# Workshop: Promoting professional networks and tables

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### **COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES**

The course aims to explore the topic of the promotion, management, and coordination of professional territorial networks and working tables in the social and educational context. It aims to promote the integration between theory and practice in order to develop the ability to recognise, activate, promote, map, and analyse professional territorial networks and working tables among the main actors of the socio-educational system (third sector, social enterprises, schools, associations, public bodies, foundations, ecclesiastical bodies, informal groups of citizens, etc.).

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

– identify the main actors of professional networks and territorial working tables in the socio-educational field;

– promote, support, and develop with a methodical approach the professional networks and the working tables created among the main actors of the socio-educational system;

– map, monitor, and analyse the quality of the community work in order to improve it;

– reflect on their role and their ability to work in the new welfare systems adopting a community-focused and a generative perspective.

***COURSE CONTENT***

During the workshop, students will be invited to carry out a critical reflection on the methods for the promotion of professional networks based on collaboration and participation, intended as a strategic practice for the realisation of effective educational interventions.

The course will include the following activities:

– discussions aimed to encourage team building and bring to light the implicit knowledge on the topics related to professional networks, community development, and collaborative practices in education;

– the analysis of existing professional territorial networks and working tables aimed at the consolidation of the educating community, and the contrast with educational poverty;

– the analysis of operational tools to map, plan, and monitor professional and community networks (e. g. observation tools, focus groups, interviews with active listening mode, design thinking applied to social, social network analysis ecc.etc.).

Further information on additional readings for an in-depth study of the subject (practices, research works, tools, etc.) will be made available during classes.

***TEACHING METHOD***

The workshop promotes an active teaching method, such as: discussions, works to be carried out in small groups, case studies, and guided practical activities. Therefore, students are invited to actively participate in class in order to be able to learn through the proposed practical activities.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

In order to pass the workshop, students will have to participate to the activities carried out in class in small groups for the total amount of hours required.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Further information can be found on the lecturer's webpage at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/web/searchByName.do?language=ENG> or on the Faculty notice board.