# Workshop: Promoting professional networks and tables

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### **WORKSHOP AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

There are many and diverse educational issues that, to be effectively addressed, require alliance and collaboration among several social actors (public services, social cooperatives, ecclesial structures, foundations, cultural associations, spontaneous groups). Being able to promote and guide territorial education networks and joint working groups therefore becomes a decisive competence in various areas of intervention (prevention, inclusion, integration, rehabilitation, etc.). The workshop aims to develop specific knowledge, sensitivity, and skills to map, analyse, design, activate and facilitate territorial coalitions on pedagogical issues. Through a simulation training device (*role playing*), the workshop allows the enhancement of some fundamental competences in the understanding and management of relational and organisational dynamics, recurring in the *multistakeholder* working groups from effective communication to consensus building, from conflict management to the generation of integrated projects*.*

The aims of the workshop are:

* Increase students' knowledge of the dynamics and processes that characterise networking between organisations and services in the social and educational field.
* Enhance technical competences in the mapping, analysis and design of networks and territorial coalitions on pedagogical issues.
* Develop methodological competences related to the activation, maintenance and monitoring processes of territorial networks and coalitions over time.

***DESCRIption of the activities***

The workshop will address the following issues:

* Social network functioning levels: information, communication, collaboration, planning
* Citizen participation and the involvement of informal local resources: comparing strategies
* Identification of *meliors* and *criticalities* of a local social network
* Network development strategies: new *linking*, bond intensification, interruptions.
* Network maintenance tools and techniques: inform, train, coordinate, collaborate, celebrate.
* Monitoring and verification systems of social and educational networks.

Keywords:

* Network activity
* Territorial coalitions
* Local partnership
* Stakeholders
* Participatory planning

***reading list***

* Ennio Ripamonti E., Davide Boniforti, *Cogliere l’efficacia insita nella situazione: il sociogramma degli attori sociali* in “Animazione Sociale”, n.328/2019.
* Ennio Ripamonti, *Collaborare: metodi partecipativi per il sociale*,

Carocci, Rome, 2018.

* Ennio Ripamonti, *Il lavoro di rete*, in Santinello M., Vieno A.

*“Metodi di intervento in psicologia di comunità*”, Il Mulino, Bologna, 2013.

***teaching method***

On a methodological level, the Workshop will pay great attention to the operational *situations* that most often characterise the network approach in the context of territorial educational work in different areas of intervention (prevention, promotion, integration, rehabilitation, etc.).

The workshop includes the use of case analysis, mapping and analysis exercises, and group discussions alternating with structured communications on a technical-methodological level.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

* Workshop attendance is compulsory (a total of 15 hours)
* Active involvement in simulation and design activities
* Elaboration in writing of network building strategies starting from cases

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

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