

# SOCIAL Report 2018



SUMMARY



## Who we are

### Mission

We promote dialogue between individuals and populations for a world where peace reigns, human rights are respected, democracy rules, social justice and environmental sustainability are promoted. We aim to attain equality between women and men and eliminate all kinds of discrimination.

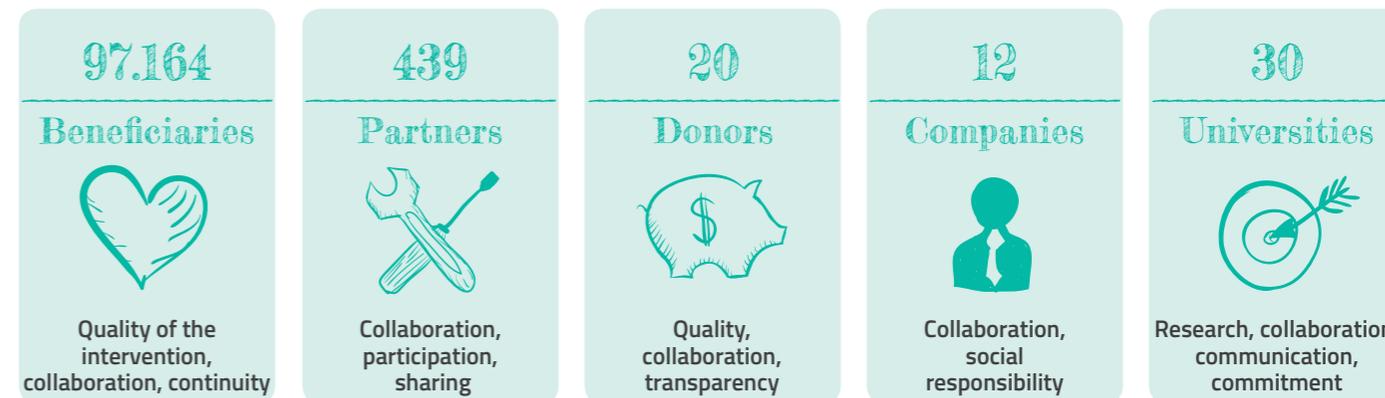
### Vision

We work for a world of many voices where diversity is a precious value, where meeting and exchanging with others enriches all. A world where people can live in dignity with the same rights, equal opportunities, equal access to basic goods and services offered by nature, society and economic development.

### Our values

- solidarity
- democracy and participation
- autonomy
- fairness and transparency
- diversity
- planning and efficiency
- effectiveness and quality of the action

## Our stakeholders and network



### IN ITALY

- Aitr** - Italian responsible tourism association
- Aoi** - Italian cooperation and international solidarity organisations association
- Carta di Roma Association** organization of civil society and organizations representing journalists to monitor compliance with the Rome Charter, on the representation of immigrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Roma and Sinti in the media
- Banca Popolare Etica**
- Stop Ttip Ceta Italy Campaign** against trade liberalization treaties between the European Union, Canada and the Usa
- "No Hate Speech Movement" Campaign**
- Cild** - Italian freedom and civil rights coalition
- Italian climate coalition**
- Concord Italia** Italian platform of the european federation of development and humanitarian aid Ngos
- Peace school committee of Bologna**
- Tuscan coordination for global citizenship education**
- Coonger** - coordination of Ngos of Emilia Romagna
- Creser** - network of solidarity economy Er

- Order of journalists** as a training institution
- Fait** - International activity forum of Tuscany
- Third sector forum of the province of Bologna**
- Forum of the solidarity economy of the Emilia Romagna region**
- National forum to change the order of things, on migration policies**
- In Difesa Di** - network of association for Human Rights
- Marche Solidali** - network of ethical and solidarity economy of the Marche
- Italian global health network** (former AIDS observatory)
- Antidiscrimination network of the Tuscany region**

### IN THE WORLD

- Anna Lindh Foundation** Euromediterranean Foundation for intercultural dialogue
- Concord** european federation of developement and humanitarian aid Ngos (through Concord Italy)
- Global convergence of land and water struggles**



# The three challenges of change

## The theory of change

In the world of development cooperation, we are increasingly questioning the effectiveness of projects, the capacity of cooperation initiatives to counter the deep and complex causes of poverty, injustice and inequalities. Whether we have a short, medium or long term perspective, whether it is quantitative or qualitative, the central question concerns how to generate lasting positive and measurable change. Based on what? With which indicators? To achieve what goals of change? It is precisely to answer these questions that in 2018 we decided to use the methodological approach of the Theory of Change (ToC) in our strategic planning.

## Human rights at the centre of our challenges

Our actions follow a rights-based approach, bearing in mind that any initiative must not only be sustainable and bring benefits to people's quality of life, but they must also contribute to the full enjoyment of the fundamental rights recognized by the legislation, in order to produce lasting change. Respect of human rights represents the main goal of all the phases of our projects, from planning to monitoring of results, and in all our sectors of intervention, both in Italy and abroad.

## Women and democracy

Gender inequalities are the oldest and the most odious and pervasive form of inequality in all countries of the world. In this sense, **women's rights are the key to a profound renewal of the forms of governance and power management.** True democracy will be accomplished only when women will be rightly involved in decision-making, both within their family and their community. This is why we support the creation and growth of women's associations everywhere, the development of their economic and social autonomy and their political prominence. At the same time, **we work to enlarge the spaces for participation in the public and democratic life for migrants, minorities and people at risk of exclusion;** we also commit ourselves to the promotion of human rights and to the support of human rights advocates, giving visibility to their claims and protecting them when they are at risk.

## Migrations

We live more and more in a **world of voluntary and forced migrations**, new by type, size and diffusion, that put at risk, not only the lives of millions of people travelling but also our capacity to see the others as persons and not threats. For us, the answer of **this epochal challenge is to globalize rights, guaranteeing them also to migrants in their countries of origin, transit and arrival.** The goal is to maintain, as the horizon of our action, **the construction of open, inclusive, multi-cultural societies, capable of having diversity as their own richness.**

## Environment and new economies

The link between climate changes and increasing inequalities, in a world that has seen triple its population in a few decades, puts the ecosystem stability and the right to a worthy life at a strong risk for an increasing number of people. Our response to this global challenge is **ecological transformation of the economy and lifestyles, of the relations between genders and with nature.** Focused on the networks of social and solidarity economy, building a market that is an instrument of a balanced and equal development.



# Our offices

169 collaborators

45

workers in Italy

34 women | 11 men

124

workers abroad

22 expatriates | 102 locals



# Where we are in the world



# Africa



## Niger

### AGROECOLOGY IN TABALAK

strengthening the population's ability to respond to situations of food crisis with an agroecological approach

### DIFFA EMERGENCY

protection and improvement of the living conditions of displaced persons and their vulnerable host communities in Diffa

### LAND AND PEACE

participatory and sustainable land management in Tahoua

## Kingdom of Eswatini

### COMMUNITY SCORE CARDS

promotion of public services starting from a participatory analysis of the needs of the Siteki community

### RIGHTS 4 ALL

promotion of fundamental rights and democracy

## Senegal

### AFNUT

promotion of change in wrong nutritional behaviour of families

### CONTROLE CITOYEN

promotion of control to and the right to water and hygiene by citizens

### DEMETER

dissemination of innovative participatory management experiences of mangroves and other natural resources

### C' GENIAL

improvement of public services in response to the real needs of the Guédiawaye population

### DEFI

employment creation through training and job placement

### MIGRANT ECONOMIES

development of job opportunities for the younger generations of migrants in the migration zones of Senegal

## Angola

### MULHERES NO CENTRO

strengthening the Angolan civil community and implementing inclusive practices for women

### PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE VEGETABLE COAL

coal production to safeguard the environment and the income of Angolan communities

### LAND

legal support to women and vulnerable groups in the rural communities of Angola for their access to land

## Cape Verde

### FATA - FIRE, WATER, EARTH, AIR

ecotourism project that enhances and protects the cultural, social and environmental heritage of the island of Fogo

### ROTAS DO FOGO

support for the development of eco-sustainable rural tourism in Niger

### L'ALTRA METÀ DEL MARE

support for women engaged in fish processing in the Municipality of Kafountine (Ziguinchor Region)

## Multi-country

### CERTEZZE GIOVANI | Senegal and Mali

promotion of income-generating activities in territories and zones of migration

### EMERGENCY IN THE LUBOMBO REGION

#### Eswatini and Mozambique

resilient practices to mitigate the effects of drought

# Latin America



## Bolivia

### AYLLUS

strengthening indigenous communities through the improvement of production chains

### PACHAMAMA

protagonism of rural women for the affirmation of food sovereignty

## Brazil

### TERRA DE DIREITOS

support, defence and protection of the political and civil rights of the Quilombo del Recôncavo Baiano communities

## Cuba

### VIA LACTEA

strengthening the milk supply chain in four Cuban provinces

## Ecuador

### CACAO CORRECTO

strengthening the cocoa and coffee supply chains for food sovereignty

## Guatemala

### EMPLOYMENT GENERATION

vocational training programme for young people in collaboration with the Ministry of Labour

## Uruguay

### COOPERATION WITH FAIRNESS

strategies and actions from the social and solidarity economy, for the promotion of women's socio-economic and cultural rights

## Multi-country

### TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

#### Argentina, Colombia, Brazil and Peru

promotion of UN guiding principles of the respect of human rights by corporations in Latin America

# Asia



## Afghanistan

**AHRAM** 🌱  
protection and mobilization for human rights activists

## Albania

**FAMILY FARMING** 🌱  
alliance for the development and enhancement of family farming in the north of the country

**WIN - WOMEN INITIATIVE** 🌱  
strengthening of the social role and political representation of women in northern Albania

## Egypt

**FOOD SAFETY** 🌱  
improvement of environmental conditions and food safety of small producers in 4 villages in the Governorates of Fayoum and Minya

**HOPE** 🌱  
empowerment of small manufacturing and agricultural producers

## Lebanon

**LEBANON MOUNTAIN TRAIL** 🌱  
enhancement of the mountain hiking trail and development of economic opportunities

**SWAM AKKAR** 🌱  
support for sustainable solid waste management in Jurd al Kayte, Akkar

**WEE CAN!** 🌱  
socio-economic empowerment of Syrian refugee women and vulnerable women of Lebanese host communities

## Morocco

**JE SUIS MIGRANT** 🌱  
promotion of social, economic and cultural integration among returning migrants

**MART** 🌱  
support for handicraft production and for social and solidarity economy in Fes and Tangier Palestina

## Palestina

**PALESTINIAN WORKERS** 🌱  
improving the rights and fundamental freedoms of workers, protecting the most vulnerable ones

**NABI SAMUEL** 🌱  
protection intervention for the population of Nabi Samuel at risk of displacement

**HALEEB BALADI** 🌱  
reduction of rural poverty and food insecurity in the most disadvantaged areas

**LAND AND RIGHTS** 🌱  
paths of social economy and solidarity of the Palestinian population through the improvement of institutional and social conditions

**RISE UP** 🌱  
strengthening inclusive mechanisms and tools for preventing and mitigating gender-based violence

## Tunisia

**FAD** 🌱  
strengthening the freshwater fishing chain

**FUTUR PROCHE** 🌱  
development of sustainable local businesses and support for their market access

**IESS** 🌱  
employment initiatives in the social and solidarity economy in Tunisia

**INJAZ** 🌱  
participation and active citizenship in the governorates of Jendouba, Kasserine, Sidi Bouzid

**SOCIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AT SEBHA** 🌱  
improvement of health services and protection of vulnerable groups

## Multy-country

**MEDELM FOR ALL** 🌱  
broadening the audience of films that deal with social and gender issues in the Mediterranean area

**MED VILLES | Morocco and Tunisia** 🌱  
strengthening local authorities and civil society for urban and territorial planning in marginalized areas

# Italy & Europe



**BRIDGES** 🌱  
integration practices between citizens of different communities of 4 EU countries, through sports, cultural activities and community services

**CHANGE THE POWER (EMPOWER TO CHANGE)** 🌱  
(Em)Power to Change support for institutions in 14 European countries in reconciling the need and demand for sustainable energy with its impact on the environment and natural resources

**CONCERTAZIONI** 🌱  
Contrasting school dropout with innovative solutions involving teenagers, teachers and operators in two districts of the Municipality of Florence

## CUORE

training for instructors and sports managers to promote a respectful behaviour among young sportsmen regarding gender issues

## DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

training courses on the correct use of digital technologies for Global Citizenship Education

## E SE DIVENTI FARFALLA

educational opportunities for boys and girls in preschool and their families through various art forms

## EPSI

exchange of practices between educators for an inclusive society

## FATTI DI CIBO

a show to think over food-related issues

## FUORI CAMPO

A film festival that addresses issues such as the protection of human rights, social and inter-cultural dialogue, respect for diversity

## ITACA'

migrants and travellers: festival of responsible tourism

## NEW NEIGHBOURS

participation of migrants and refugees in multimedia production and in a more responsible journalism

## SAVOIR FAIRE

promotion of economic, financial and social inclusion processes of immigrants, supporting self-entrepreneurship and job placement

## SÌ UN SUCCESSO DI INCLUSIONE

supporting a virtuous process of inclusion and equal opportunities for scholastic success for non-Italian-speaking and / or disabled students who attend secondary school



## SILENCE HATE

preventing and combating hate speech through new and creative counter-narratives

## SIM - SOLIDARITY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MIGRANTS

creation of a network of Tuscan entities that strengthen migrants' professional skills

## SKILLS FACTORY

promotion of the participation of migrants and Diaspora associations present in Tuscany in the development processes of their countries of origin

## V-START

support for victims of hate crimes by raising awareness and building a network

## WANNE

strengthening the active participation of citizens of the Diasporas in civil society and in the communities of the receiving countries

## WHOMEN

occupational integration of migrant women

# Good practices

## TERRA DE DIREITOS

### Brazil

defense of the rights of the Quilombolas communities of Bacia and Vale do Iguape, in the Reconcavo Baiano



## PROJECT

The project, financed by the EU, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano and the Otto per Mille Fund of the Waldensian Church was carried out by COSPE in collaboration with Cecvi - Vale do Iguape and Ufrb Center for Culture and Education - Federal University of Reconcavo Baiano and the support of Alexander Langer Foundation. The project has contributed, over a 4 years time period, to claiming the rights of the Quilombolas communities of Bacia and Vale do Iguape, in the Baiano Reconcavo, providing skills and tools to improve their incidence and visibility in society and politics.

## CONTEXT

The communities of the Quilombolas, discriminated and oppressed Afrodiscendants, founded on ancestral values and strongly linked to the territory, register a low index of human development, while their lands are occupied and / or exploited by large companies or former landowners, and suffer from widespread institutional and social racism in Brazil. Recognized in 1988 by the Brazilian state, the Quilombolas communities are, as today, more than 6000. But almost all of them are waiting for the land titles, that is, the official recognition by the state of collective ownership of land.



## RESULTS IN NUMBERS

- 1 GEO-REFERENCED MAPPING of socio-environmental conflicts
- 1 POLITICAL IMPACT PLAN
- 1 PARTICIPATORY GEOREFERENCING CLASS of socio-environmental conflicts *for 9 young people*
- 2 TRAINING CLASSES  
1 "para-legal" class and 1 reinforcement class provided by the Mediation Centre in Conflicts of the Baiano Reconcavo *with 25 people*
- 1 CREATION OF A CORE GROUP for women's rights "Marias Filipas", which has *150 members*
- 2 ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES
- 1 CATALOGUE of ancestral medicinal herbs and therapist mapping (*1000 copies*)
- 1 VIDEO presented in Italy and Brazil
- 1 REPORT in Italian language

## SILENCE HATE | Italy



### CONTEXT

In recent years, the online hate speech has become a widespread and worrying phenomenon, which has deep cultural and social roots and which raises new questions and challenges to the issue of freedom of speech on the web. Recent studies show that online hate demonstrations against migrants, refugees and minorities are increasing across Europe. Only a collective commitment at the cultural and educational level can form the basis for implementing those promises of freedom and participation constituting the internet. Schools and media are key sectors in which it is necessary to promote a strong stand against hate speech, which poisons the online debate and prevents everyone from having the opportunity to express their opinions.



### PROJECT

*#Silence Hate. Changing words changes the world* is a biennial European project that started in early 2018 involving 9 organizations in 6 countries. In Italy, the project is coordinated by COSPE, in collaboration with Amnesty International and Centro Zaffiria.

### RESULTS IN NUMBERS

- 1 5-DAY EUROPEAN MEDIA CAMP** in London attended by **30 creatives** who made 14 multimedia journalistic products
- 5 20-HOURS CLASSES FOR TEACHERS** each of the class recognized by the Ministry of Education, which involved **109 participants**
- 1 EDUCATION MANUAL** aimed at teachers, educators, activists and researchers, to counter the hate discourse (**250 copies**)
- 16 EVENTS AND TRAINING** against hate speech
- WORKSHOPS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS** in Italy involving over **700 students**

## EMERGENCY III Eswatini and Mozambique



**Preventing and responding to climate change: resilient practices to mitigate the effects of drought**

### CONTEXT

The climatic events caused by El Niño have created the worst drought in Southern Africa in the last 35 years. The Kingdom of Eswatini has suffered severely from this phenomenon, and in particular the Lubombo Region, a cross-border region between Eswatini and Mozambique, which has been brought to its knees by a drought that is becoming chronic. In addition, the rural land of the country is under attack by foreign companies, growing sugar cane and grabbing water and the best lands. Both climate change and land exploitation have therefore massively reduced the productivity and environmental sustainability of these agricultural areas. Our task is to help small farmers and their families to resist today, and in the future to react and adapt, to the new conditions imposed by climate change.

### PROJECT

It is a 36-month cross-border project funded by the Italian Development Cooperation Agency (AICS). It started in January 2018 and operates both in Eswatini (Lubombo Region) and in Mozambique (districts of Boane and Namaacha). Its goal is to enhance the ability of rural populations to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, through an integrated approach that improves and increases agricultural production, strengthens the skills of farmers and technicians, supports environmental risk's prevention measures. The tools are: local adaptation plans, agroecology techniques, adoption of local seeds produced and selected by the producers, and innovative technologies. The interaction between the various actors, whether they are profit, non-profit or institutional, along with a strong leading role reserved for women, is one of the keys to the success on which the project wants to invest.



### RESULTS IN NUMBERS

#### ESWATINI

**609 seed kits** distributed to small producers, **421** of which are **women**

**4 irrigation perimeters**

**4 collection and storage systems of rainwater** for vegetable gardens in 4 schools in Eswatini

#### MOZAMBIQUE

**600 seed kits** distributed to small producers, **50%** of which are **women**

**3 irrigation perimeters**

**56 agro-ecological demonstration plots** for the selection of local seeds' varieties, started and in production



# Fight against educational poverty

There are many families in Italy that have primary schools as their sole support for parenting. Furthermore, not all neighbourhoods and territories respond in the same way to the needs of socialization and inclusion of girls and boys. In fact, there are often contexts in which it is more difficult or even impossible to access extra-curricular cultural-educational offers, whereas the challenge is to strengthen the educational and educational quality of primary schools and nurseries, transforming them from “ghetto” schools to innovative schools.

COSPE has been working in this area for years, especially in Tuscany, to redevelop urban spaces by speeding up their re-appropriation by the citizens, by training operators and by strengthening cultural and educational facilities in various districts and areas at risk of educational poverty.

In the 5th district of Florence and in the Florentine plain in general COSPE carries out many interventions in collaboration with the Cooperative “Tangram” (born in 2003 thanks to an initiative of COSPE) and with the Multicultural Educational Centre “La Giostra” (The Merry-go-round), national avant-

garde reality in the field of intercultural and multilingual education for the 0-6 age group.

Since 2018 we have strengthened the action against educational poverty in at-risk neighbourhoods, through projects carried out in collaboration with the “Con i Bambini (with the children)” Foundation. These are “E se diventi farfalla (if you become butterfly)” and “Concertazioni (concertactions)”. The former, dedicated to the 0-6 age group, creates workshops in extra-school hours, made by artists, writers, illustrators, aimed at all families - but mostly at the most fragile ones, including foreign families.

Because beauty and art are not a reserved and exclusive gift, but they are accessible to all, “Concertazioni” is instead aimed at teenagers between 11 and 17 years of age and their families, teachers and operators of the 4th and 5th districts of the Municipality of Florence. It aims to combat school dropout, enrich the learning processes with content and experience, motivate boys and girls to develop and strengthen relational, artistic-recreational and active citizenship skills.



# Financial statement

## BALANCE SHEET

ACTIVE	AMOUNTS IN €	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>949.833</b>	<b>965.468</b>
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	TOT	98.752	110.311
TANGIBLE ASSETS	TOT	835.657	839.733
FINANCIAL ASSETS	TOT	15.424	15.424
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>TOT</b>	<b>5.638.275</b>	<b>7.886.313</b>
CREDITS	TOT	3.593.926	5.758.476
CASH	TO	2.044.349	2.127.837
PREPAYMENTS AND ACCRUED INCOME		14.444	14.533
<b>TOTAL: ACTIVE</b>		<b>6.602.552</b>	<b>8.866.316</b>
<b>LOSS</b>			
FREE CAPITAL	TOT	677.177	689.183
SEVERANCE PAYMENTS	TOT	292.841	255.458
DEBTS	TOT	5.579.462	7.846.109
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	TOT	53.079	75.569
<b>TOTAL: LOSS</b>		<b>6.602.552</b>	<b>8.866.316</b>
MEMORANDUM ITEM (in-kind contribution to projects)		595.158	1.088.267

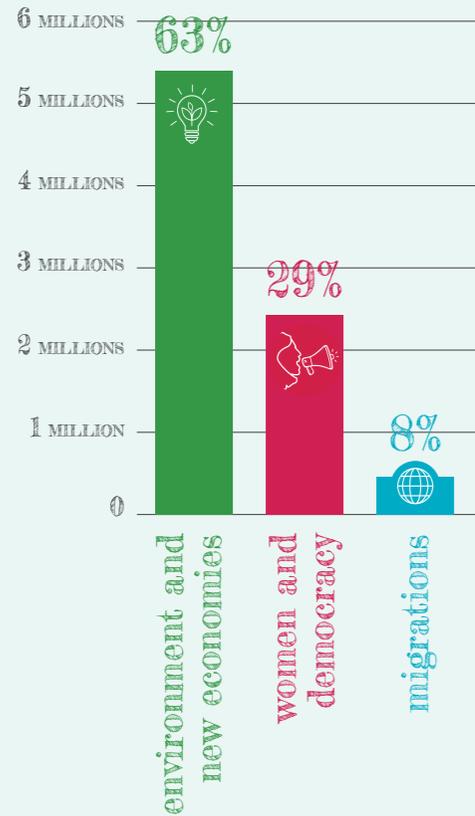


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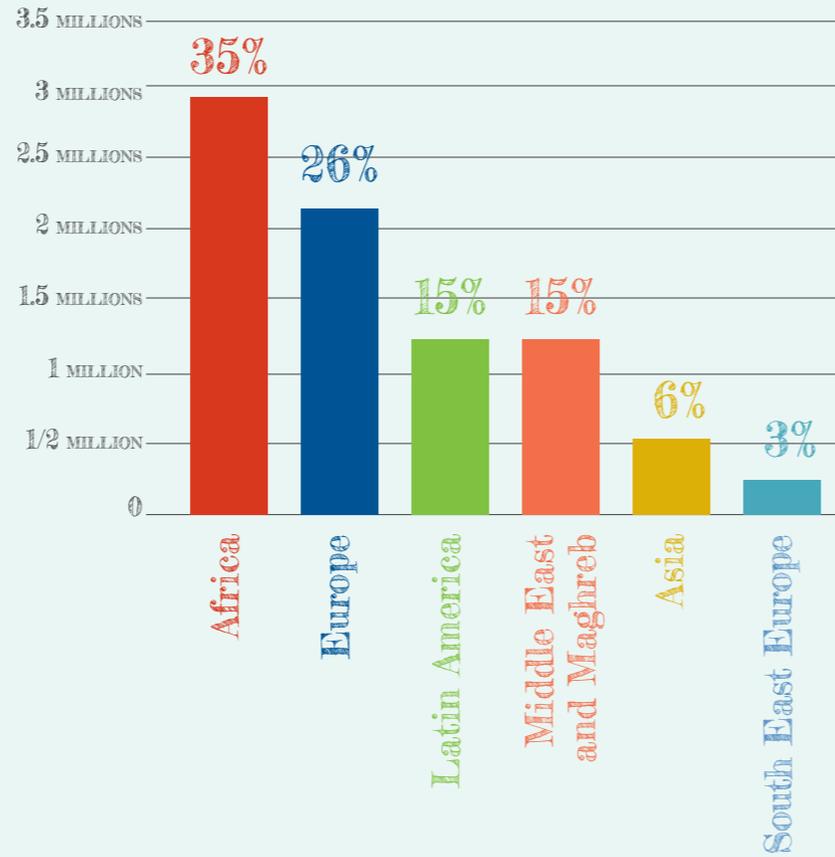
	AMOUNTS IN €	2018	2017
INCOME FOR PROJECTS	TOT	11.263.149	8.829.269
COSTS FOR PROJECTS	TOT	10.377.118	8.022.426
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VALUE AND MANAGEMENT COSTS	TOT	886.031	806.843
FINANCIAL INCOME AND CHARGES	TOT	-8.874	-34.754
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND CHARGES	TOT	32.581	-676
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	TOT	910.846	775.981
RESULT BEFORE TAXES	TOT	- 1.108	-4.568
operating taxes		-14.138	-26.753
<b>SURPLUS OF THE PERIOD</b>		<b>- 15.246</b>	<b>- 31.321</b>

## Used funds tot €10.377.000

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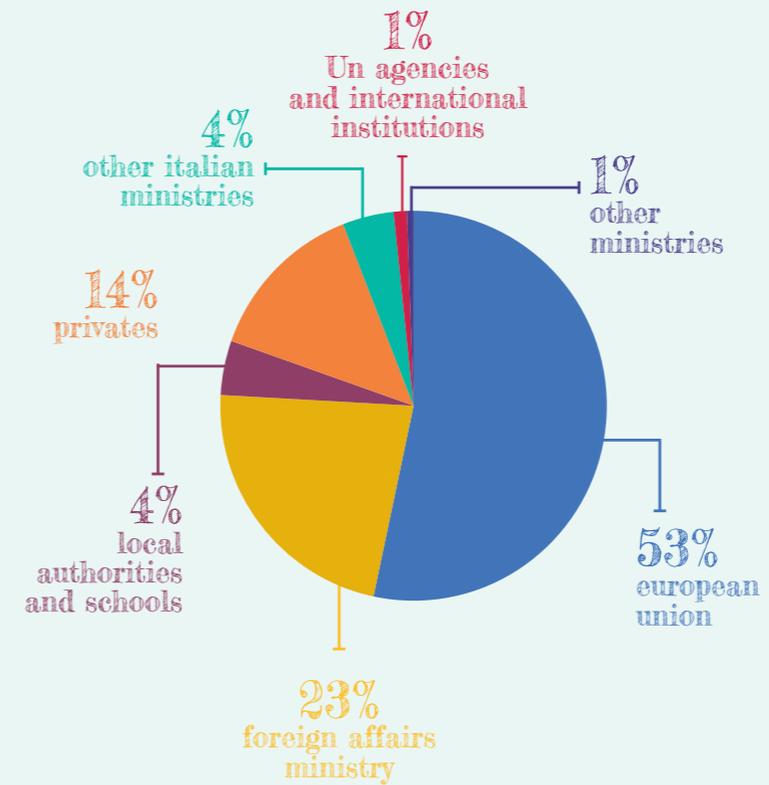


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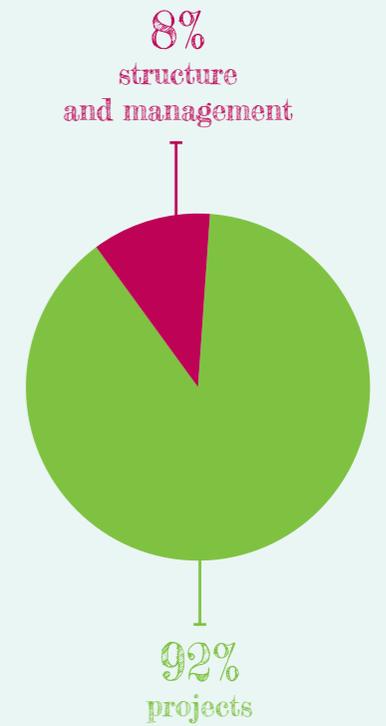


## Sources and allocation of funds tot €11.263.000

### SOURCE OF FUNDING



### USE OF FUNDS



## HOW TO SUPPORT US

### MAKE A DONATION

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