project idea:	<p>This proposal intends to address in particular the emergency of new “ghettos” mainly populated by migrants that are increasing in particular in periurban and rural areas. In such areas migrants often experiment serious and precarious living conditions and are at high risk of social and economic exclusion and mistreatment (economic, sexual, etc.). Such conditions often favour criminality as well the strengthening of negative prejudices towards migrants in general. In summary, this is a serious danger for the social, economic, political and including environmental stability of these areas. An example of this situation is the “ghetto” of Rignano Garganico, located in the Province of Foggia (Apulia, Southern Italy). This proposal is coherent with the action plan that has been developed by the Region of Apulia (including the “Patto per Rignano”) to address the grave situations of migrants in such area.</p> <p>Against such situations, this proposal intends to propose models for the reconversion of ghettos based on the collaboration between migrants and local communities and on the integration into the social and economic activities of these territories. The models proposed are mainly: eco-villages, agrarian urbanism and market towns, but others are considered possible.</p> <p>The idea is to stimulate the integration of migrant communities into the local settings through a set of activities that contribute to the local development of involved territories, through the involvement of a wide variety of local actors from the public and private sectors. Such activities include: capacity building, lifelong learning training and education activities, reconversion of local infrastructure for improving the connectivity of the areas, valorisation of local assets and cultural heritage, promotion of bottom-up initiatives, in particular related to cooperative economy and social innovation, public-private partnerships, etc.</p> <p>With regard to the activities to be carry out, the University of Foggia will be involved in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Socio – economic analysis (social innovation, cooperative economy, human capital development, local development). - Business models for the realization of market towns. - Vocational training (lifelong learning): formal and informal activities, both on-site (ateliers) and distance courses (e-learning). - Coordination of a case study in the area of the ghetto of Rignano Garganico (province of Foggia, Apulia).
Main objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing a model for the conversion of current “ghettos” into sustainable and pleasant living places where migrants and other local dwellers live together. 2. Contributing to the sustainable development of periurban and rural

	<p>areas involved in the project.</p> <p>3. Investigating how local communities organise themselves in order to co-create a better use of the local assets and heritage</p> <p>4. Promoting social inclusion and inclusiveness.</p>
Expected impact of the project (see call text)	<p>1. Policy recommendations in the areas of migration policies and management, social inclusion, culture, cultural heritage, information, learning and gathering.</p> <p>2. Improving policy coherence and effectiveness in the field of migration management by identifying and depicting good practices and effective ways to manage incoming and transiting migration at the benefit of local communities and immigrants.</p> <p>3. Developing innovating learning and teaching practices to boost innovation and entrepreneurship capacity, bringing together many stakeholders including from education, traditional business, the social and service economy and volunteering schemes.</p> <p>4. Developing new education and training materials and schemes based on the training needs of the target audience.</p> <p>5. Developing new business models for local development initiatives.</p> <p>6. Promoting citizens' engagement with European public and cultural spaces and developing new modes of interaction to promote synergies among different actors and sectors.</p>
Profile of partners sought and expected role in the proposal:	<p>We consider our proposal as a possible module for a comprehensive project related to one or more of the calls identified (as well as to other opportunities that might emerge).</p> <p>Consortium should follow a multi-actor approach. It will include: associations, development agencies, businesses and SMEs, research institutions, schools, public institutions, economic actors such as Chambers of Commerce, VET institutions, etc.</p>
Specific countries/regions/cities you are keen to collaborate with:	<p>It would be interesting to make comparison with similar situations in the EU, for instance in the Mediterranean area.</p>
Previous, relevant EU / non-EU project experience:	<p>Project Name: Sustainable tourism management of Adriatic HERitage (HERA) Website: http://www.heradriatic.eu/</p> <p>Project Name: Building capacity of Serbian Agricultural Education to link with Society (CaSA) Website: http://projects.tempus.ac.rs/en/project/885</p> <p>Project Name: Long Life, High Sustainability - Shelf Life Extension Info: PRIN 2012, Research Projects of National Interest (Italy)</p> <p>Project Name: Rural Innovation open system (RU.T.E.S.) Info: FESR Puglia 2007-2013, Living Lab Smart Puglia 2020</p>