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After a thorough examination of its contents and methods, the

**Master Programme in Urban, Regional and  
Environmental Planning**

offered by the

Department of Architecture

**University of Palermo**

has been highly distinguished with the

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We certify that:

This programme fulfils the European quality standards of planning programmes according to the AESOP Charter, complemented by an effective internationalization of teaching and learning processes.

The AESOP Certificate of Quality is valid for a period of six years (2019-2025).

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## **Master Programme in Urban, Regional and Environmental Planning**

Department of Architecture

**University of Palermo**

### **Evaluation Report**

After an in-depth examination of its academic curriculum and teaching pedagogy as well as a detailed review and identification of its elements of distinctiveness, the Master Programme in Urban, Regional and Environmental Planning offered in the Department of Architecture at the University of Palermo has been conferred the AESOP Certificate of Quality.

The Master Programme in Urban, Regional and Environmental Planning delivered at the University of Palermo has been assessed by an *ad hoc* committee comprised of three members of the Excellence in Education Board of the Association of European Schools of Planning. The committee certifies that the above programme fulfils the European quality standards of planning programmes according to AESOP's Core Requirements for a High Quality European Planning Education defined in 1995 and ratified at the AESOP Heads of Schools meeting in Leuven in 2007.

### **Quality in Planning Education**

The Master Programme in Urban, Regional and Environmental Planning delivered at the University of Palermo brings together the following aspects of quality in planning education:

— Academic curriculum:

- A comprehensive study programme in spatial planning that encompasses the urban, regional and environmental dimensions of planning education.
- A high-level academic environment within the Department of Architecture allowing graduates to pursue careers in either practice or academia.



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— Teaching pedagogy:

- A well-integrated planning programme with a strong interconnection between theoretical courses and planning studios.
- An assortment of pedagogical approaches combining traditional teaching methods with interactive and cooperative learning, including project simulation, peer-learning, participatory practices involving local communities, and internships.

— Elements of distinctiveness:

- A unique spatial planning programme in Southern Italy, with a high degree of internationalisation.
- A professionally-recognised planning programme allowing graduates to enrol to the Italian Association of Architects, Planners, Landscape Architects and Conservators after passing a state exam.
- A distinctive focus in policy-making and management supplemented by urban design skills.

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