PUBLIC SELECTION BASED ON QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERVIEW FOR THE AWARDING OF NO. 1 EXPERIENCED GRANT LASTING 36 MONTHS FOR CONDUCTING RESEARCH PURSUANT TO ART. 22 OF LAW NO. 240/2010 AT THE CENTRE FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DYNAMICS AND COOPERATION (CESC) (SC 13/A1 - ECONOMICS - SSD SECS-P/01 - ECONOMICS - TYPE B

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RESEARCH PROJECT <u>"Impact Evaluation of University Policies"</u>

Research structure: Centre for Socio-Economic Dynamics and Cooperation (CESC) Duration of the grant: 36 months Scientific Area: 13 - Economics and statistics Academic recruitment field: 13/A1 - Economics Academic discipline: SECS-P/01 - Economics Scientific Director: Prof. Paolo Buonanno

This project aims at evaluating the impact of educational business strategies implemented by the University of Bergamo (such as fees exemption, scholarships, and grants): (i) on the university career and performance of students, and (ii) on University of Bergamo performance in national and international educational rankings, as defined by the Italian Ministry of Education and Research (MIUR). Understanding the impact of educational business strategies is fundamental to predict both prospective students enrollment choice, and their future careers, as well as the educational performance of a university.

Specifically, this project aims at using the most advanced causal inference econometric techniques, such as policy evaluation and quasi-experimental research designs, to deal with potential reverse causality and omitted variable biases