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## 1. OUTGOING TEAM

### Coordination team

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#### ***Board Members:***

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## 2. RN ACTIVITIES

During this term, the activities of our network have been strongly affected by the SARS-Cov2 pandemic as all other activities all over the world.

First of all, at the beginning 2020, we received and accepted the proposal to organize the **RN 27 Mid-conference** in Lisbon with the administrative support of the Portuguese Sociological Association. Unfortunately, everything was suspended and all university events were moved to on-line and remotely.

During the term we held **two online meetings** (14/07/2020 and 27/01/2021) with the RN Board in order to decide how to deal with the pandemic and given the unfeasibility to hold our mid-term conference in Lisbon in 2020, we decided not to organize an online conference.

On June 2020, with the support of Tiziana Longo (<https://www.tizianalongocomunicazione.it>) and Ketty Gulino we published the RN website — <https://www.esarn27.com> — and activated a RN newsletter (that can be subscribed in our website) with the support of Inês Vieira (website editor).

Notwithstanding the pandemic and all, we managed to increase the number of RN members coming from all over Europe. At present the network encounters **46 members** (19 from Italy, 12 from Spain, seven from Portugal, three from Greece and one from Malta, Romania, Cyprus, UK and France).

An important part of the activities of the RN27 are oriented towards providing **publication** opportunities for participants in both mid-term and ESA conferences. These activities are based on agreements with journals and a book series arranged with an international publisher.

During this term, and given the impossibility to hold both the RN Mid Term and the ESA Conference in presence, we decided to use the 2019-2021 RN budget to support publications:

### Journal special issues

2019 – Publication of a [special issue on Social Policies and welfare systems in Southern Europe](#)

2021 – [Special Issue promoted by ESA RN27 in collaboration with the Spanish Journal of Sociology/Revista Española de Sociología](#), guest editors Teresa Consoli (University of Catania), Manuel Fernández Esquinas (CSIC), Apostolos Papadopoulos (Harokopio University)

### Book series “Southern European Societies”, published by Edward Elgar

RN27 in collaboration with RESU (Network of Sociology Associations of Southern European Countries) have arranged a book series with Edward Elgar. The goal of the series is to provide comparative research and essays on specific social issues of countries from the South of Europe and other countries of the Mediterranean area.

The series is owned and published independently by Edward Elgar. Members of RN27 and RESU collaborate with the publisher in the editorial team. The brochure is available on [our website](#) and in the [main ESA website](#).

During this term, two books were published in the “Southern European Societies” series:

Gaitán, Lourdes, Pechtelidis, Yannis, Tomás, Catarina & Fernandes, Natália (Eds.) (2020). [\*Children's Lives in Southern Europe. Contemporary Challenges and Risks\*](#). Edward Elgar Publishing.

Entrena-Durán, Francisco, Soriano-Miras, Rosa M. & Duque-Calvache, Ricardo (Eds.) (2020). [\*Social problems in Southern Europe. A comparative assessment\*](#). Edward Elgar Publishing.

### 3. 15<sup>th</sup> ESA CONFERENCE: BARCELONA 2021

#### RN27 at the 15<sup>th</sup> ESA Conference “Sociological Knowledge for Sociological Futures”

The conference was held online from the 31<sup>st</sup> August to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.

Our Network received 58 submitted abstracts, each having been reviewed by two different Board Members.

We covered all the thematic tracks and have organized:

- ◆ 13 sessions along all the conference days
- ◆ 1 Joint Session with RN37 (Urban Sociology) on “[Homelessness in Southern European Cities](#)”
- ◆ 1 Joint Session with RN30 (Youth & Generation) on “[Refugee Unaccompanied Teenagers in Southern Europe](#)”
- ◆ 1 [Semi Plenary](#) organized with RN35 on “Social Research and Social justice in the Study of Migration towards Southern Europe”.

Our activities can be seen in the [Book of abstracts](#) (see page 916) and in the [Conference Agenda](#).

#### Business meeting

The BM was held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> of September at 12:30h.** and was dedicated to discuss the results of the previous action plan, review the main issues of the network and organize the elections for the next term.

The election was based on the presentation of candidates and discussion of future activities. Only one group of members presented a joint proposal to form a coordination team and to develop an action plan. The activities, profile of candidates and distribution of functions were discussed and voted. After checking membership of the attendants to the business meeting, the candidate coordination team and board were elected by the majority of participants.

## 4. INCOMING TEAM AND ACTION PLAN 2021-2123

### Incoming team for the term 2021-2023

#### Coordination team

- Coordinators:  
Consoli Teresa, Coordinator RN27 (University of Catania, Italy)  
Oso Laura (University of La Coruña, Spain),
- Co-coordinators:  
Borgna Paola (University of Turin, Italy)  
Vieira Inês (CeIED, Lusófona University, Portugal)

#### Board

- Baltazar Maria da Saudade (CICS.NOVA, University of Évora, Portugal)
- Blavier Pierre (Paris School of Economics, France)
- Cabezón-Fernandez María Jesús (University of Almeria, Spain)
- Corradi Consuelo (LUMSA University, Italy)
- Fernández-Esquinas Manuel (CSIC, Spain)
- Ferreira Ana (CICS.NOVA, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal)
- Koniordos Sokratis (University of Peloponese, Greece)
- Massó Matilde (University of La Coruña, Spain)
- Papadopoulos Apostolos (Harokopion University, Greece)
- Picardi Ilenia (University of Naples, Italy)
- Romão Ana (CICS.NOVA, Military Academy, Portugal)
- Salido Olga (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain)
- Vinci Fiorella (University Uniecampus, Italy)
- Visanich Valerie (University of Malta)

#### Advisory Board

- Agodi Maria Carmela (Italy)
- Baptista Luís (Portugal)
- Bertaux Daniel (France)
- Cipriani Roberto (Italy)
- Corradi Consuelo (Italy)
- Nina-Pazarzi Eleni (Greece)
- Silva Manuel Carlos (Portugal)
- Vargiu Andrea (Italy)
- Vinci Fiorella (Italy)

## ACTION PLAN 2021-2023

The **main goals** of the term to strengthen the potential of the network are:

- To leverage the organization and contents of the **mid-term conferences**
- To consolidate the **publication** scheme of the network
- To establish a **diffusion** plan of the network: website, brochure, newsletter.
- To increase the number of **members** and the number of participants in the activities of the network
- To increase the **collaboration with national associations** and research institutions of Southern European countries in order to get support infrastructure and increased participation.
- To encourage the **participation from neighboring countries** (specially from the Mediterranean area, the Middle East, etc.).

## **NEXT MID-TERM CONFERENCE**

We strongly hope it will be possible to organize our next mid-term conference in presence and we strongly encourage our Portuguese colleagues to support again the RN and host the mid-term conference.