



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

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Description

1. Strategic valorization of territorial resources
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1. STRATEGIC VALORIZATION OF TERRITORIAL RESOURCES

- 1.1 Support to the UNDP ART Program for formulating a new project in Palestine. The project is to support the national authority, for improving and implementing local economic development strategies in Hebron and the Tubas region.
- 1.2 Assistance at distance to the UNDP ART program in Montenegro, including recommendations on how to design a system for supporting local economic development and smmes
- 1.3 Technical assistance to the LEDAs in El Salvador for value chain assessment, in the framework of the UNDP ART program.
- 1.4 Strategic guidelines for sustainable and competitive development of Dragash area in Kosovo, in the framework a the UNDP Kosovo program.
- 1.5 Improvement of capacity and tools for bees, forests ad herbs value chains of Dragash area in Kosovo, in the framework of a UNDP Kosovo program.

2. CREATION OF STRUCTURES FOR IMPLEMENTING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 2.1 Definition of the strategy for the start up of the La Paz Metropolitan Area LEDA (Bolivia), in the framework of the UNDP ART Program.
- 2.2 Support to the establishment of the Southern Suburbs of Beirut LEDA), in the framework of the UNDP ART Program.
- 2.3 Support to the establishemnt of the LEDA “La Libertad” in El Salvador, in the framework of the UNDP ART Pogram.
- 2.4 Support to the University of León (Nicaragua) for the establishment of an OEM (Office of Liaison for Women), in the framework of the European Union Fydem project.

3 SUPPORT TO LEDAS

- 3.1 Support to the Leda “La Unión” in El Salvador for improving capacities on assessing the sustainable competitive potential, building value chains, and develop a viable development strategy of the Department, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold Program.
- 3.2 Support to the LEDAs in Lebanon for improving the staff capacities on building and managing value chains, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold Program

- 3.3 Support to the LEDA in Colombia, and to the national network of LEDAs (Adelco) for starting the process for applying the IQUAL Label.
- 3.4 Assignment of the IQUAL label to the LEDA of Valverde (Dominican Republic).
- 3.5 Support to an European Program in Colombia for assessing its initiatives in the departments of Cúcuta, los Montes de María, and Meta, in order to establish and/or reinforcing local economic development agencies.

4 SUPPORT TO NATIONAL POLICIES FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 4.1 Support to the national government of El Salvador, for defining a Strategy for establishment of a LEDA for each department of the Coastal Marine Strip (CMS), through the creation of an inter-ministry committee (CIADEL). ILS LEDA provided the support was provided in the framework of the UNDP ART Program.
- 4.2 Support the productive development decentralization process in Ecuador, highlighting the role of economic development territorial agencies, in the framework of the UNDP ART Program.
- 4.3 Support to the ART GOLD Program in Colombia in defining a plan of action for strengthening national policies for local economic development.
- 4.4 Support to the national network of the Colombian Ledas and national government for realizing a pilot plan for science, technology and innovation in the Department of Sucre.
- 4.5 Support to National Government of Colombia for the realization of a policy for local economic development through a national forum, in the framework of an Union European program.

5 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

- 5.1 Tutorship to beekeepers of Morazán to visit the Italian beekeeping experience in Umbria, and establishing partnership with the Italian association and the Mediterranean association of beekeepers.
- 5.2 Support and tutorship to a delegation from the Secretariat of Economic Development District of Bogotá for visiting the experience of industrial district of Valdarno Superiore in Florence (Italy), specialized in leader products, and promoting partnership.

- 5.3 Support to the government of Senegal in establishing partnerships with Italian local actors and local development agencies, through accompanying them in the regions of Lazio, Liguria, and Abruzzo.

6 TRAINING

- 6.1 Workshops in Lebanon for supporting the establishment of the Ledas, and improving start up capacities and management, in the framework of the UNDP ART Gold program.
- 6.2 Training course in Nicaragua (university of León) on “How to build strategies of local economic development for women, and building value chains, in the framework of the European Union Fydem project.

7 PAPERS AND TOOL KITS

The following papers were realized:

- 7.1 Descentralización de servicios y fomento económico productivo territorial en Ecuador.
- 7.2 El rol de las agencias de desarrollo en le marco de la descentralización en Ecuador.
- 7.3 SMEs and territory. The European experience (Lecture to a conference in Bolivia)
- 7.4 Coordination of actors: why and how (Lecture to a conference in Bolivia)
- 7.5 Hand Book “How to establish a LEDA”.
- 7.6 The role of Local Economic Development Agencies for Innovation, in collaboration with ARCO/University of Florence.
- 7.7 Decentralization of services and territorial economic development.
- 7.8 The role of Local Economic Development Agencies in a context of decentralization, such as in Ecuador.
- 7.9 Notebook on “LED and environment”.
- 7.10 Notebook on “LED and fighting against poverty”.
- 7.11 Notebook on “LED and migration”.
- 7.12 Italian Districts: a survey on the behaviour of the districts in the crisis”.
- 7.13 The local economic development agency of the Vlora region in Albania.

- 7.14 Public Private Partnership: from the contractual to the multi-stakeholders cooperative model.
- 7.15 Tool Kit “How to manage a LEDA”.
- 7.16 Tool Kit “How to build a value chain”.