

ILS LEDA is an Eurada program which supports local, national and international organizations to enhance territorial economies, aimed at achieving fair, human, inclusive and sustainable development. It is recognised by OECD as one of the most effective international organisations in dealing with Local Economic Development Agencies.

THE SERVICES

Promotion and creation of local/territorial economic development agencies (LEDA), including centers for women entrepreneurship (CWE).

Support to territorial economic development strategies and plans. Support to national policies for local/territorial economic development.

Support to the LEDAs aimed at human development, for improving their performance and their international relationships, through at distance capacity building (Paquinott) and assistance programs (ADA, Fair Trade, I-QUAL, etc.).

Accreditation of the LEDAs for being an human development structure.



THE NETWORK

ILS LEDA has been working since 1990 in 20 countries in all the world and supported the creation of 60 LEDAs, whose final aim is human development.

ILS LEDA networks them.

It operates in partnership with EBN, ECCA, Fair Trade, Cooperative League, various universities, and a roster of 40 high skilled experts.

THE ADDED VALUE

The *comprehensive approach*, linking national and local policies, economic and socio cultural development, economic competitiveness and socio-environmental sustainability.

The application of *participatory approach*, under the form of local relational capital.

The promotion of the *Local Economic Development Agencies and Centers for Women Entrepreneurship*.

The development of *territorial partnerships* at international level.



THE RESULTS

60 LEDAs in 16 countries aimed at human development fully self-sustainable

60 LEDAs Directors, 430 Managers, 500 specialized technicians formed, and 1200 institutions devoted to.

The network of the 60 LEDAs for human development operational.

ILS LEDA works at support of various United Nations Agencies: UNDP (ART Initiative), UNOPS (KIP Initiative), ILO (Crisis), UNIFEM.

A Quality Label established for LEDAs aimed at human development.

A kit for technical assistance and short training at distance disposed.

Many tools for LEDA management and operation disseminated (i.e. diagnosis of competitive and sustainable economic potential, management and operational, procedures, kit for the creation of a LEDA, FAQ about LED, Fair Trade, etc.).

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