



International Link and Services for Local Economic Development Agencies
for a fair, human, sustainable and inclusive development

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1. STRATEGIC VALORIZATION OF TERRITORIAL RESOURCES

- 1.1 Distance assistance to UNDP ART Gold program for a project to be implemented in the Region of Rabat (Morocco), and regarding the regional economic development, including involvement of Moroccan Resident Abroad (MRA).
- 1.2 Support to the University of León in identifying the territorial value chains for competitive and sustainable development, able to foster women inclusion in the economy, in the framework of the European Union Fydem Project.
- 1.3 Survey and analysis of the economic system of Dragash area (Kosovo) for assessing the competitive and sustainable potential, the feasibility of a territorial service system, and the elaboration of strategies able to overcome the obstacles and valorize the endogenous resources. It was delivered in the framework of the UNDP program in Kosovo.
- 1.4 Support has been provided to the Italian Cooperation in Afghanistan for defining medium and short term strategies for endogenous development, based on reconstruction, improvement and optimization of the provincial economic context.

2. CREATION OF STRUCTURES FOR IMPLEMENTING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 Support to the establishment of 4 LEDAs in Lebanon: North Lebanon, South Lebanon, Beirut Southern Suburbs and Beqaa Valley, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 2.2 Technical assistance at distance to the future Lebanese LEDAs for assessing and recommending what management for the Guarantee Fund at support of the, at the light of the experience in Lebanon.
- 2.3 Support to the establishment of 2 LEDAs of the department of La Unión and Usulután in El Salvador, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program, and of the national strategy for the development of the coastal area.

3. SUPPORT TO LEDAS

- 3.1 Technical assistance at distance to the LEDA of South Province in Sri Lanka (Rueda) for helping it coming out from the financial crisis, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold Program.

- 3.2 Technical assistance to Alma Mons (Serbia) for improving credit management and updating it.
- 3.3 Technical assistance to Codecob (Ecuador), for improving its strategic approach.
- 3.4 Support to the UNDP the ART GOLD Program in Ecuador for fostering its strategy for the economic development in the provinces of El Oro, Loja, and Carchi, with particular reference to the LEDA issue.
- 3.5 Technical assistance at distance to the Southern Suburbs of Beirut LEDA for finalizing the elaboration of the Management Handbook, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 3.6 IQUAL (Quality) Label provided to the following Ledas: ASDECOHUE (Guatemala), RUEDA (Sri Lanka), CONQUITO (Ecuador), CODECOB (Ecuador), ACUDIR (Ecuador).

4. SUPPORT TO NATIONAL POLICIES FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1 Technical Assistance to the National Government of Albania for the definition of a regulatory framework for regional development, including role and tasks of regional development agencies, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 4.2 Support to the national government of El Salvador for implementing a national system of productive development for the Sea-Coastal area, and guidelines for establishing departmental economic development agencies, the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 4.3 Support to UNDP in Cuba for assessing the new governmental policy aimed at facilitating businesses, mainly for the civil servants, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 4.4 Support to the UNDP ART Program in Ecuador, for assisting the national government policy for decentralizing economic development.

5. INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- 5.1 Technical assistance to ADES Leon (Nicaragua) for a partnership and a joint project submitted to EuropeAid.
- 5.2 Technical assistance to the mission of the Lebanese Ledas to the Turkey Eurada Meeting in October, for facilitating the partnerships with the European LEDAs

- 5.3 Establishment of a collaboration with Milano Metropoli Development Agency, UNDP's ART Initiative and the Milan Province Fund for International Cooperation, for facilitating exposure of the LEDAs of the ILS LEDA network at the EXPO2015, through tender for best proposals.

6. TRAINING

- 6.1 The Paquinott (Distant Training course on LED) "Basic Course" finally tested and launched, in collaboration with the Morazan LEDA.
- 6.2 Workshops in Lebanon for fostering the establishment of the LEDAs , in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 6.3 Lecture at the London School of Economics on "The specificity of the LED processes in developing countries".

7. PAPERS AND TOOL KITS

The following papers were realized:

- 7.1 Difficulties encountered by the LEDAs, which operate for human development - DICS Methodology.
- 7.2 Evaluation of Local and Territorial Development Agencies for Human Development: The ILS LEDA case
- 7.3 Models of Territorial Development Agencies in Europe and in the world.
- 7.4 Specificity of the of LED processes and strategies in developing countries
- 7.5 Finance and human development: suggestion for s UNDP intervention on the International Arab Banking Summit 2012 in Berlin

8. APPRENTICESHIP FOR YOUNG STUDENTS

- 8.1 In collaboration with the Bocconi University a bachelor thesis has been assigned on the ILS LEDA case on the topic "Transfer if knowledge in global networks: the ILS ILS LEDA case".
- 8.2 In collaboration with the London School of Economy a bachelor thesis has been assigned and finalized on the "The role of LEDAs in innovation in the Balkans"
- 8.3 In collaboration with Campania Region (Italy), the LEDAs of ILS LEDA network are being assisted to participate in "Training Around System", a program of internships

funded by Regione Campania. 6 internships were promoted and supported (1 at Redasp - Leda in Serbia; 1 at Teuleda - Leda in Albania; 1 at ADELVA – Leda in Dominican Republic; 2 at Eurada).