

INTERMEDIATE REPORT ON RESEARCH PROJECT

Title of the research project:

SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF BACKWARD TERRITORIES: THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE

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Duration of the project: 10 months (09.2015–06.2016)

Period under review: 6 months (09.2015–02.2016)

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The research period started in September with an introduction to the UniBo (University of Bologna) and its outstanding capabilities for researchers. Apart from the libraries and resource centers there were also many possibilities to discuss the research with professors of UniBo and visiting professors from different countries who had their lectures for the students of MIREES programme at the Forli campus of Bologna University. Taking part in scientific conferences organized by UniBo has been another great opportunity for visiting researches that allows to meet scientists from all over the world.

All the described advantages of research work at UniBo along with the helpful pieces of advice of prof. Bianchini enabled me to transform my previous plan in order to achieve the main goals of the research.

Briefly speaking, the results of the first 6 months may be mainly summarized as collecting and analyzing data. One of the major points of this period has also been the presentation of the new and previous results in a form of an open lecture. A significant part of the work has been focused on the interviews with the selected group of experts and preparation work. Correspondence with the experts and researchers in this field has also been in progress during the reporting period. More detailed information about the reporting period results is presented in the table below.

Monthly implementation of the research plan

Month	Scope of work	Main results
September 2015	Acquaintance with the University of Bologna	Taking part in the Conference "Envisioning Moving Frontiers" (Bertinoro, September, 10–11, 2015)
October 2015	Acknowledgment with Cohesion Policy in Italy, literature review	Economic role of Cohesion Policy. Evaluation of infrastructure conditions
November 2015	Research on the "Technopoles in Emilia-Romagna" Programme (TERP) management and governance on the State and Regional levels	Analysis of the place of Italian regions in European Regional Policy
December	Data analysis on Regional Policy	Analysis of current economic value of

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2015	comparison in Russia and Italy — Geographical and Historical aspects	Cohesion Policy for “More developed” Regions in EU and Italy. Preparation for the open lecture for MIREES programme of UniBo
January 2016	Data analysis on Regional Policy comparison in Russia and Italy — Economical aspects	Open lecture for MIREES programme of UniBo First draft of a scientific article on Cohesion Policy in EU (and in particular in Italy).
February 2016	Interviews with selected group of experts and professionals.	Preparation for the Seminar for PhD students of UniBo Abstract to an International conference