

Internship Report of my experience at Proxenter-Victoria Mazziotti di Celso

Throughout the internship at Proxcenter I examined in depth topics of public procurement. I started to be interested in this subject while attending the lectures of Industrial Organisation and I have deepened my knowledge during the internship.

The research that I have conducted during the internship started in November 2015 under the careful supervision of Professor Iossa has concerned many interesting topics.

First of all, I have worked on a project about the bus provision system in London with the supervision of both professor Elisabetta Iossa and professor Mike Waterson from Warwick University. The topic mentioned above, generally speaking, was centred on the mechanisms through which the assignments of a contract to a specific corporation are regulated and how the regulation of contracts can put a corporation in a favourable or at least different position in respect to its competitors.

I began the internship when the project had already started and I became very interested in it through studying the research topics already collected and elaborated concerning the subject. Once I had understood the main topics of the project I became involved by using excel and its main functions and I improved my skills in managing the programme throughout the internship.

The objective of the research was to focus on the competitive dynamics present at the time contracts were already assigned. The research explored whether there were or not some factors which could sustain competition. So for this purpose my research was aimed at collecting and ordering the data on excel spreadsheets based on the operators managing the bus system in London and other characteristic concerning the operators and the contracts agreed upon.

In addition, the project reviewed how the design of the provision mechanism could help sustain competition throughout time and whether the position of the garages helped or was an obstacle for competition. My job for this objective was to do a geographical analysis of the garages and collect them on an excel spreadsheet.

My personal involvement in the research has regarded mainly data gathering.

Finally, I have worked on the processing of the book in public procurement which examined the main topics: incentives and risk allocation in public and private partnerships risks and remedies to have a partnership which is effective and efficient; how to build and manage public services, the microeconomics at the base of the public and private partnership. In the book many different case studies have been analysed which I had not covered before during the lectures and made me even more interested in the topic.

Through the analysis of real case studies I was able to understand concretely how private and public partnerships work and to apply the knowledge that I previously acquired attending the course.