



**Agricultural University of Tirana
Istituto Superiore di Ricerca Educativa
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MOBILITY PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Realized with the contribution of VIS through the *Pier Paolo Ambrosi Mobility Fund*

**“PIER PAOLO AMBROSI MOBILITY FUND”
ADDRESSED TO PHD STUDENTS
LEARNING PROPOSAL**

THE PIER PAOLO ALMBROSI MOBILITY FUND

The *Pier Paolo Ambrosi Mobility Fund* is an initiative carried out by VIS - Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo (<https://www.volint.it/>) to honour and share the experience, inspiration and approach carried out by its collaborator Pier Paolo Ambrosi (1948-2021), coordinator and point of reference for VIS in Albania since early Nineties.

The Fund was constituted by VIS Executive Committee in 2021 for Albanian PhD students from AUT has the objective to strengthen the concept and vision of integrated rural development in Albania, with the strong belief that it is one of the key for the growth and sustainability of rural communities in Albania.

Pier Paolo Ambrosi is considered the Pioneer of the Albanian Rural Development. Born in Italy, since young devoted to the international solidarity and human development of the different population in the world, he studied Foreign Languages at the University of Verona and right after his degree he started his long and fruitful career in the international cooperation.

He worked in different African countries and his passion for the field work with rural communities has been always shared by his wife and his family, supporting him in every challenge and adventure undertaken. Pier Paolo arrived in Albania in 1991 as 1st study mission from Caritas Italiana. An experience that should have finished in 3 months, but continued until 2021, when a very bad illness took him away.

He has been the first to start a community “furre buke” in the Region of Shkoder, as well as different cooperatives and crops cultivation in the centre of Albania, giving the 1st hints for the Albanian Rural Development that we all are experiencing now.

Community Led Local Development and LEADER Approach have been key words in his work with Caritas, LVIA and VIS, applied both in urban and rural context. Together with VIS, the first official urban plan for Tirana (more specifically for the area of Breglumasi) has been drafted and thanks to the support of the Italian Cooperation, the initiatives of VIS in Malësi e Madhe started in 2009, contributing to the strong development of the area, nowadays well known by the Government and many Albanian and foreign visitors.

Pier Paolo was a reference point in the cooperation and development world, with a key and irreplaceable role also in the introduction of Slow Food approach in the country and founding member of ANRD.

His deep knowledge of the Albanian History, his respect for each person he meets and the readiness of help whoever asks for support, his conviction that foreigners need to learn Albanian and not the contrary as well as his believe in the good heart of people, are an example of how all together we should contribute to the sustainable development of Albania.

Previous the departure of the awarded student, they will also receive a short introduction on the work of VIS in Albania thanks to the contribution of Pier Paolo Ambrosi, that will have the chance to be deepened during the three days visit at the VIS HQ headquarter in Rome.

SUBJECT, AIM AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The call for applications has been issued to award scholarships to carry out a research period in Italy, at ISRE- Istituto Superiore di Ricerca Educativa, aimed at:

- getting to share the innovative approach in rural and community development carried out by Pier Paolo Ambrosi during his decennial work in Albania with the Italian NGO VIS - Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo;
- improve the scientific approach of the student thanks to the collaboration and exchange with the academic reality of IUSVE- Istituto Universitario Salesiano di Venezia through the operational and didactic support of ISRE;
- contributing to the draft of the final dissertation of the awarded students;
- writing an article on the experience, to be later submitted for publication. The assignee of the grant is required to submit proof of publication to the supervisor. The publication can be both in paper journals and on-line magazines.

Main topics of research should focus on:

- Integral Ecology
- Methodology of the social work
- Stakeholders mapping
- Social network analysis
- Social Agriculture
- Civil social networks
- Social responsibility of the businesses

During the first 5 week of the experience, the awarded student will have the possibility to be introduced to the didact tools and classes of IUSVE and ISRE in Mestre, followed by an Italian tutor.

From the University Campus in Mestre, the awarded student will go to Rome, at the VIS headquarters, so receive more information regarding VIS work and approach in Albania and not only. During the three days of permanence in Rome, the students will be hosted at VIS guest-house.

REFERENCE CALENDAR

During the days were it is not already fixed a specific class, the student have the possibility to access the library and didactical instrument of IUSVE and ISRE as well as the visit together with the tutor to best practices in the Venice area.

Week	Date	Area	Event
1	15/04/2024		Arrival and accommodation at the ISUVE premises
	16/04/2024	IUSVE	Annual IUSVE conference
	17/04/2024	IUSVE	Annual IUSVE conference
	18/04/2024		
	19/04/2024		
	20/04/2024		Morning: Prof. Onama - Professional Specialization Laboratory 2
	21/04/2024		
2	22/04/2024		
	23/04/2024		
	24/04/2024		

	25/04/2024	FESTIVO	
	26/04/2024		
	27/04/2024		Morning: Prof. Onama - Professional Specialization Laboratory 2 and Prof. Pozzobon: Family Pedagogy
	28/04/2024		
3	29/04/2024		
	30/04/2024		
	01/05/2024	FESTIVO	
	02/05/2024		
	03/05/2024		Afternoon: Prof. Fasoli: Pedagogy of Virtual Reality
	04/05/2024		Morning: Prof. Onama - Professional Specialization Laboratory 2 and Prof. Cestaro: History of Pedagogy
	05/05/2024		
4	06/05/2024		
	07/05/2024		
	08/05/2024		
	09/05/2024		
	10/05/2024	PED	The spring word. The word that heals, from Don Bosco to Don Milani
	11/05/2024		
	12/05/2024		
5	13/05/2024		
	14/05/2024		
	15/05/2024		
	16/05/2024		Afternoon: Prof. Biagi: Theological and Professional Ethics
	17/05/2024		COMMUNICATION IN VERONA: Communication Career Day, the plenary morning session on the future of professions in communication, in the afternoon speed dating with companies and thematic workshops with experts. PEDAGOGY IN VENICE Morning Prof. Biagi: Theological and Professional Ethics; Afternoon: Child Neuropsychiatry
	18/05/2024		Developmental Psychology - Bascovich e Buccioli
	19/05/2024		