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The International Network of Social Economy RES-INT was created in 2013 in Italy by 14 territorial organizations working in the social economy and several associated partners. The member organizations of RES-INT are, in turn, socio economic local networks constituted as consortia of social cooperatives, community foundations, social farm networks, associations of family members. These organizations belong to the so-called Third Sector, but also represent entrepreneurial profit, social cooperation, associations, academic environment, research, finance and the public sector.

RES-INT was formed using the innovative instrument of *Contratto di rete*, by which the adhering members, while maintaining full autonomy, undertake to work together and to share resources and knowledge to achieve common goals and objectives. The *Contratto di rete*, in fact, is a form of contract designed to increase competitiveness and innovation, by the association of entrepreneurs around a shared business project.

RES-INT experiments for the first time this form of contract in the domain of the non-profit environment, bearing an ethical and social attention to people, communities and territories. It makes use of this tool to promote social change, to support and connect innovative practices of the social economy existing in Italy, in Europe and in the world, by experimenting instruments of ethical finance and models of community welfare, while respecting the environmental resources and limits of the planet.

## ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE NETWORK RES-INT

- *Impresa a Rete società cooperativa Onlus* (Umbria), managing body of the *Contratto di rete*, implements social economy initiatives, to support people with disabilities, communities, groups, families, organizations and business associations, in increasing in the local environment networks of reciprocity and trust, the ability of inclusion, the social economy and sustainable development.
- *Consorzio Nuova Cooperazione Organizzata* (Campania) co-manages, through the model of the community welfare, Individualized Therapeutic Rehabilitation Projects sustained by Health Budgets, aiming at contributing to a civil growth of the territory, the culture of inclusion and legality, through activities of sustainable social economy, respecting the ecosystem, creating decent jobs for people in difficulty, changing the socio cultural environment and making the goods confiscated symbols and resources freed from the Camorra.
- *Rete fattorie sociali* (Sicily), experiments models of social innovation by integrating agricultural production with the supply of cultural, social, educational, welfare, health, and



training services for people in difficulty, by creating connections between agricultural enterprises, third sector actors, and economic and public institutions.

- *Fondazione di Comunità di Messina* (Sicily), promotes social cohesion, social and solidarity economy and processes addressed at expanding freedoms of most vulnerable and poorest people, through international partnerships of financial and social economy. It protects, promotes and enhances nature and the environment, culture, arts and carries out scientific research of particular social interest.
- *Consorzio Sol.E* (Sicily), gathers 15 operators of the social economy of Messina and manages the Social Park of Forte Petrazza, created in an old building occupied for years by the Mafia. The park is a place of social integration combining the world of knowledge (training for the economy and social work), with knowledge of doing (development agency, experiences Community models of welfare) and knowledge of the relationship (the space of social and cultural events, guesthouse, astro-cafe).
- *Consorzio Mediterraneo Sociale* (Campania), a consortium company with limited liability created in the eighties upon the experiences of Welfare Community and experimental services for pathological addictions, has developed processes of social agriculture and various forms of social economy for the use of properties confiscated to the organised crime. He promoted the first experiences of Social Farms and Ecological Parks in Campania. Today its mission centers on the construction of Sustainable Local Communities.
- *Consorzio Co.Ri* (Campania / Tuscany), promotes the system of Community Welfare through the design and implementation of social, health and educational/welfare services through the empowerment of citizens and institutions and vocational training courses and management, innovative routes to employment through social enterprise projects in the production of beer, honey and crafts.
- *Associazione Parsec - ricerca e interventi sociali*, implements projects of social research, strategic communications, advocacy, ITC applied to welfare and social interventions, consultancy, integrated design and complex formation.
- *Associazione InEuropa Iniziativa Europea* (Friuli Venezia Giulia), implements cultural and social initiatives for the training and support of the less affluent classes and for the dissemination of individualized care budgets. It enhances poetry in European circles as a cultural vehicle of integration.
- *Associazione AK* (Sicilia), provides technological support to associations that support people in need: research and development of computer systems, technology development of participatory democracy, the spread of free software / open source, research and creation of computer services.
- *Associazione Amici di Piazza Grande* (Emilia Romagna), carries out activities of social and psychological support for people and families homeless in the territory of Bologna. Manages a Designated Road to homeless people, a dormitory for the temporary reception and 15 apartments experiencing the Housing First approach.
- *Consorzio NOVA* (Puglia), carries out projects for immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees. Coordinates the project TORRE-Transnational Observatory for Refugee's Resettlement in Europe, involving organizations and institutions from Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Greece, Cyprus, to create exchange of information, knowledge and innovative practices the rehabilitation of refugee populations.



- *Consorzio ABN Network sociale* (Umbria), carries out initiatives of social integration of disadvantaged people and develops models of social business both in traditional (cleaning, catering) and innovative (renewable energy, social housing) sectors. It includes 42 cooperatives from different regions of Italy, Albania and Togo.
- *S.M.P. srl.*, a company from Bologna, active for over twenty five years in the field of programming, planning and analysis of competitive positioning of socio-economic areas.

The Network has also been joined by *Cooperativa Sociale Noncello Onlus* (F. V. G.), long standing cooperative promoting working inclusion; *C.O.S.M. Consorzio Operativo Salute Mentale* (F. V. G.); *AIFO - Associazione Italiana Amici di Raoul Follereau*; *Associazione Slow Medicine*; *Coop. Sociale Nazzeno*; *Associazione Nobel*.

Other partners of the Network include the *Associazione Revert Onlus*, for research on neurodegenerative diseases, on brain stem cells and clinical trials; *Nomisma S.p.A.*, company addressed to economic studies; the *Italian Collaborating Centre of the World Health Organisation* for the Family of International Classifications and Area Community Welfare of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia; *Dynamo Academy s.r.l.* social enterprise; *Don Orione Little Work of Divine Providence*; *Infra Design, Impresa sociale Jolly pack, Sclavia soc. agricoltura sociale*.



## THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

RES-INT was born by spontaneous collaborations that member organizations had established for several years in sharing and exchanging expertise, knowledge and skills acquired in testing the methodology of Individual Therapeutic Rehabilitation Projects supported by Health Budget - *Capitali di Capacitazione* for social inclusion work with people with disabilities and / or low or no social bargaining capability. RES-INT works to experiment, feed and connect complex and territorialized systems experiencing social and economic paradigms which are alternative to the dominant economic model, based on the growth of production and consumption and on a concept of wellness in its meaning selfish and individualistic.

In particular, the approach that links social and cultural organizations of the Network is experimenting innovative models of social economy and community welfare. According to this approach the processes of rehabilitation and empowerment of the excluded and / or marginalized people are based on an action that is both productive and redistributive, which reconstructs the social, cultural and economic conditions to increase the capacity and opportunity of choice of people and community. RES-INT socializes and disseminates knowledge, enhancing innovation and potential unexplored capacities of territories, communities and people.



## THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION

RES-INT connects experiences of sustainable local communities of Italy, Europe (Albania, Greece, Romania, Great Britain), Madagascar and Togo, Ivory Coast and Benin, countries of North Africa and the Middle East, Latin America and Asia. All members realize projects and collaborations with public and private partners from many countries and the Network is expanding and strengthening international collaborations with Third Sector organizations, with Universities and Public Bodies. In particular RES-INT collaborates with the European Network REVES, associating municipalities and regions for the social economy and private social actors; with KIP International School, with COPPERSAMM, Permanent Conference for Mental Health Worldwide Franco Basaglia and with SEFEA - European Society for Ethical and Alternative Finance; with COPPEM, permanent conference of euro Mediterranean partnerships; CISP, International Committee for the Development of Peoples; I.S.F.O.L. Institute for the development of professional training of workers.

RES-INT also endorses the objectives of the World Health Organization asserting that to improve the health of people one must reduce inequalities, increase the welfare of the population and achieve universal health coverage.

## RES-INT AT KIP-EXPO PAVILION

The KIP Pavilion at EXPO Milano 2015 will be an opportunity to present to visitors the experiences of members and partners of the Network RES-INT based upon the common theme *social economies for a sustainable world*, ranging from the history of mental health to food and cultures of the Mediterranean Sea. Around Marco Cavallo, a great papier-mache horse built in 1973 by the sculptor Vittorio Basaglia with patients of the Psychiatric Hospital of Trieste and become the symbol of the closure of the asylum, one can retrace with video projections, meetings, and various initiatives the history of social economy and the closure of asylums.

Around the plane Ali della Libertà, a two seat aircraft that can fly, designed and built by convicts in the prison of Lauro (Avellino), people will be able to hear the stories of redemption and rehabilitation of prisoners and internees in Judicial Psychiatric Italian Hospitals, and how it is possible to overcome total institutions and all contexts of exclusion.

There will be exhibitions, videos and presentations on the experience of social cooperatives that produce on land confiscated from organized crime. There will be screenings of films that tell stories of social economy, including *Si può Fare* by Giulio Manfredonia which will be presented by the interpreter, Claudio Bisio. There will be presentations and tastings of food products of the social



economy: wines, beers, honey, oil, coffee, homemade smoked salmon reared and processed in Italy. There will be events and Pompeian and Mediterranean music concerts. And much more ...

## TO KNOW MORE

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