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Scientific area	Scientific responsible	Host Department	Type of activity	Start of mobility	Language
Economics of innovation	Francesco Quatraro	Economics & Statistics EST	Research	April 1, 2017	English
Type of fellowship	Junior (less than 40 years old) 3 months fellowship				
Title of the research project	Firms' innovation performances and territorial factors in developing countries				
Description of the research project	<p>The project aims at investigating the determinants of firms' innovation patterns in developing countries, with a specific focus on the impact of territorial factors. A large number of studies in the field of economic geographic has pointed to the relevance of local externalities in triggering firms' performances. While the extant literature has extensively investigated the issue by looking at the role of agglomeration economies, in terms of sectoral specialization or diversification, less attention has been devoted to the role of knowledge externalities, and how these interact with technical externalities in shaping firms' innovation performances. On the top of this, there is scant evidence of how these dynamics are at work in developing countries.</p> <p>This project will fill this gap, by exploiting firm-level and regional-level data for Latin America countries, so as to ascertain the importance of Marshall and Jacob's knowledge externalities in favouring firms' successful innovation efforts.</p>				
Profile Description	<i>The visiting scholar should be a PhD student near to the completion of his/her doctorate or having obtained a PhD in Economics or Business and Management Engineering from no more than 3 years.</i>				
Research objectives	The objective of the research project is to improve the understanding of the mechanisms underlying firms' competitiveness differentials in developing countries, and to envisage the role of local innovation systems. The visiting scholar is expected to bring about knowledge and expertise concerning the methodologies to be used and the topic to be analysed.				
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