



Cooperation for the Development of Emerging Countries

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ABOUT US

COSPE is a private, lay, non-profit organization.

Since its creation in 1983, **COSPE** works in the developing countries, in Italy and in Europe for intercultural dialogue, fair and sustainable development, human rights, peace and justice among people.

Since its first actions in Africa and Latin America for development and solidarity, now **COSPE** achieves more than 100 projects in almost 30 countries in the world.

COSPE involves hundreds of people: ASSOCIATES, FRIENDS, VOLUNTEERS who promote and take part to information, awareness and fund raising activities in Italy and abroad.

COSPE Assembly sets the strategies and the work plans and elects **COSPE** Board of Directors. The participation and the presence of associates are of fundamental importance for **COSPE**.

COSPE has three main offices in Italy: FLORENCE (the headquarters), BOLOGNA and GENOA. There are 16 more offices abroad, where people carefully plan and carry out the activities with partners, stakeholders and financing institutions and monitor projects' results and funds' work.

According to the Italian law Cospe is a non-profit organisation (**ONLUS**) recognized as Non Governmental Organization (**ONG**) by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the European Union.

WORKING SECTORS

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY

COSPE doesn't provide short term emergency relief but **supports long term** economic and social development processes, foreseeing approaches on different issues and the active participation of the local partners and the stakeholders.

DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION

Development education promotes actions for sharing knowledge, information, awareness campaign on the subjects related to the North/South relationship. This working area addresses to the Italian and European public opinion, schools, media, government institutions in order to change behaviours, laws and North/South inequality.

IMMIGRATIONS AND INTERCULTURALITY

COSPE works on programs promoting citizenship's rights, in particular, on activities of educational, social and working inclusion for immigrates. At the same time, **COSPE** has educational projects and initiatives promoting an intercultural society.

MAIN ISSUES

FOOD SELF-SUFFICIENCY

COSPE supports organizations, institutions and farm producers working for their food security, local production's protection, more fair commercial policies and an international credit that is not influenced by the economical and political interests of governments and multinational companies.

WOMEN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY

COSPE encourages the empowerment of women human rights and opportunities, supporting their inclusion and search for independence in all sector of the society, family, working environment and education.

RIGHTS AND DUAL CITIZENSHIP

COSPE aims to build a pluralist society in Europe, pointing out and removing any sort of discrimination, fighting against ostracism and social exclusion concerning citizens of foreign origin.

EMPLOYMENT - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

COSPE works in the third world to create fairly remunerated and safeguarded employment opportunities. Employment is not only the essential base for development, human dignity, self-determination and social worth, but also the key to access to other rights, as health care, sound household and children education.

CHILDREN'S AND ADOLESCENTS' RIGHTS

COSPE actions are directed to guarantee to all children and adolescents the access to high quality education in order to spread the culture of intercultural dialogue, to prevent dropping out of school and to encourage equal opportunities of positive school outcome.

COSPE NETWORK

In Italy **COSPE** is creating a new and original national Network whose aims are spreading proper information among people, influencing local and national administrations and making governors aware that they frequently caused discrimination and inequality among countries.

The network is formed by voluntary associations, corporations, cultural groups and others entities joined together to undertake information, communication and fund raising activities arranged through an annual work - agenda.

For this reason, **COSPE** produces different tools and provides its knowledge and experience, as the result of its 25 years old commitment all around the world.

COSPE TOOLS

- Spot, documentaries and photo exhibitions about the countries where **COSPE** works and the subjects regarding **COSPE** actions
- **COSPE** Training School on development cooperation: courses suitable for everyone with modules on specific topics
- Learning equipments for schools on intercultural subjects, antiracism, development education
- "BABEL", a periodical created to debate and give original and qualified information on the subjects and contexts on which **COSPE** acts
- "QUADERNI **COSPE**" a series of scientific publications
- Responsible tourism trips to discover and know about developing countries
- Seminars, conferences, campaigns and other information and awareness actions at a national and international level

The fight against imbalance among countries, fundamental rights breaches, discriminations can be also beaten with appropriate actions in the so called "North" of the world.

IN ITALY AND IN THE WORLD



COSPE 1983-2008



● BOSNIA
● ALBANIA

● YEMEN
● IRAQ
● SYRIA
● JORDAN
● EGYPT

● LEBANON
● PALESTINE

● AFGHANISTAN

● PAKISTAN

● NEPAL

● INDIA

● MONGOLIA

● CHINA

● GHANA

● SOMALIA

● MALAWI

● MOZAMBIQUE

● ZIMBABWE

COSPE PROJECTS

- AGRICULTURE
- SMALL/MEDIUM BUSINESS
- HANDICRAFT
- NATURAL RESOURCES' MANAGEMENT
- MICROFINANCE
- EDUCATION
- INFORMATION
- PROTECTION OF DISCRIMINATED GROUPS

COSPE PROMOTES

- AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
- RESPONSIBLE TOURISM
- FAIR TRADE

COSPE PRODUCES

- TRAINING AID
- RADIO AND VIDEO MATERIALS

WHY SUPPORT COSPE

Since more than 25 years, **COSPE** acts with **love** and **proficiency**.
COSPE is **deep rooted** in Italy and in the world.

Governmental organisations, European institutions and donors **trust** and esteem **COSPE** action.

COSPE is able to involve in its projects a **network**, consisting in private and public subjects at a global and national level.

COSPE stands out for its accountability, efficiency, **transparency**, quality and effectiveness.

COSPE adopts a **non-discriminatory** policy, that does not consider geographical origin, gender, religion, sexual tendencies, disability and age.

COSPE has **no political and religious connotation**. The public or private provenience of funds does not influence the organisation choices.

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FUNDS TO OPERATE

Projects and suitable economical resources are necessary to make development cooperation weighing on the causes of poverty and discrimination.

Economical support from private people, institutions, corporations and cooperatives are of fundamental importance and allow to achieve projects: any Euro given from private people puts into action from 5 to 10 projects of public origin (Ministry of foreign Affairs and European Union).

SOCIAL BUDGET

In 2007 **COSPE** published the annual social budget: it is a tool for communication and transparency and an opportunity to take part in the evaluation processes and to verify the consistency with the inspiration values.

COSPE is a partner of the **Italian Institute for Donation (IID)** and joins in the **Charter for Donation**. The IID certifies fairness, transparency, relationship with donors and information about the management of private funds.

ISO 9001 standards certify the compliance of the principles of efficiency, effectiveness and transparency with the decision procedures, working plans and projects.



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WHAT YOU CAN DO

SOME EXEMPLES OF ACTIONS WITH WHICH YOU COULD SUPPORT COSPE IN ITALY

CHOOSE A CHARITY WEDDING LIST

BUY COSPE GADGET

CREATE A GROUP SUPPORTING COSPE

ENDOW

TRAVEL RESPONSIBLE WITH COSPE

GIVE 5X1000 OF YOUR INCOME TO COSPE

GIVE A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME, BE VOLUNTEER

BECOME A COSPE FRIEND

DONATE AND SUPPORT A PROJECT

APPLY FOR A COSPE TRAINING COURSE

PUT YOUR GROUP IN NETWORK WITH COSPE

OFFER COSPE PRODUCTS

BECOME A MEMBER OF COSPE

GET INVOLVED AND SET UP A FUND RAISING EVENT

OFFER CHARITABLE FAVORS FOR YOUR WEDDING

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TAX BREAK

Art. 14 L. 88/2005 **MORE YOU GIVE, LESS YOU PAY** admits in kind gifts and provides for a **tax deductible donations up to 10% of the entire income and to a maximum 70.000 euros.**

RID ANCH'IO

COSPE joins in **RID ANCH'IO** campaign: you could donate or pay your member fee through your **bank account without additional charges.**

COSPE POSTAL ACCOUNT N° 27127505

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