



## Elena Marta

Full Professor in Social and Community Psychology

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milano and Brescia.

### Education

PhD in Social and Development Psychology, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, 1994.

Specialization (cum laude) in Occupational Psychology, School of Specialization in Psychology of the Università Cattolica del S. Cuore, Milan, 1989.

Degree (cum laude) in Philosophy at the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy of the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, 1986.

### Work and academic experience

- President of EDUCatt - Foundation for the promotion of university studies – Università Cattolica
- Director of CERISVICO (Research Center on Community Development and Organizational Coexistence) in Brescia, Italy.
- Past President of the Italian Society of community Psychology (SIPCO – 2016-2020).
- She is also one of the founders of the European Association of Community Psychology (ECPA).

She took part in the Scientific Committee of the “Osservatorio per il Volontariato” (Observatory for volunteerism), Università Cattolica, Brescia (2012-2017).

She is member of:

- The Scientific Committee of the “Osservatorio per il territorio” (Observatory for the Territory) (2017-2020), Università Cattolica, Brescia;
- The Scientific Committee of Rapporto Giovani, Istituto Toniolo-Università Cattolica Milano (since 2012);
- The Scientific Board of Athenaeum Centre for Family Studies and Research, Università Cattolica, Milano.

She is fellow of the “Centro Interuniversitario per la Ricerca e la Genesi dello Sviluppo delle Motivazioni Prosociali e Antisociali” (CIRMPA, Interuniversity Center for Research and genesis of the development of prosocial and antisocial motivations), Università “La Sapienza” – Roma.

### National research projects

She collaborates with several institutions for numerous research projects: e.g., Health Protection Agencies (ATS), Municipalities, CSV (Service center for volunteer associations) in different parts of Italy ( e.g. Expo volunteers: research project - CSV in Milan and the national network of CSV – CSV-NET), third sector organisations (e.g., she has worked for the Italian National Blood Donation Association -AVIS).

### International Research Projects

- Scientific supervisor of the research project “Lifestyle in mobility” – granted by ERAB, in collaboration with the University of Cardiff and AEGEE. (2015-2017)
- Member of the Management Committee of the COST Action CA18123 – “Rural NEET Youth Network: Modeling the risks underlying rural NEETs social exclusion” (2019-2023)

- Scientific supervisor of the research project Erasmus+ ( Key Action 2 Strategic partnership in the field of YOUTH CUP J48D19000440004) - You4Health! An e-learning platform to promote the capacity of youth organisations to develop health promotion interventions. ID 613143-EPP-1-2019-1-IT-SPO-SCP (2020-2022).
- Co- coordinator of the research project EEA and Norway Grants “Unlocking Youth Potential” - "Tr@ck-IN : Public employment services tracking effectiveness to support rural NEETs" (2021-2023).

Her research interests lie in the field of community and applied social psychology, with a focus on social relationship of adolescents and young adults, young people’s life style in mobility, NEET, volunteerism and risk behaviors, community development and Participatory Action Research.