

Participant Information Sheet

TRENd Project

Transition with Resilience for Evolutionary Development

You are being invited to take part in this research project. We invite you to read this Participation Information Sheet as we would appreciate to discuss and share your specific experiences and views on the key topics of our project, about which you may talk to anybody you feel comfortable with. Please take some time to reflect on whether you would like to participate or not. If there's anything you don't understand in this information sheet, feel free to ask any questions at any time.

Purpose of the Project

The TRENd "Transition with Resilience for Evolutionary Development" project is based on a research project integrated with a higher education agenda finalized at strengthening the regional capabilities in triggering, implementing and managing Transition Management (TM) strategies towards driving "resilience-building" processes. The main aim is to combine Transition with Resilience for Evolutionary Development (TRENd) in different territorial contexts towards a reforming process of Cohesion Policy.

TRENd is a ground-breaking proposal envisioning TM in the mentioned framework addressing regional economic diversification.

Specifically, the research project seeks to:

1. identify and examine the factors enabling or hindering the Transitions strategies at a governance standpoint;
2. assess the territorial features critical to enable a resilient-building process;
3. unveils the unexploited potentials for "re-shaping trajectories" disclosed through the windows of local opportunities due to the external shocks regions are continuously exposed to.

This project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Skłodowska-Curie grant agreement No 823952.

The research project is carried out through a partnership between higher education institutions, University of Reggio Calabria (IT), Utrecht University, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, (GR), University of Palermo (IT), Northeastern University of Boston, Louisiana Tech University.

Participant Selection

You are invited to contribute to this project due to your experience as a city representative, academic, representative of civil society, representative of private stakeholder.

Voluntary Participation

Your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. You can choose either to participate or to decline the invitation. You can withdraw at any time and request the data to be deleted or request access to the data, (including e.g. the right to access, the right to ask for rectification of, and the right to delete personal data) by sending an email to Data Protection Officer (DPO) appointed by the University of Reggio Calabria, Coordinator of the project, as specified in the section "Rights of research participants".

Procedures and Confidentiality

The information collected is confidential and data gathered will be anonymized.

Any summary interview content, or direct quotations from the interview, that are made available through academic publication or other academic outlets will be anonymized so that you cannot be identified, and care will be taken to ensure that other information in the interview that could identify yourself is not revealed. Any variation of the conditions above will only occur with your further explicit approval, or a quotation agreement could be incorporated into the consent form. In this case, with regards to being quoted, please initial next to any of the statements that you agree with:

I wish to review the notes, transcripts, or other data collected during the research pertaining to my participation.

I agree to be quoted directly.

I agree that the researchers may publish documents that contain quotations by me.

Risks

The survey might potentially include sensitive and personal issues (i.e. political opinions, cultural values). These kinds of personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully, and shall not be further processed in any manner incompatible with the initial purpose. Moreover, you do not have to answer any question that might make you feel uncomfortable.

Reimbursement

There will be no reimbursement for your participation.

Data storage

All data will be stored for five years, counting from the end of the project. These data can be made available to other scientific practitioners at request.

Sharing the Results

The project findings are expected to be published within public reports. The data, for example, will be used in policy notes, conferences and workshops and as communication material, according to the procedures and confidentiality statement.

Identification of investigators

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact:

- Primary Contact Coordinator University of Reggio Calabria (IT): Carmelina Bevilacqua E-mail: cbevilac@unirc.it;
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- Contact person at University of Palermo, (IT): Vincenzo Provenzano, E-mail: Vincenzo.provenzano@unipa.it

Rights of research participants

You may withdraw your consent at any time and discontinue participation without penalty. You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study.

If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact the Data Protection Officer Alessandro Andriani, University of Reggio Calabria. The contact information are detailed as following:

Office: Servizio Speciale Affari Legali, Contenzioso del Lavoro ed Attività Negoziali (Legal and Administrative affairs);

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Informed Consent Form

Participation to an Event of the Project when photographs/videos/tape recordings will be taken

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Transition with Resilience for Evolutionary Development 4th International Symposium New Metropolitan Perspective

Mediterranea University – Reggio Calabria, IT 26-28 May 2020

Name:		
Age:		
<i>I confirm I am 18 years of age or over</i>	YES	NO
Gender identity	FEMALE	MALE
Organization:		
Role:		

Hereby authorizes

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undertakes that, in respect of any video/audio tapes made, every effort will be made to ensure professional confidentiality and that any use of video/audio tapes, or descriptions of video/audio tapes, will be for professional purposes only and in the interests of improving research activities.

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Date:
Signature:

If you have any questions about this event feel free to ask the Organizer at any time. Data will be treated in compliance with national and EU legislation (GDPR).

Third countries: In case activities undertaken in non-EU countries will raise ethics issues, the research conducted outside the EU will be legal in at least one EU Member State.