UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

How to use fiscal policy to increase environmental and social sustainability

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Module description

The module intends to analyze the role of taxes for the environmental and social sustainability of economic activities, in a market economy context through a mixed method, with written lecture notes, recorded lessons and streaming meetings (possibly replaceable by face-to-face meetings).

Learning goals

Equity and efficiency of fiscal policies and taxes.
Negative externalities, corrective taxes, environmental taxes, emission permits.
Inequality between countries and within countries: concept and measure.
Progressivity of taxes.

General goal

Ability to participate consciously and informedly in the debate on the use of fiscal policies for environmental sustainability and for the reduction of inequality.

Specific skills and competences

None

Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 UN Agenda

Goal 10: Reduced inequalities
Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production.
Goal 13: Climate action

Breakdown of meetings

Session 1: Introduction to optimal property and income taxes and overview of the role of environmental and social sustainability. Discussion based on a written handout available on e-learning. Concepts of microeconomics; negative externalities and corrective taxes. Discussion of lesson 2 (recorded). Environmental taxes and pollution permits. Discussion of lesson 3 (recorded).

Session 2: Inequality in the world. Discussion of lesson 4 (recorded). Inequality within countries. Discussion of lesson 5 (recorded).

Number of participants

No maximum number

Language used in meetings

Italian

Delivery period of the module

April 2023

Methods of assessing the outcomes of the learning process

Written text with open and close questions.

Department of affiliation of the teacher

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Sustainable Development Goals

REDUCED INEQUALITIES | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | CLIMATE ACTION