

ATTRACTIVE TERRITORIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

FIRST MEETING OF THE KIP PAVILION PARTNERS

On May 29th, the first meeting of the partners of KIP Pavilion *Attractive territories for a sustainable world* was held. The meeting was attended by over fifty delegates from the partner organizations of the KIP Pavilion.

The meeting was chaired by Stefano Pisani, Major of Pollica, President of the International Centre of Studies on Mediterranean Diet *Angelo Vassallo* and President of Cittaslow International. Eliana Haberkon, of the UN Team for EXPO 2015 represented the United Nations. Vinicio Peluffo, Member of the Italian Parliament, spoke on behalf of the Inter-parliamentary Association Italy-China, of which he is the President. Valentina Grippo,

President of the XI Permanent Council Commission of *Roma Capitale*, announced the participation of the City of Rome in the group of KIP Pavilion Partners.

Luciano Carrino and Famiano Crucianelli summarized the objectives of the Pavilion: to raise awareness and disseminate best practices of local development, to influence the national and international debate and to draw everyone's attention to the strategic role of a territorial development approach. The Pavilion is thus a tool to strengthen these practices and to stimulate them to become part of a network. The final aim is to encourage proposals for reforms, laws and initiatives that arise from successful local practices.

All the delegations present took the floor to speak, briefly presenting their activities and contributing to the discussion on the issues introduced. Everyone expressed willingness to work together during the events that will take place over the next months and to prepare the international meeting of 22, 23 and 24 October in which the International Organizing Committee of the Global Fund for the Development of Territories will be created.

This Fund is defined as an innovative financial instrument to support partnerships between local



communities, in the South and North, in which the public sector works together with associations and the private sector. These "territorial alliances" are presented as the most capable means to achieve high quality development. The idea discussed is that we must create a new type of development cooperation that is not a world apart, but a tool to help realize the profound cultural and political revolution necessary for development. That means focusing attention and actions on needs and abilities of people, not seen as isolated individuals, but as inseparable parts of their societies. It also means making sure that human societies serve to effectively respond to individual and collective needs of people, enhancing their capabilities and the natural and historical resources of territories.

The commitment is to meet again at the end of July to continue preparing the International Meeting planned for the end of October.

