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Interested in exploring the impacts of collaborative workspaces in rural and peripheral areas?

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**15 Early Stage Researchers (ESR - PhD)
for 36 months with starting date
01/09/2021**

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CORAL is a Marie Skłodowska Curie Innovative Training Network (2021-2024).

Its mission is to unpack the latent dynamics and impacts of collaborative workspaces in rural and peripheral areas and integrate them as development tools in local and regional policies to open up new potentials for socio-economic development.

To do that, CORAL - ITN envisages providing specialized and tailor-made training to 15 young researchers to better

understand and support the development processes of collaborative workspaces in rural and peripheral areas in the EU, their wider impacts at the local and the regional level, as well as at the level of the individual worker and the enterprise.

CORAL - ITN partners and beneficiaries are used to work on the interface between research, education, policymaking, and private sector practice where they share the aspiration of social science based spatial research on collaborative workspaces development in rural and peripheral areas in the EU.

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The CORAL project will offer specialised and tailor-made training to 15 Early Stage Researchers (ESR: PhD candidates), helping them to better understand and support the development processes of CWS

in rural and peripheral areas and their wider impacts at the local and regional level as well as at the level of the individual worker and the enterprise. Moreover, through different means of dissemination and exploitation (knowledge exchange days, CORAL schools, digital platform), the impacts of CORAL aim to reach a wider audience ranging from public policymakers to private stakeholders and CWS communities across the EU.

The 15 ESR projects include intersectoral secondments, local and network-wide transferable, theoretical as well as methodological skills training. The project will actively assist PhD candidates in achieving a doctoral degree within the scheduled time of three years. All fellows will have the unique opportunity to work in interdisciplinary and multinational teams with excellent links to national and international research networks. The CORAL consortium consists of nine beneficiaries (five academic and four non-academic) and six partner organisations (four academic and two non-academic) from six EU Member States. More information about CORAL can be found on the project website: <https://coral-itn.eu> and on CORDIS: <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/955907>

**EMPLOYMENT
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EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

Salary:

According to the MC-ITN rules the gross salaries consist of living allowance plus mobility allowance. The exact salaries are dependent on the country where the fellow will work. You can find more information about the salaries in the Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2018-2020:

(https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2018-2020/main/h2020-wp1820-msca_en.pdf - p.97).

Eligibility criteria:

Eligible candidates may be of any nationality.

At the time of recruitment, researchers must not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in the country of their host organisation for more than 12 months in the 3 last years immediately prior to the recruitment date (that is between 31/8/2018 to 1/9/2021).

Early Stage Researchers (ESR – PhD positions):

Candidates must be, at the time of recruitment by the host organisation, in the first four years (full-time equivalent) of their research careers and have not yet been awarded a doctoral degree. This is measured from the date when they obtained the Master degree which would formally entitle them to embark on doctorate studies.

Further requirements:

Each fellow will have to organize 1-3 secondments (temporary transfer to another CORAL partner) during the duration of his/her employment.

Each fellow is expected to participate actively in the network management tasks and organization of training/network events as well as in regular yearly outreach activities targeting different audiences. Excellent use of English language (including both written and oral fluency) is essential.

Fellows should be ready to learn the respective local language (if necessary, language courses will be organized by the project partners).

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Selection process:

We are now looking for highly motivated candidates for 15 ESR positions (PhD – 36 months) with the starting date 01 September 2021.

The closing date for receipt of applications will be 14 March 2021. A first selection round will take place immediately after this deadline. All supervisors and co-supervisors will be involved in this process. A detailed list of selection criteria will be defined that contains aspects such as qualifications and grades of the candidate, quality of the application, motivation, previous experience in CWS, rurality/peripherality, proficiency in English and other languages, gender and geographical balance. Successful candidates will be invited for an interview at the CORAL virtual kick-off meeting (mid-April 2021). Each interview will be attended by a selection panel composed of the intended supervisors. Invited candidates will be asked to give a short presentation outlining their previous work followed by a presentation of the proposed PhD research within the frame of the ESR topic. This will be followed by a discussion, where candidates will be asked questions about their motivation, expertise and the scientific topic covered in the presentation.

Detailed preconditions for entering PhD studies in accordance with respective national rules will be announced to the applicants after the first selection round.

A more detailed description of the CORAL project, the individual positions and the online application form are available at CORAL website: www.coral-itn.eu. Please choose only one of the positions and provide the following documents in 1 single pdf-file with your application:

1. Cover letter (max. 2 pages)
2. CV (max. 2 pages, including a list of all countries of residence in the last 4 years),
3. Details of at least two referees OR two reference letters,
4. Copies of certificates (Bachelor & Master's degrees with list of completed modules, English and other language certificate),
5. Work samples (e.g. journal publication and/or Master's thesis summary),
6. List of publications (if any).

In case of any questions regarding the project or the positions available please contact: info@coral-itn.eu

Recruitment, selection and appointments follow the European Charter & Code of Conduct (<https://euraxess.ec.europa.eu/euraxess/charter-code-researchers>). All CORAL partners commit themselves to providing equal employment opportunities for all applicants, independently of gender or gender identification, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability status.

DESCRIPTION

**Description of ESR projects
and candidates' profile**



Taxonomy and location patterns of CWS in the periphery. An international comparison

Host: Politecnico di Milano, Italy, supervisor: Ilaria Mariotti

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

The ESR project will collect the state of the art about CWS in peripheral and rural areas and will develop a taxonomy (of their functions, typologies, and uses/participant profiles). Additionally, it will explore the geographical distribution and location patterns of CWS in Italy, France, Germany, Austria, Latvia and Greece, with a specific focus on peripheral areas, taking advantage of the large databases of ECHN and IHG. Moreover, the project will explore the effects of the pandemic over the geographical distribution of CWS in rural areas, as it seems that a large number of remote workers choose less densely populated areas to reside and work remotely. The empirical quantitative analysis will adopt secondary data at NUTS3/4 level.

In this project, secondments are foreseen at Panteion University, Greece, Impact Hub Global, Austria and ECHN, Greece.

The fellows will be integrated in the PhD training programme of Urban Planning, Policy and Design, at DASTU-Politecnico di Milano (IT).

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Collect data and main patterns of CWS in Europe with a focus on the six countries and provide georeferenced mapping of them.
- Analysis of data to explore the new geography of work due to the Covid-19 pandemic (demand of new working spaces to accommodate remote workers and supply of CWS).
- Knowledge synthesis, development of conceptual models, discussion and policy relevance

Requirements:

- masters' degree in social sciences, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good competences in GIS and quantitative methods
- fluency in English, preferably good knowledge of Italian
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR2

Exploring the contribution of CWS in processes of social innovation in rural and peripheral areas; a comparative study between Greece and Germany

Host: European Creative Hubs Network, Athens-Greece, Supervisors: Vassilis Charalambidis (ECHN), Vasilis Avdikos (Panteion)
1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

The goal of this ESR project is to explore the networks and practices of coworkers in CWS in rural and peripheral areas towards the investigation of social innovation processes that affect communities of practice inside the collaborative spaces, but also outside of them (local communities); using two towns as cases studies in Greece and Germany, and qualitative methodology.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD program of the Department of Economic and Regional Development in Panteion University.

Secondments are foreseen at the Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space-IRS, Erkner, Germany and the Saxon Association of Cultural & Creative Industries, Dresden, Germany

Tasks:

- Design of case studies approach and data collection
- Comparative (meta) analyses of case studies
- Knowledge synthesis, development of conceptual models, discussion and policy relevance

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in social sciences, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of qualitative methodologies
- fluency in English,
- Greek and/or German language skills will be an asset

- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR3

CWS and their effects on enhancing territorial capacities in France and Germany

Host: Paris School of Business, France Supervisors: Ignasi Capdevila (PSB), Christine Liefoghe (Lille)

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

A territory may become resilient if actors are able to mobilize endogenous resources in order to develop a capacity of adaptation to change. This capacity could consist in the ability of conserving its resources and industries or of developing new territorial competitive advantages. Through a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods, the ESR project will analyse a number of case studies in France and Germany to which extent CWS can contribute to the development of a territorial capacity of absorbing changes in the economic context or even generate a new sustainable system.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD curriculum in the University of Lille. Secondments are foreseen at the Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig, Germany, the Saxon Association of Cultural & Creative Industries, Dresden, Germany and Otelo in Austria.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Design of case studies approach and data collection
- Comparative (meta) analyses of case studies
- Knowledge synthesis, development of conceptual models, discussion and policy relevance

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in geography, economics, sociology or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project

- good knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods
- fluent in English
- knowledge of French and/or German would be an asset
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR4

(Re-)Inventing the Rurban: Progressive and alternative spaces of work in peripheral communities in Central and Eastern Europe

New forms of work and their spatial organisation are typically tested, explored and implemented in urban contexts. The urban is in this context often portrayed as an inspiring environment for all sorts of social innovations. This ESR-project focuses instead on new imaginations and visions of new and alternative CWS in rural, peripheral, structurally weak and remote areas. Urbanity thus should be developed as a deterritorialised concept reflecting the urbanisation of societies as a whole and linking up to ideas of habitual urbanity and planetary urbanism. The project tackles practical approaches of such new visions and imaginations, and their links to strategies and actually implemented projects outside of the bigger agglomerations. Overall, the project challenges dominant representations of the urban and suggests alternative visions for new work spaces from the perspective of peripheral places which could be seen as linked to new 'rurban' lifestyles. How can such new visions and approaches contribute to the wider transformation and reinvention of peripheralised areas and contribute to progressive local development? This ESR-project will be based on a comparative case study methodology on municipality level and compare two cases (in Germany and in Latvia) through primarily qualitative methods. The fellow will be integrated in the PhD programme of the Graduate School Global and Area Studies of Leipzig University. Secondments are foreseen at the Paris School of Business, France and Metro Kuldiga in Latvia.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework linked to imaginations of rurban futures in the context of new work spaces and the future of work outside of agglomerations
- methodological design of case study approach and empirical implementation
- comparative context analyses at local, regional and national levels
- participant observation in CWS in Germany and Latvia, qualitative interviews and potentially panel data analysis and surveys with users as well as funders and staff

Host: Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig, Germany,
Supervisor: Thilo Lang

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

- development of conceptual, methodological, empirical and policy implications

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in social sciences, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- basic knowledge about conceptual debates about urbanity and rurality linked to the future of work as well as development options for peripheralised and structurally weak places and regions
- good knowledge of qualitative research methods and experience in setting up a research plan, and an ability to work independently according to a well-defined schedule;
- fluent in English, German and Latvian language skills will be an asset
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- -readiness to participate in network-wide training events, conferences and workshops
- -excellent communication skills
- -strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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CWS as tools to foster entrepreneurship and retention of workers in remote areas

Host: Impact Hub Global, Vienna Austria, Supervisors: Sarah Stamatou Nichols (IHG), Michaela Tripl (Uni of Vienna)

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

The recent economic and financial crisis has triggered many socioeconomic changes in cities and regions. One phenomenon is the relocation of young professionals and young families from large urban centres to rural and remote places, looking for new business opportunities and a better quality of life. Through a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods, the ESR project will look at the ways how CWS in peripheral areas of Austria and Greece can assist new entrepreneurs by enhancing their entrepreneurial capabilities/ skills, building business networks, and providing social and cultural services (social infrastructures). The project will consider both entrepreneurs from remote areas and entrepreneurs that have relocated to remote areas and explore similarities and differences between them. This project will also look at the ways how CWS can function as incubators of new economic models for peripheral areas and tools for combating brain-drain of young people.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD curriculum at the University of Vienna under the co-supervision of Michaela Tripl.

A secondment is foreseen at the Paris School of Business, France and the Region of Western Greece.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework for the study linked to theories of entrepreneurship, business networks, skills and capacities development
- methodological design of case study approach and empirical implementation
- comparative analyses at local and regional level
- development of conceptual, methodological, empirical and policy implications

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in social sciences, economics, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of qualitative and quantitative methods
- fluent in English, preferably good knowledge of German
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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Gender dynamics in rural CWS; a comparison between Austria and Greece

Host: Panteion University, Athens Greece, Supervisor: Martha Michailidou
1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

Recent contributions to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (2018) have highlighted that protecting rural women from unacceptable forms of work, enhancing social protection, ensuring their voices are heard and closing the representation gap are key elements needed for transformative action, if the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to be achieved (ILO 2018). Yet, very little is known on the gendered dynamics of creative labour and collaborative forms of organisation in rural areas, despite the recent but very fruitful research which has been carried out on these issues in urban metropolitan centres. This ESR project aims to systematically research a) the ways in which gender affects participation in rural CWS, b) women's representation and participation in decision making in rural CWS, c) the ways in which rising forms of entrepreneurship may be affected by gendered dynamics, d) the degree to which the aforementioned affect gendered economic and social risk. The project will employ a comparative case study design and qualitative methods, whereby rural collaborative spaces/cases will be selected both from Austria and Greece. The fellow will be integrated in the PhD curriculum in the Department of Communication, Media and Culture, Panteion University, Athens, Greece. A secondment is foreseen at Humboldt University, Berlin Germany and Otelo, Austria.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Design of case studies approach and data collection
- Comparative (meta) analyses of case studies
- Knowledge synthesis, development of conceptual models, discussion and policy relevance

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in gender studies, creative industries, geography, sociology or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- excellent knowledge of qualitative research methods, good knowledge of digital research methods, especially Social Network Analysis
- fluency in English, preferably good knowledge of Greek and/or German
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR7

Measuring the effects of CWS on the coworkers' performance and wellbeing in core vs. periphery. A counterfactual analysis

Host: Politecnico di Milano, Italy, Supervisor: Ilaria Mariotti, co-supervisor Carolina Pacchi
1 PhD position, full-time
Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

CWS have proven to be a profitable business and expand the scope of businesses by adding supplementary services that are welcomed by entrepreneurs and the self-employed. The ESR project has a triple aim: (i) to explore whether and how working in a CWS has a positive effect on the coworkers' economic performance and well-being; (ii) which are the main determinants driving this phenomenon; (iii) whether differences arise between core and peripheral areas. To reach this goal, a counterfactual analysis will be carried out concerning two groups of workers: those working in a CWS in an urban area, and those (i.e. freelancers, entrepreneurs, etc.) working in a CWS in peripheral and rural areas. Quantitative data will come from an on-line questionnaire addressed to a representative sample of the two groups, from CWS in Italy, Austria and Greece.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD programme "Urban Planning and Policy Design" at DASTu-Politecnico di Milano (IT).
Secondments are foreseen at the Paris School of Business, France, Impact Hub Global, Austria and ECHN, Greece.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Collect data and main patterns about CWS in Italy, Austria and Greece and map them.
- Develop and carry out a survey addressed to coworkers in Italy, Austria and Greece.
- Compare the performance and wellbeing of coworkers in core vs. peripheral areas in the three countries and develop a counterfactual analysis
- Discuss the results and frame policy implications

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in social sciences, economics, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of quantitative methods
- fluent in English, preferably good knowledge of Italian
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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CWS and labour precariousness in rural places; a comparative study between Austria and Greece

Host: Otelo, Austria, Supervisors: Martin Hollinetz (Otelo), Ulrich Ermann (University of Graz)

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

Labour precariousness is a multifaceted phenomenon that is attached to waged labour as well as to freelance work. Moreover, labour precariousness is distributed unevenly in space, with different levels of working conditions for workers between urban agglomerations and rural places. During the current Coronavirus pandemic these phenomena and its spatial patterns are changing rapidly. This ESR project will look critically at the ways how different precarious conditions can be diminished through creative freelancers and remote workers and various forms of (place) sharing economies with CWS in rural areas. It aims to challenge conventional understandings of “work”, “workplace”, “justice” and “rurality” and contributes in opening up new - scholarly as well as practice-related - perspectives between capitalist markets, public regulation and diverse/alternative economies. Therefore the project will explore case studies in rural Austria and Greece through qualitative methodology.

The fellow will be integrated in the Doctoral School of Geography and Regional Science and the Doctoral Programme “Southeastern Europe” within the Doctoral Academy at the University of Graz.

Secondments are foreseen at Panteion University, Athens, Greece, and the Region of Western Greece.

Tasks:

- development of theoretical and conceptual framework for the study linked to labour precariousness and uneven development
- methodological design of case study approach and empirical implementation
- conduction and comparative analysis of case studies
- development of conceptual, methodological, empirical and policy implications
- development of possible suggestions and solutions on different scales

Requirements:

- master's degree in human geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of qualitative
- fluency in English, preferably good knowledge of German and/or Greek
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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CWS and their place in local entrepreneurial ecosystems; A comparison between Germany and Austria

The rising number of CWS in small and medium sized cities in rural areas challenges the conceptual framing of CWS that so far exhibits a clear urban bias. This ESR-project seeks to investigate working routines and practices of managers and users of CWS and thereby reconstructs the embeddedness of CWS in their socio-economic environments. More precisely, the project seeks to question if and how rural CWS foster and support local and trans-local ecosystems of entrepreneurship in rural and peripheral areas. The project builds on in-depth case studies in Germany and Austria, using a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD program of Humboldt University in Berlin Germany.

Secondments are foreseen at Paris School of Business, France and the Impact Hub Global, Vienna Austria

Tasks:

- Conceptual development and implementation of a PhD research project within the frame of the above topic
- Designing case studies and conducting comparative empirical research in Germany and Austria, e.g. in form of qualitative interviews, participatory observation
- Theoretical, conceptual and empirical contributions to entrepreneurial ecosystem debates and collaborative work spaces with a time-spatial perspective
- Contributing to the research program of the IRS department "Dynamics of Economic Spaces"

Host: Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space (IRS), Erkner, Germany, Supervisors: Suntje Schmidt (IRS), Elmar Kulke (Humboldt University)

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

Requirements:

- Very good Masters' degree in a program with spatial perspectives, such as geography, regional and spatial planning, regional and spatial development, spatial policies, organisational or business studies, economics, or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- Experiences in qualitative and quantitative research methods in social sciences
- Excellent English language skills and preferably good knowledge of German
- Experiences in IT-based communication tools
- Willingness to actively participate in secondments, national and international conferences and workshops
- Excellent communication skills, capacity for teamwork, flexibility and an interest in interdisciplinary research
- Strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR10

Creative hubs as drivers of change in peripheral business ecosystems; a comparison between Germany and Austria

Host: Saxon Association of Cultural & Creative Industries, Dresden, Germany, Supervisor: Christian Rost (SACCI)
1 PhD position, full-time
Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

Cultural and creative industries are a driver for growth and innovation for European economies. While the sector is still mostly discussed as an urban phenomenon, attention has shifted more recently to CCI as a driver for structural change also in rural regions. In Saxony, for example, almost every second CCI firm is located beyond the three major cities in the region. This ESR- project will concentrate on the role of creative hubs in developing and maintaining creative business ecosystems in German and Austrian areas facing structural change, by using qualitative methods. Moreover, the focus will be on the role of multiscale networks and the ways networks are augmented in creative hubs, in organizational and practical terms.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD programme of the Graduate School Global and Area Studies of Leipzig University.

Secondments are foreseen at the University of Vienna and Oteho, Austria, and at the Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig, Germany

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Design of case studies approach and data collection
- Comparative (meta) analyses of case studies
- Knowledge synthesis, development of conceptual models, discussion and policy relevance
- Contribution to practical exchange between projects in rural areas of Saxony and within the overall promoting creative industries ecosystem

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in business studies, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research methods
- fluent in English and advanced knowledge of German
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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The main objective of this ESR project is to explore factors and conditions of success through the sustainability and impact of new CWS initiatives in remote locations. The focus is on the long term implementation of initiatives, their advocates and their impact on the local socio-economic environment. Based on a qualitative comparative approach, the project will explore and monitor the development of approximately 6-8 current initiatives implementing new CWS in remote communities in Germany (namely Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein) and Greece. At the end the ESR project will contribute to the development of a set of policy conditions/ recommendations that could favour the further expansion and promotion of CWS in the periphery. In so doing, the project will investigate the impact of new CWS and new practices of work on local economic development. The fellow will be integrated in the PhD-curriculum of the Graduate School Global and Area Studies of Leipzig University. Secondments are foreseen at the Saxon Association of Cultural & Creative Industries, Dresden, Germany and the European Creative Hubs Network, Athens, Greece.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework for the study bringing together new work spaces and practices in rural areas and local economic development
- methodological design of case study approach and empirical implementation through participant observation and expert interviews
- comparative context analyses at local, regional and national levels
- development of conceptual, methodological, empirical and policy implications

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in social or economic geography, social sciences or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- basic knowledge about the governance of local economic development, the relevance of new work practices and innovation in peripheral, rural or structurally weak regions
- good knowledge of qualitative research methods
- fluency in English, preferably good knowledge of German and /or Greek
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR12

Core-periphery relationships through coworking. Reducing the gap between urban and rural areas

Host: Paris School of Business, France, Supervisors: Ignasi Capdevila (PSB), Christine Liefoghe (Univ. of Lille)

1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

The study of the typology of urban coworkers shows that spaces can represent nodes of temporal interaction between actors from the center and others coming from the periphery. Similarly, rural CWS often host urban coworkers that temporarily relocate, making them spaces of interaction between rural and urban actors. The ESR project would analyse the (re)production of urban collaborative and knowledge dynamics among space tenants in rural areas and vice-versa, using two case studies from France and Italy, through a mix of quantitative and qualitative methodology. A central goal would be to suggest recommendations for policy makers to contribute to the socio-economic dynamization of remote areas, through the expansion of CWS in these areas.

The fellow will be enrolled in the PhD program at the University of Lille. Secondments are planned at the Politecnico di Milano, Italy and the European Creative Hubs Network, Athens, Greece

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Design of case studies approach and data collection
- Comparative (meta) analyses of case studies
- Knowledge synthesis, development of conceptual models, discussion and policy relevance

Requirements:

- Master's degree in economics, geography or a related discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research methods
- fluency in English, preferably good knowledge of French and /or Italian
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR13

Developing impact assessment methodologies for CWS in rural and peripheral areas

Host: European Creative Hubs Network, Athens Greece, Supervisors: Vassilis Charalambidis (ECHN), Antonios Rovolis (Panteion)
1 PhD position, full-time

Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

The goal of this project is to develop impact assessment methodologies for the function of CWS in rural and peripheral areas. The ESR will work with the database of the ECHN, and those of IHG and through a data mining process from the annual surveys-barometer of the ECHN will develop new methodologies for assessing the impact of CWS in peripheral areas, that will be tested in the annual surveys of 2023 and 2024. These impacts will be differentiated from the ones reported in urban areas and will provide insights into the economic, social, cultural and environmental impacts of CWS, from the level of the individual worker to that of the local community, in relation to various factors, such as population density, geographical distances to other areas etc. Moreover, this topic will be linked with a number of other ESR topics in a process of mutual information exchange.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD training programme of the Department of Economic and Regional Development, Panteion University Athens Greece. Secondments are foreseen at the Politecnico di Milano, Italy and the Impact Hub Global, Vienna Austria.

Tasks:

- Development of theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- design of impact assessment methodology
- design and analysis of surveys
- development of conceptual, methodological, empirical and policy implications

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in economics, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- knowledge of impact assessment methodologies will be an asset
- fluency in English, good knowledge of Greek will be an asset
- good knowledge of quantitative methodologies and IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

The fellow should contribute to the outreach of the project, especially by:

- Elaborating a PhD thesis
- Active participation in progressing the ITN's publications (WP monographs, journal articles)
- Active participation in scientific conferences, policy workshops etc. at national and EU level
- Participation in media communication, in the development of a web-based glossary, in creating video clips and podcasts and in disseminating project information at the EU level using the European Commissions' communication tools

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ESR14

Exploring the sustainable development potential of CWS in local development strategies of peripheral and rural towns; a comparative approach between Greece and Germany

Host: Host: Panteion University, Athens Greece,
Supervisor: Vasilis Avdikos
1 PhD position, full-time
Duration: September 2021 – August 2024

This ESR project will explore the ways that CWS can contribute to the goal of sustainable development, either in a local or national context or through the programming of European Union Cohesion Policy (especially with place-based policies that aim to foster the revitalisation of lagging and remote rural regions and shrinking cities). The aim is to delineate how CWS have their own space in local development agendas that focus on sustainable development, and in what ways these agendas understand the use and functions of CWS aiming at the further promotion of the goal of sustainable development. This project will benefit from a comparative qualitative approach between two different political and administrative case studies, that is the Region of Western Greece and the Region of Saxony in Germany.

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD training programme of the Department of Economic and Regional Development, Panteion University Athens Greece. Secondments are foreseen at the Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig, Germany, the Saxon Association of Cultural & Creative Industries, Dresden, Germany and the Region of Western Greece.

Tasks:

- Development of the theoretical and conceptual framework of the study
- Design case study methodology approach
- Comparative analysis of data gathered in case studies
- Development of conceptual, methodological, empirical and policy implications

Requirements:

- Masters' degree in regional development, spatial planning, economics, geography or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- good knowledge of Sustainable Development Goals
- good knowledge of qualitative methodologies
- fluency in English, good knowledge of Greek and/or German will be an asset
- good knowledge of IT-based communication tools
- readiness to participate in secondments, conferences and workshops
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

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CWS are widely perceived as novel and valuable spatial and social solutions in volatile, sometimes even turbulent structural transformation processes. In urban contexts these spaces seem to have proven their value for digital and creative independent workers who lack an organizational context for work that they now may find in CWS. These processes combined with vivid and quite visible discourses on the role of CWS in innovation and creativity driven processes has motivated policy makers to regard CWS as potential tools for fostering regional development processes. However, there seems to be a gap between the actual function and role of CWS and the expectations from diverse policy fields. Against this background, this ESR project sets out to

The fellow will be integrated in the PhD training programme of the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany.

Secondments are foreseen at the Politecnico di Milano and the University of Lille and the Region of Western Greece.

Tasks:

- Conceptual development and implementation of a PhD research project within the frame of the above topic,
- Developing a research design for identifying and comparing policy measures supporting CWS in urban core regions and rural- peripheral regions,
- Reconstruct the objectives these spaces fulfil between cores and rural regions in a transnational qualitative comparison between Germany, France and Italy,
- Contributing to the research program of the IRS department "Dynamics of Economic Spaces".

Requirements:

- Very good Masters' degree in a program with spatial perspectives, such as geography, regional and spatial planning, regional and spatial development, spatial policies, organisational or business studies, economics, or another discipline corresponding to the topic of the project
- Experiences in qualitative and quantitative research methods in social sciences
- Excellent English language skills and preferably good knowledge of German
- Experiences in IT-based communication tools
- Willingness to actively participate in secondments, national and international conferences and workshops
- Excellent communication skills, capacity for teamwork, flexibility and an interest in interdisciplinary research
- excellent communication skills
- strong interest in interdisciplinary collaboration and in working in a cooperative and flexible team environment

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