

Vittorio Torbianelli is associate professor in applied economics at the University of Trieste. After graduating in Transport Economics at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Trieste, he wrote his PhD thesis in Transport Economics on railways infrastructure charges. He began his official teaching career in 2001 at the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Trieste, where he teaches courses in transport economics, urban economics and maritime economics. Vittorio's research interests center on regional development policies and social-economic local impacts of port activities. His work includes advice on planning and evaluating urban and regional plans and territorial management and development processes, with specific reference to ports and coastal areas and tourism development plans.

In recent years he was: responsible expert for the area 'Analysis of the evolution of transport systems concerning port activities, truck transport and evaluation of future required professional qualifications' within the European research project "Adriaform – European Initiative INTERREG III – Adriatic (International research and networking activity between port authorities (Countries: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro and Albania)); local advisor for the study 'Projects concerning the rail high speed junction in Trieste: urban and territorial features' as part of the territorial analysis of the state of the art within the International Programme INTERREG IIIB – Alp Area 2000/2006, Project "Alpencors - Alp Corridor South"; Lead expert of the study "Economic Assessment of the Activities of the Port of Trieste on the Port Region" on behalf of the Trieste Port Authority.

With specific reference to cruise tourism issue, he has advised Garnet Consulting (Milan) and Chioggia Municipality (Province of Venice) on the "Strategic development plan of the town of Chioggia" (section devoted to the evaluation of the possibility to develop sustainable cruise tourism in Chioggia). He was also the responsible expert for a study carried out by the Department of Architectural and Urban Planning of the University of Trieste on behalf of the Chairman of the Trieste Port Authority on the social-environmental assessment of the use of the urban cruise terminal in Trieste as a berth for the ferries on the Trieste-Patras line, and Chairman of the Scientific Board of the cycle of conferences "Economics goes on a cruise" organized by the University of Trieste.

The role of university professor and researcher specialized in the topics of urban economics and in particular port economics has enabled him to gain experience in the coordination of international activities concerning research on regional, urban and port development (for example: an INTERREG project on sustainable development in cross-border territories between Italy and Slovenia, the PHARE City Twinning Project, involving Italy and Ukraine on the opening of maritime routes, etc.).