

**LOMBARD MODEL: INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENTS**  
Evaluation and ideas of a subsidiarity-inspired way of governance

SECOND PART  
April-June 2010

Research Fellowship Opportunity Open



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## Introduction

### Purpose

A distinctive experience of government has been accumulated in Lombardy over the course of three successive regional legislatures, now spanning a period of fifteen years. An analytical overview has now been achieved, providing an understanding of the key elements and tools of a system of governance inspired by the principle of subsidiarity.

While the feedback circuit between the domestic experience of governance and the philosophy of subsidiarity continues to bear fruit, Lombardy's Government is strongly committed to widening the analytical horizon by taking an active part in the international academic debate over different governance experiences.

The Presidency asked IReR (Lombardy Regional Institute for Research) to collect authoritative and evidence-based analysis of its model of governance, seeking the involvement of prominent international scholars and experts.

### The project

The project is structured in two stages:

1. First stage (closed): a collection of short papers by authoritative scholars and experts in the governance field have already been produced by five authoritative scholars and experts achieved through a programme of readings and direct contacts and interviews taking in Milan at the end of January.
2. SECOND STAGE (OPEN): Building on the results of the first stage, a set of deeper studies on specific fields or matters of interest will be financed. These in-depth studies will be collected and presented in second sets of reports due by the end of June 2010.

## The Research Fellowship

In order to develop the second step of the project, IReR offers the possibility of an internship at the Institute, through which contributors will acquire an overview of the Lombardy model of governance through structured interviews and directed readings of relevant case studies. Following the internship, contributors will have time to study materials and data collected and will produce a paper summarising their analysis of the Lombardy model, on the basis of what they have learned and of their personal expertise.

### Product expected

Each participant will produce a paper (between 20.000 and 30.000 words) by the end of June 2010, describing and motivating their personal reaction, commentaries, reflections and ideas about the Lombardy model of governance.

#### – How

Participants will be required to study a portfolio of documents provided by IReR in preparation to the internship, in order to achieve a balanced first insight into Lombardy model of governance and the principle of subsidiarity inspiring it.

During their stay in Italy, participants will be introduced to a selection of case studies of individual experiences of governance, both in the public and the private sector, which have emerged as particularly significant and characteristic of Lombardy's experience of subsidiarity-inspired governance. They will also have the opportunity of meeting and interviewing members of the Regional Government from fields of particular relevance to each contributor's professional expertise.

#### – Who

The proposal is open to International scholars or experts, with an internationally recognized track record in the analysis or operation of regional policy, or in specific fields of regional competence.

#### – When

Research proposal (600 words) are expected by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

By March 20<sup>th</sup> IReR will evaluate and select research projects submitted.

Development of the selected projects will run throughout April to June.

Dates for the internship will be directly arranged with participants.

The final text is expected by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Expenses and fees

Travel expenses and accommodation up to 20 days will be covered. Fee will be paid and established according to researchers' seniority, complexity, and relevance of the project.

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