

DIRPOLIS Strategic Project, 2019-2022

Short summary

Against the background of the determinations made by the Scuola in its Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MSP) and of the suggestions offered by the International Advisory Boards of the Scuola Sant'Anna (SIAB) and the DIRPOLIS Institute (DIAB), DIRPOLIS (Institute of Law, Politics and Development) decided in 2018 to identify a common theme – “**Governance for inclusive society**” - that serves as a flagship topic and help characterizing the Institute’s activities and enhancing its visibility and reputation.

The Strategic project (2019-2022) is one of the key avenues through which the DIRPOLIS will pursue the decision made to refocus its activities on the flagship topic. The inclusive model of governance that constitutes the scientific base of the proposal encompasses some thematic areas (or pillars) upon which the faculty interprets and develops its educational and research activities:

- i) Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law, whose activities will be mainly developed by the dialogue between public law and constitutional law, international law, legal theory, political philosophy, gender studies, political science, comparative law, and an inclusive European private law in the digital society (see *e.g.* our research already conducted on social services, welfare, family, public order, fragile statehood, dataveillance, digital personhood, human rights, and immigration).
- ii) Integrity, whose activities will mainly deal with the area of criminal law, public policy analysis, ethics in research (see *e.g.* our research conducted on business integrity, human security, interplay between legal and ethical rules).
- iii) Security and Governance of New Technologies and Risks, whose activities will be mainly addressed by the interplay of the areas of security studies, political philosophy, private law, comparative private law, international law (see *e.g.* our activities on crisis response, transnational threats, conflict management, data protection, IP, health, market and insurance);
- iv) Sustainability, whose activities will be mainly developed by the area of agri-environmental law, private and public law (see *e.g.* our activities on food and environment, administrative law, and social inclusion and vulnerabilities).

The implementation of the Strategic project requires the adoption of coherent choices fostering of the Institute infrastructures, the recruitment of new staff members and the planning of educational and training activities. These choices will impact on the medium-term development of the Institute, and will contribute to shape its academic identities and to strengthen its prominence among educational institutions at the international level. In turn, it is expected that virtuous processes will be triggered in terms of research and educational activities that will boost the Scuola’s reputation.

The development of the Strategic project is based on two main types of actions that consist of 9 specific objectives:

a) Actions aimed at improving existing infrastructures

Specific Objective 1: Enrich the Scuola’s library resources and improve their accessibility

Specific Objective 2: Deliver courses and activities at distance

Specific Objective 3: Offer adequate, individual working spaces to PhD students

b) Actions aimed at strengthening the educational offer.

Specific Objective 4: Attract new researchers on the on the issue of “Governance for inclusive societies”

Specific Objective 5: Boost teaching/research activities more focused on the issue of “Governance for inclusive societies”.

Specific Objective 6: Improve the attractiveness and effectiveness of teaching activities and courses

Specific Objective 7: Sustainability

Specific Objective 8: Improve the communication potential and ensure adequate media coverage

Specific Objective 9: Improve the visibility of the Institute and of its new focus on “inclusive societies”

The project purpose is to provide an adequate context within which to develop future research activities on the main theme “Governance for inclusive societies”. This means that the plan lays the premises which will allow the Institute to present in the coming years several new interdisciplinary research projects on the topic at hand.

The implementation of the present project is closely monitored. A specific working group was set up, composed of faculty members, to provide Quality Assurance Guidelines and monitor the implementation of the Strategic Project.