

INTERNATIONAL AWARD ON LOCAL/TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

NOTICE OF COMPETITION

Article 1 – Introduction and purpose

CRIEL-University of Insubria, DiCEM – University of Basilicata and AENL (Association of Latin Languages Economists) (in collaboration with Istaio) publish an international competition for a recognised and distinguished prize on research and successful initiatives in promoting and supporting local and territorial development, particularly important and distinctive at international level. This aims to encourage scholars, experts, young researchers, public institutions, public and private actors and firms, civic society and local communities to the analysis and awareness of localized development processes and good local development practices, by focusing on the dynamic interaction between innovative firms and the growth of technical and professional skills, the capability to valorize existing resources, the introduction of training schemes and support tools for territorial development, even with the implementation of the capacity for diagnosis and international comparison of territories, so as to favour the planning of investments and *bottom-up* development initiatives.

The Award is divided into the following sections:

- a) **Section "essays"** – This section is open to books and essays published as a part of a volume (journal or collective book) in the last three years. Internationally known scholars and experts can also take part in this section if their work has made a major contribution to the identification of development models, the interpretation of territorial development trajectories, and to the promotion of ideas and project proposals of special significance for the advancement of local development strategies. The Award consists in a Fellowship to spend a period of study and research abroad.
- b) **Section "young researchers"** - This section is open to young researchers, whose doctoral thesis, presented and discussed in the last three years, is particularly innovative in its methodology and interpretive models and in analysing new relevant cases for local and territorial development that have produced effective intervention strategies. The Award consists in a young Fellowship to spend a period of study and research abroad. The evaluation panel could recommend publication of the winning thesis.
- c) **Section "territories"** - This section is open to territories that stand out for their innovative actions that were essential for their social and economic transformation, by allowing them to overcome their backwardness, long decline and economic stagnation. The present notice is also open to those territories that have started/promoted an integrated or shared development process in one of the following issues: innovation, internationalization, human resources qualification, environmental and/or social sustainability, among others. – Eligible applicants are development agencies, public institutions, private associations, public-private partnership organizations, consortia and other organizations working on the implementation of local development strategies and policies.
- d) **Section "enterprises"** - This section is open to those enterprises, both single and associated, which have developed initiatives or projects involving other actors of the territory in the following issues: innovation, internationalization, training and qualification of human resources, entrepreneurial development, social cohesion, productive chain integration, among others, to reinforce territorial development (*territorial responsibility of the enterprise*).

Article 2 – How to participate

Participation in this competition is voluntary. Participants should send their application, fully completed and accompanied by the necessary documentation, to allow the evaluation panel to assess your proposal within the **15th September 2023** by e-mail to aenl@istaio.it. If the application/nomination is for a book, please send it, in three copies, to: **International Award on Territorial Development, Istaio, Villa Favorita, Largo Fuà – 60131 Ancona (Italy)**.

The documentation needs to be submitted in one of the following languages: English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish. If the original documentation is available in a different language, participants need to enclose a translation into one of the above mentioned languages.

The participation is confidential and may be presented by third parties.

The members of the judging board may directly submit nominations for the different sections of the Award.

Article 3 – Ineligible applications

Applications received after the expiration date of the present notice, wrongly filled because not in accordance with the rules of the notice or incomplete, will not be evaluated.

Article 4 – Assessment of the applications

An evaluation panel, appointed by the Organizers and with three academic members and Professor Gioacchino Garofoli as the President, will evaluate the applications received within the expiration date. Documents will not be returned.

Article 5 – Award ceremony

The Award ceremony will be held in Matera (Italy) in the second part of October 2023 in the framework of the **International Conference on Territorial Development**. Interested participants will be informed in due advance about the date, place and programme of the Conference.

Article 6 – Confidentiality of information

All information regarding the Applicants' profile, enterprises, proposals and contents are considered strictly confidential and reserved.

All interested people looking for more information could address to the **Istao** at the following address:
International Award on Territorial Development, Istao, Villa Favorita, Largo Fuà – 60131 Ancona (Italy),
e-mail: aenl@istao.it.