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Short course - Executive Education Programme

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TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The course is mainly addressed to:

- Representatives and Officials of national and local regulatory authorities, Central Public Administrations, regional and local governments,
- NGOs and consultancies engaged in the design and implementation of regulatory reforms
- Researchers
- Staff of International organizations.

REGISTRATION AND FEE

For **registrations completed by the 13th of March 2016, the full fee is 2.190 EUR** and includes tuition, materials, one site-visit included in the programme, one social dinner, coffee-breaks and two lunches.

The early bird fee (deadline 15th of February 2016) is 1.890 EUR

Special fees apply to non-OECD residents and PhD candidates: full fee 1.890 EUR, early bird fee 1.690 EUR

Special conditions are in place for participants coming from **Regulatory Authorities and/or participants from the Balkans.**

REGULATION OF PUBLIC SERVICES: NATIONAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES IN WATER AND WASTE SECTOR

RATIONALE

Water and sanitation services and urban waste management are provided mostly in conditions of natural monopoly with significant market failures due to externalities and public good characteristics, and in a context of strong information asymmetries. That is why **economic regulation is crucial** (in terms of price, quality, quantity, access) to protect the consumer from market incumbents' possible abuses, to increase operators' performance and to promote equity and environmental protection.

Scale economies, neighbour externalities and coordination needs have led to the **centralization of regulatory tasks** at national level. Nonetheless, historically, the growing medium of regulation seems to have been the **municipalities**. Concessions, franchising, licences and authorizations issued at local level have always been accompanied by mandatory provisions and rules on price, quantity, quality, access, safety and so on. Where a sector is not regulated at national level, municipalities have generally retained a regulatory role, which is played in ways that differ alongside institutional frameworks, level of development, and cultural features of local communities.

The debate on the **trade-offs related to centralized or decentralized regulation** is still open and it is particularly relevant in connection to services characterized by a **strong local dimension**: while centralized regulation appears to be a solution to limited capacity of local administrators and might help to avoid collusion between the local regulator and the incumbents against the centralized administrations, at the same time decentralization may favour differentiation of policies in different regions, higher level of information endowment by local authorities and better enforcement thanks to the higher degree of engagement and accountability achievable at local level. That might be also the reason why forms of **multi-level regulation** exist, especially in sectors, like water, where despite the strong local dimension, heavy sunk costs and large investments are needed.

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COURSE OBJECTIVES

The course intends to analyze economic regulation water and sanitation services and urban waste management from different perspectives and to explore the **peculiarities of centralized and local allocation of regulatory tasks** in relation to the nature of the service, specific policy objectives (consumer protection, equity, environmental targets, efficiency ...), the historical and cultural background, the relationship between different actors and stakeholders, the influence - when relevant - of international actors like international organizations and financial institutions. The existence of **multi-level systems of regulation** will be also analyzed as an emerging trend. The course final aim is to provide participants with a broader overview on the objectives of regulation and with some hints to evaluate on a case-by-case basis what are the most suitable instruments and **what is the best layer of intervention for a sound regulation**: national, local or multi-level. That is why **frontal lessons** will be accompanied by the presentation of specific **case studies** and by **interactive working groups**.

VENUE

Center for Advanced Academic Studies
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PROGRAMME

The course will start on **Monday 18th April at 2.30 pm** and will finish on **Thursday 21st April at 1 pm**

Day 1 | NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE: REGULATION BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS (2.30pm-6.30pm)

- Regulation of natural monopolies: why and how? (*M. Salvetti*)
- The establishment of independent regulatory authorities: reasons, historical patterns, evolution and current trends (*M. Salvetti*)

Day 2 | LOCAL PERSPECTIVE: MUNICIPALITIES REGULATING LOCAL SERVICES (9.30am-1.00pm ; 2.30pm-6.30pm)

- **Visit:** Lokrum National Park (<http://www.lokrum.hr/en>) and presentation on governance issues related to the Park as a case study of local regulation
- Peculiarities of local regulation (characteristics of local public services; factors of weakness in local regulation; osmosis amongst professional roles; information endowment and exchange) (*F. Becchis*)
- Knowing the FIELD for infrastructure and service regulation at local level: actors, information, incentives (Presentation of the FIELD methodology - developed by the Turin School of Local Regulation and its potential applications to the design or reform of a regulatory framework for local public services) (*F. Becchis*)

Day 3 | BETWEEN NATIONAL AND LOCAL: MULTI-LEVEL REGULATION (9.30am-1.00pm ; 2.30pm-6.30pm)

- Multi-level regulation (distribution of responsibilities between national and sub-national authorities; co-existence of national objectives and local peculiarities) (*A. Sbandati*)
- Trade-offs between national and local regulation (*A. Asquer*)
- Regulatory Reforms in Multi-level Governance Systems (how reforms designed at central level are applied and implemented at sub-national level) (*A. Asquer*)
- Case studies of regulation between national and local. (*A. Asquer*)

Day 4 | PUTTING-IT INTO PRACTICE: WORKING GROUPS (9.30am-1.00pm)

- **Workgroup:** Participants will be then divided into working groups simulating the application of the acquired knowledge to specific case studies with the support of a scientific tutor. Participants will be invited to propose specific case studies before the beginning of the School. Working groups will be free to select a case study proposed by one of the participants or a new virtual case study.

FACULTY



Alberto ASQUER

Lecturer of Business Strategy and Policy at the University of Cagliari (Italy) and Lecturer in Public Policy & Management at SOAS University of London. His research interests are in public policy and management, and especially in political economy of regulation and regulatory reforms, public policy implementation, public management. He spent visiting periods at CESifo (Munich), Higher School of Economics (Moscow), and, as visiting fellow, at the EUI.



Franco BECCHIS

Scientific director of Fondazione per l'Ambiente since its creation and Scientific Director of the initiative "Turin School of Local Regulation", he coordinates research programmes on the interaction between economics, energy and environment and on local public services, as well as capacity building and support activities for local public entities. He is author and editor of the forthcoming handbook "The political economy of local regulation" published by Palgrave Macmillan. He has been contract Professor in Environmental Economics at the

Polytechnic of Torino, University of East Piedmont and Saint John International University. His scientific interests and his publications range from public economics to environmental and regulatory economics



Maria SALVETTI

Former chief economist for the French national agency for water and aquatic environment (Onema), Maria Salvetti has joined the "Economics of Public Private Partnerships" chair in La Sorbonne University. She is setting up a European working group on economic regulation of water sector, in partnership with the Florence school of regulation (part of the European research institute). She is also working as an expert for the Danube Water Program from the World Bank.



Andrea SBANDATI

General Director of CISPTEL Toscana, CISPTEL is a Regional Association of local public services enterprises in the sector of public utilities. Since 1990 he has worked in the environmental sector with important institutions. A major part of his researches and works is related to public utilities, especially to waste management. Since 1997 to present he has been a member of Quadrifoglio Consortium where he holds the position of Vice-president. He is also a collaborator for the Regional Agency for Resources Recovery SpA in Florence and for CRS Proacqua in Rome.

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THE ORGANIZERS

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The **Florence School of Regulation (FSR)** is a partnership between the European University Institute (EUI), the Council of the European Energy Regulators (CEER), the Independent Regulators Group (IRG) and the European Platform of Regulatory Authorities (EPRA), and it works closely with the European Commission.

The FSR's objective is to expose the European dimension to regulatory topics and to contribute to the safeguarding of the common good of Europe by ensuring high-level and independent debate and research on economically and socially sound regulation.

The FSR focuses on the regulation of the following sectors: Energy (electricity and gas) – with also a special focus on EU Energy Law, Communications & Media, Transport and Water.

The FSR provides a European forum where academics and practitioners can meet and share their views and knowledge.

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The **Turin School of Local Regulation (TSLR)** is a network school with a specific mission: focusing on local aspects of regulation and governance of public services and bridging the gap between the academic research and the local decision-makers.

The TSLR was officially launched by Foundation for the Environment in 2012 to capitalize a 15-year experience on training and capacity building on regulation of local public services. The School adopts a policy-oriented approach, with the aim of spreading the culture and instruments of regulation and regulatory reform at local level.

In terms of topics and sectors covered, the TSLR focuses on different aspects connected to local regulation (like investment decisions, procurement, tariff setting, asset management and distributional aspects) and on different sectors, namely energy distribution, urban waste and water cycle, local public transport, green areas and sport facilities., local welfare policies

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