

Attachment "B"

STRATEGIC RESEARCH AREAS FOR THE VISITINPS RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2015-16

Introduction

The research topic listed below have been identified by the Scientific Committee of the VisitInps programme as strategic research areas for the 2015-16 programme. These topics should be addressed by making use of at least one of the data archives made available to the scholars (LINK TO LIST).

Projects drawing on these archives to address other issues in the area of labour market and social policy will also be considered, provided that they are highly relevant from the policy standpoint. Comparative studies, notably studies comparing Italy with other European countries, will also be considered, provided that they use the Inps archives and contribute to a better understanding of issues relevant in the Italian context.

1) Transition from Work to Retirement

- From the standpoint of both, labour demand and supply, key determinants of employers' decisions as to the workers to be involved in restructuring plans;
- From the standpoint of the worker, studies on labour supply at the end of a working life as well as while collecting a pension;
- Assessments of the risk of poverty and social exclusion in the transition from work to retirement;
- Effects of the Fornero Monti reform (2011-2012).

2) Information on pensions, and savings decisions

- Studies on financial literacy and retirement planning;
- Financial literacy and labour supply along the life cycle;
- Effects on saving and labour supply of the programme "La mia pensione" aiming at informing contributors about their future pension claims.

3) Social security and tax evasion

- Econometric and statistical techniques detecting and measuring the extent of tax and social security evasion;
- Effects of tax and social security evasion on labour demand and supply;
- Effects of policies on tax and social security evasion.

4) Contractual Dualism

- Temporary work and effects of the 2014 decree increasing the number of renewals with the same employer of fixed-term contracts in Italy (decreto Poletti, May 2014);
- Atypical work contracts and transition from temporary work to open-ended contracts.
- Wages and pension entitlements of dual workers;



- Contractual dualism and regional mobility.

5) **Recent Labour Market Reforms**

- Effects on hirings and dismissals of the June 2012 reform (Fornero reform) modifying employment protection of open-ended contracts;
- Effects of the Jobs Act and of the graded security contract on labour market flows, judicial disputes, wage structures, mobility, etc.;
- Effects on savings and labour supply of the tax deductions introduced in 2014-15 (bonus of 80 euros);
- New frontiers of atypical and precarious work.

6) **Social safety nets, social exclusion and the reforms of unemployment benefits**

Effects on job search and consumption while unemployed of the new unemployment benefit systems (ASPI and then NASPI) introduced in 2012-15 in Italy;

- Welfare and employment effects of subsidized short-time work during the Great Recession;
- Minimum Guaranteed Income schemes: proposals and effects on poverty, labour supply, tax and social security evasion, etc..

7) **The transition from School to Work**

- Apprenticeship contracts in the midst of reforms;
- Apprenticeship contracts and regional differences in labour legislation;
- Studies on the NEETs (youngsters who are neither employed or receiving training)
- Human capital investment, wage profiles and educational attainments.

8) **Wage structures.**

- Wage structures and tenures;
- Wage structures and collective bargaining levels. Effects of decentralization of bargaining on pay structures.
- Wage structures and regional disparities;
- Gender and other dimensions of discrimination.

9) **Active Labour Market Policies**

- *Case studies* on regional differences in legal rules and implementation;
- Regional disparities in the effectiveness of the Public Employment Service.

10) **Public sector employment.**

- Non-standard work within public administrations;
- Mobility in the Public Sector;
- Public sector pay structures.

11) **Migration.**

- Migration and welfare magnets;
- Migration and wage structures;
- Illegal migration and evasion from social security contributions;
- Free riding and social security.

12) **Household structures.**

- Household structures, means-testing and welfare policies;
- Welfare and employment effects of family reconciliation policies.

13) **Ageing and long-term care.**



- Effects of ageing on pension and health spending;
- Longevity and disability;
- Lee-Carter mortality forecasting and its limits.

