

## Dublin City University

EU funded European Training Network – (MSCA-ETN-2020 GA no: 861034)

Three Fully funded PhD positions to start in January 2021  
deadline 25 September 2020

### **MARKETS: Mapping Uncertainties, Challenges and Future Opportunities of Emerging Markets: Informal Barriers, Business Environments and Future Trends in Eastern Europe, The Caucasus and Central Asia**

Dublin City University has been awarded a €3.9m grant from the European Union to fund a European Training Network entitled MARKETS - a world-leading politics, business and policy oriented PhD programme which will equip 15 fellows, across a range of 9 international partners (University of Bremen, University of Helsinki, Catholic University Leuven, University College London, Maastricht University, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Tallinn University of Technology and the Center for Social Sciences in Tbilisi). with theoretical knowledge, analytical skills and complementary training to understand and deal with emerging markets in the **Eastern Europe, The Caucasus and Central Asia regions**.

Three positions will be based in Dublin City University. European Training Networks are among the best supported PhD programmes in the world. Successful fellows will receive a salary for three years, at the EU early Stage Researcher rate – substantially above the level of PhD scholarships in most countries. Subject to satisfactory progress a national level scholarship may be available in year 4. Fellows will also benefit from international summer schools, international mentors in universities and non-university partners and funding for tuition fees, field research, conference travel, language classes etc. If required a standard PhD scholarship will be available in year 4. The 15 Fellows and the supervisors meet up for joint workshops approximately every six months – ensuring that fellows graduate not only with a PhD but with a well established international network.

Students will conduct their PhD research on one of the topics listed below.

The overall goal of the project is to compare countries that had fully opened to foreign investors by the early 2000s – **Estonia, Latvia** (now EU members), **Georgia** (considered by many as an example of best practice in reforms), and **Kyrgyzstan** (where markets are stable but no major economic leap is expected in the next immediate future) – with what have been identified as significant prospective post-USSR markets for the next ten years - **Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan** (all of which have shown a more concrete desire for economic dialogue in the past three years), Russia (its eastern region and, in particular, **Siberia**, which has remained largely unexplored by EU companies), and **Azerbaijan**, a country that has finally started interacting in more concrete terms with the EU.

<b>Project topic</b>	<b>Project focus</b>
Entrepreneurs, investments and risk. Understanding and accepting compliance (and non-compliance) from the managers' perspective	Explore the construction of ideas of business ethics and/ or risk in professional formation, with a focus on professional training of civil servants and entrepreneurs in the course of their studies and later CPD: collect new data on informal practices in higher education; contribute to policy debates surrounding the sector.
Connections, social solidarity and trust networks from a gender perspective (with a focus on micro level economic activity)	Explore how gender shapes the creation of informal practices to different degrees in different sectors of society and economy; collect new data on the gendered nature of practice in politics, policy or business; analysis of the gendered nature of development and policy decisions

Informality and social trust in and beyond crisis situations	Explore the creation of social solidarity structures and how these come to replace the state in some of its traditional roles (welfare, unemployment support); collect new data on local practices in case study areas; explore how (or if) state governance interact with existing grassroots dynamics
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### Practical details

Financial conditions (including salary levels) and background documents are available at <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/msca-itn-2020>

Your salary will be calculated according to MSCA rules and your personal + family situation. More information can be found at the financial section of the MSCA ITN guide for applicants that you can find in section 5 (Financial Aspects) of the document. These are worth checking before you decide to apply since, if selected, you will be expected to familiarise yourself with these rules also to be aware of your formal rights and obligations towards the donor.

Eligibility: applicants must hold a degree enabling them to enroll into doctoral studies by December 2020 (usually a MA or MSc). They cannot have more than 4 years full time research experience (or hold a doctorate already, even if they worked less than 4 years to complete it) at the time of recruitment.

Mobility requirement: applicants can be of any nationality but cannot have been resident (or have had their main activity i.e. work or study) in the Republic of Ireland for more than 12 of the 36 months prior to recruitment. This means that if you spent less than 12 months in Ireland (including if you have never been to Ireland) you are eligible.

NB: this is a very intensive programme. Each selected candidate will be enrolled into a PhD programme, and will be seconded to the target region for data collection and will subsequently be seconded to a non-academic partner to gain a hands-on work experience on how research skills can be used beyond academia for the benefit of the governmental, private or international development sector. There will also be workshops of 4 to 5 days duration approximately every 6 months at which attendance is essential. Therefore a willingness and ability to undertake these international mobilities is a core requirement.

Any informal enquiries about research topics or the process (that are not already addressed in this call or in the MSCA guide for applicants, see link above), should be addressed to Dr Abel Polese, Project Coordinator [abel.polese@dcu.ie](mailto:abel.polese@dcu.ie)

### Applications should be emailed to Dr Abel Polese at the email address above and must include:

- 1) a curriculum vitae (including explicit details of country / countries of residence for the past 3 years, this is needed for eligibility purposes);
- 2) an application letter no longer than 500 words;
- 3) a short (500-1000 words) summary of your doctoral project.
- 4) The grades achieved in your Masters degree (certificates will be requested if you are shortlisted)

Please send all the documents together in one PDF file and use, as subject of your message, **“MARKETS-ETN-2020 Application”**. Failure to do this might result in your application ending up in the wrong folder and, in a worst case scenario, ignored.

Deadline 25 September 2020, 5pm (Irish time)