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### FORM PER PROGETTI BANDO DOTTORATO

#### 1. Project title

Rates of tectono-metamorphic and magmatic processes within the lower continental crust from multi-mineral U-Pb dating

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#### 5. Abstract

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The lower continental crust is mainly made of residual, anhydrous rocks (granulites), formed as consequence of upward migration of felsic melts, and migmatites from which melt has been extracted and/or eventually accumulated. The formation and migration of the melts toward upper crustal levels is responsible for the intra-crustal differentiation, the distribution of heat-producing elements (HPE; K, Th and U) throughout the continental crust and the enrichment of incompatible elements in upper crustal levels. The aim of this project is to characterize the rates of the tectono-metamorphic and magmatic processes experienced by the lower continental crustal section exposed in the Ivrea-Verbano Zone and Calabria. These lower crustal sections are exclusive places where is possible to study deformation processes occurred throughout the evolution of the crust up the final exhumation. The U-Pb dating of multiple accessory mineral (zircon and monazite, titanite, apatite, and rutile) will be applied in order to depict the P-T-t stages of the lower crust evolution. Trace element concentrations and isotopes in key, and still underexplored, accessory phases (apatite, titanite, monazite) will provide a tool to deepen our understanding of magma petrogenesis. The microstructural analyses of those petrochronological tools will allow to characterize the deformation events recorded by the lower crust during its evolution.