

Electoral and Referendum Processes: Active Citizenship Practices

The educational programme "Electoral and Referendum Consultations: Exercises in Active Citizenship" originates from the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 15 September 2025 by the Prefectures of Potenza and Matera, ANCI, the University of Basilicata, and the Basilicata Regional School Office (USR Basilicata).

The course enhances participants' educational and professional development by providing competencies in the electoral field, while promoting active citizenship through direct involvement in activities related to electoral consultations.

The programme consists of three-hour sessions that integrate theoretical instruction and practical training on the Italian electoral system, framed within the constitutional principles of democratic participation and active citizenship.

Thanks to the contribution of expert representatives from the signatory institutions, participants will gain in-depth knowledge of electoral legislation; the organisation of electoral consultations (political, European, regional, municipal, and referenda); and the functioning of electoral offices and polling stations. Particular emphasis is placed on voting and counting procedures, the proclamation of elected officials, and electoral litigation, with a focus on concrete cases and practical applications.

In particular, the course will address the following topics, structured into eight teaching modules:

Constitutional principles and active citizenship: *institutions and democratic participation; the role of the State, Regions, and Municipalities*

Electoral consultations: *parliamentary elections, European elections, and referenda – legal framework*

Electoral consultations: *regional and municipal elections – legal framework*

The Municipal Electoral Officer:

Provincial, Municipal, and Polling Station Electoral Offices.

Polling station operations: *practical case studies.*

Voting procedures: *practical case studies.*

The proclamation of elected officials and electoral litigation.

The programme enhances students' experience of active civic participation, fostering awareness of the citizen's role in ensuring the proper conduct of democratic consultations. The badge certifies competencies in civic education, active citizenship, and knowledge of institutions and democratic and electoral processes.

Skills

The owner of this Badge has proved to have the following skills:

- Apply electoral regulations in operational contexts
- Support administrative activities related to elections
- Collaborate in polling station operations
- Interpret institutional rules and procedures
- Analyze practical cases related to electoral processes

The owner of this Badge has displayed the following soft skills:

- Civic responsibility and democratic awareness
- Accuracy and compliance with procedures
- Teamwork and institutional collaboration
- Problem-solving in operational contexts
- Reliability and ethical conduct

The owner of this badge has shown to have acquired the following knowledge:

- Constitutional principles and foundations of active citizenship
- Institutional framework of the State, Regions, and Municipalities
- Electoral legislation for national, European, regional, municipal elections and referendums
- Structure and roles of electoral offices and polling stations
- Voting, vote-counting and proclamation procedures

Criteria

The badge is awarded to those who: have attended the training activities provided by the course for at least 70% of the total hours (the overall duration of the course is 24 hours) and have passed a final test.



Issued by University of Basilicata

The University of Basilicata is the leading University of the Basilicata region, in the Southern part of Italy. In 2024, six Primary Structures (Departments) were established, which incorporated the functions of the pre-existing four Departments and the two Schools Degree programs range from the Humanities, to architecture, archeology, education, economics and management, as well as to the STEM disciplines (hard sciences, agriculture, engineering, computer sciences). Such degree programs are effectively connected to the research, training, and third mission activities developed by the primary structures. University of Basilicata counts about 7000 students, and is based in the cities of Potenza and Matera.



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