

2017 INTERNATIONAL AWARD ON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FROM PORTUGAL

The 2017 International Award on Local Development has been launched by the University of Algarve, the University of Insubria and the University of Coimbra from Portugal. Participants should send their application, fully completed and accompanied by the necessary documentation, to allow the evaluation panel to assess the proposal within the 15th April 2017.

The Award is an international competition for the recognition of relevant research contributions and successful initiatives in promoting and supporting local and territorial development, particularly important and distinctive at international level. It aims to encourage scholars, experts, young researchers, public institutions, public and private actors and businesses to improve awareness of territorial development policies, by focusing on analytic tools and processes, and enhancing the capability to diagnose and compare them at international level.

The Award is divided into the following sections:

- *Essays*: open to books and essays published in the last three years if the 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.
- *Young researchers*: 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 analyzing new relevant cases for local and territorial development that have produced effective intervention strategies.
- *Territories*: 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. 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.
- *Enterprises*: open to 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.

The award is promoted by the international network of researchers formed around the International Association of Economists of Latin Languages (AENL). Other scientific and academic associations were heavily involved in the previous editions of the award: Italian Association of Regional Science (AISRE), French Language Regional Science Association (ASRDLF), the Portuguese Association for Regional Development (APDR), and the Spanish Association of Regional Science (AEER). This network includes many academics and actors concerned in European countries and in Latin America.

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