

The Provincia di Torino – with the International and European Relations and Projects Department - works on the continued affirmation of human rights and the pursuit of justice through cooperation with local and regional authorities of each country (Article 2, paragraph 3 of the Statute).

Within this program, the organization shows its willingness to contribute actively, through local authorities associations and networks, development of peace, solidarity and intercultural, social and economic dialogue at the international level, conducting organization activities and diffusion of information about initiatives and projects of decentralized cooperation to affirm the values expressed by the United Nations Millennium Declaration.

Concretely, the Provincia is committed to promoting the following activities in Third Countries:

- Evaluation and support to cooperation projects;
- transfer of know-how;
- actions to support people affected by environmental, social and health emergencies.

The focal areas of decentralized cooperation :

- international solidarity;
- decentralized cooperation with Third Countries;
- emergency assistance and relief to victims of natural disasters or armed conflicts;
- education and awareness campaigns of the local community;
- technical assistance and financial contributions to the initiatives of third party.

Beneficiaries (in the Provincia) :

- local authorities;
- agencies and public or private institutions;
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- consortiums, NGOs and volunteers associations;
- Non-Profit Organizations (NPO);
- schools, universities and cultural institutes;
- economic and social forces.

Instruments of implementation:

- directly managed projects;
- agreements and draft agreements;
- financial and material contributions (medicines, others equipments);
- memberships of local authorities networks with international significance.
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In 2004, the Provincia di Torino in order to pursue more strongly its objectives of decentralized cooperation, created in collaboration with the city of Turin, the Agency of Cooperation of Local Authorities - www.acel.to.it – instrument to facilitate international relations of the member entities in order to enhance their skills.

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