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SHORT PRESENTATION

ROOTS OF THE IDEA

ESCOOP – European Social Cooperative – Cooperativa Sociale Europea – sce is a **European social cooperative** established in 2006 to strengthen the good practices acquired by the members in the field of design and management of European projects and create an useful tool to further develop this activity.

The relationships between ESCOOP founder members have developed thanks to the collaboration started under Community Programmes such as C.I. EQUAL I and II Turn.

MISSION

ESCOOP was conceived to “*transfer the resource Europe*” on the members’ national territories, thus becoming **a tool available to those working in the social field in Europe.**

The “*resource Europe*” is represented by the multiple and diversified knowledge, experiences and competences gained over time in all European countries that can be applied to develop territories, starting from those in which ESCOOP members operate.

MEMBERS

ESCOOP members are **29** and include **Italian, Spanish, Finnish, Greek, Albanian and German natural and legal persons, public bodies, private companies and non-profit organisations, training centers and universities** united by the common intent to contribute to the growth of their territories and to the improvement of their citizens’ life conditions.

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ACTIVITIES

ESCOOP is engaged in searching for funding opportunities aimed at supporting the realization, through its members, of **Research and Technological Development activities for the Quality of Life, social and work inclusion of vulnerable groups of population, promotion and dissemination of social cooperation and entrepreneurship.**

CERCAT

ESCOOP manages **CERCAT**, regional Center for Exhibition, Research and Consultancy on Technical Aids (www.cercat.it/www.facebook.com/cercatausili/), a **Technical aids Center for Independent Living and Social Home Automation of the Puglia Region network**, with the aim to promote social inclusion, autonomy and quality of life of people with disabilities and non self-sufficient elderly people, also through an innovative and integrated approach to the interventions for Ambient Assisted Living, offering qualified technical support and assistance in targeted design of autonomous life pathways. CERCAT is set in Cerignola and works in the provinces of Foggia and BAT, in the following administrative divisions:

- Cerignola
- Canosa di Puglia
- Foggia
- Lucera (Appennino Dauno Settentrionale)
- Manfredonia
- San Marco in Lamis
- San Ferdinando di Puglia
- San Severo
- Troia
- Vico del Gargano

CERCAT is hosted in a building 600 square meters wide equipped with:

- Verificatore di Capacità Residue (VCR FCA Autonomy), a device to assess residual capacities for people with disabilities to get the Special Driving Licence;
- A Smart Home;
- Exhibition spaces of technical aids for people with disabilities.

CERCAT external space hosts a trail for test drive with cars adapted to different abilities.



ON-GOING PROJECTS

G.R.EE.N – Growing paRticipative models for EnErgy commuNities

FUNDING PROGRAMME AND CALL: *Interreg IPA South Adriatic – Capitalisation Small-Scale Projects*

PA 2 – A greener South Adriatic programme area, by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management

S.O.2.3: Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

TOTAL BUDGET: € 198,552,34

CO-FUNDING BY THE PROGRAMME: € 161,567,41

DURATION: 12 months (from 1 February 2024 to 31 January 2025)

PROJECT SUMMARY

Europe's transition to a climate-neutral continent within 2050 will demand the commitment of all stakeholders, who are asked to pool their resources and expertise to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by low-carbon economy. In addition, over than climate change, transition can incite economic development and energy independence, critical to our security as we have clearly realized. Essential to this approach is turning all citizens from consumers to citizen producers and consumers (prosumers). At the same time, it is necessary to shape properly a kind of business able to meet and face the challenge of renewable energy production, as well as energy efficiency. Energy Communities (ECs) are emerging as a favoured model of cooperation among citizens, civil society, social entrepreneurs, public authorities and community organizations. Enabling them to access to clean energy, at the same time they create job's placements, increasing skills, developing local economy, reducing energy poverty and strengthening community cohesion. "Energy collective" models will be a key tool in the fight against climate change and should be driven from the bottom up. However, national, regional, local authorities and private entities can support the birth of Energy Collective by providing the right framework. Communities can facilitate funding, expertise and advice, ensuring that regulatory issues can be easily understood and managed. GREEN faces the underlying issues related to models of energy collectives in the program area and provides good practices and guidance on the topic drawn from the capitalization of Project ADRIA_ALLIANCE (ITALME 397).

Green's approach:

- Developing strategies for involvement in energy transition to encourage pro-environmental behavior by citizens, especially through the role of NGOs
- In addition to providing elements for the implementation of ECs, also technical solutions to make energy consumption more efficient, combating the issue of energy demand.

OBJECTIVE

The objective is to create Local Communities made to let citizens, entrepreneurs and administrations feel part of a proactive process of Energetic Collectivity able to foster social cohesion and support exchange of experiences and information to allow the creation of community models and sustainable energy



production in the South Adriatic Area (Community Cooperatives, Business networks and energy communities) as a way to challenge energy poorness.

ACTIVITIES

WP1 Participative models for energy communities

1. Adriatic Cross-Border Living Labs (CBT)
2. Joint model for South Adriatic Energy Communities (JMP)
3. Energy comMunity Accelerator (CBT)
4. South Adriatic Network for Energy Communities (Agr/JMP)

PARTNERSHIP

[UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF GRECIA SALENTINA \(UCGS\)](#) –LEAD PARTNER - ITALY

[Molise verso il 2000 / Molise toward 2000](#) ITALY

[NGO Development Vranj](#) – MONTENEGRO

[ESCOOP – European Social Cooperative – Cooperativa Sociale Europea – sce](#) - ITALY

[Environmental and Territorial Management Institute](#) – ALBANIA

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

Municipality of Cerignola (Puglia – Italy) – Associated to ESCOOP

Municipality of Fossalto (Molise – Italy) – Associated to GAL Molise verso il 2000

Link to the official Programme Website: <https://www.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/index.php/>

Rob.in

Robotica educativa inclusiva per minori con Bisogni Educativi Speciali

FUNDING PROGRAMME: *Project co-funded by the Social Company CON I BAMBINI* Project number: 2018-PAS-01756.

PROJECT DURATION

38 months (from 01.07.2020 to 30.09.2024)

PROJECT SUMMARY

Partnership

- ESCOOP – European Social Cooperative – Cooperativa Sociale Europea – sce (Lead partner)
- Associazione Europea Solidale ONLUS
- Cantieri di innovazione sociale impresa sociale Società cooperativa sociale
- Municipality of Cerignola
- ENEA – Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development
- I.C. “Melchionda-De Bonis” of San Giovanni Rotondo
- I.P.S. “Cabrini” of Taranto
- I.C. “Don Bosco Battisti” of Cerignola
- Istituto regionale emiliano romagnolo per i servizi sociali e sanitari, per la ricerca applicata e la formazione (regional institute for social and health care services, applied research and training of Emilia-Romagna);
- Naps Lab srls

The Rob.in project implements a regional network of social Labs in the form of



FabLabs composed of Third Sector bodies, local bodies, ecclesial bodies, companies, schools, research centres, to involve minors at risk of early school drop-out/lack of school attendance, particularly those with special educational needs and their families, through the activities and methodologies of inclusive educational robotics, to take them in charge and create the conditions to bring them back to school.

The project aims at providing solutions to educational and social poverty problems affecting minors of the 3 towns of Cerignola, San Giovanni Rotondo and Taranto (more specifically of its old town) and particularly to some fundamental needs of adolescents of the territory, promoting their active participation in positive aggregative initiatives in dedicated spaces and creating the conditions to turn "void times", occupied in the best of cases, in services of commercial nature, but also by mafia and criminal organizations, that take young people as fertile soil for their profits and to increase their illicit activities, into "educational times". The municipal territories, lacking in cultural initiatives, socialization and services dedicated to minors, do not facilitate the full development of their formal, informal and non-formal competences, necessary to build a full and positive personality in youth. Finally, the lack of job opportunities and the scarce inclination to cooperation on the territory determine a further obstacle to adolescents' growth. All this undermines the well-being, hope and perspectives to improve adolescents' conditions that identify as the only alternative for their future the flight from their territory or, and this is even worse, the resignation to the existing situation. The Educating Communities realized and their main operational tools, the social FabLabs, shall increase their capacity to satisfy minors' informal, relational and transversal competences thought tools adapted to new learning needs; increase the possibility to satisfy their social, cultural and relational needs to build the ground for Life Projects based on the enhancement of individual talents, strengthening the listening and relational competences of parents with their children; develop family/school/territory alliances to prevent and fight against educational poverty.

I FUORICLASSE

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: CON I BAMBINI Impresa Sociale srl (www.conibambini.org) Impementing Body of the '*Fondo per il Contrasto della Povertà Educativa Minorile*' Law 28 December 2015 n. 208 Article 1, comma 392 (2)

PROJECT DURATION: 36 months

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The project *I Fuori Classe* is a participated experimentation to fight against



educational poverty by creating the integrated network of services addressed to the minor and the family, for the permanent establishment of educating communities. The involved territory is the Gargano area (Apulia North), with 9 municipalities, 2 territorial subdivisions including different municipalities (San Marco in Lamis and Vico del Gargano), 17 schools, 18 third sector organizations not belonging to the partnership that will work, during the whole project duration, in synergy with the Partnership composed of the social Cooperative Cantieri di innovazione sociale (lead partner), Arci Pablo Neruda, Arciragazzi, ASP Zaccagnino, ESCOOP and IRESS for the impact assessment. The action, customized to the needs of each territory, will actively involve the minor, at the core of the programme, through a pact of co-responsibility by the parents and the educating community.

CLOSED PROJECTS (last 10 years)

CAPITALIZATION OF P.A.S.T.4Future project (P.A.S.T.4Future Plus)

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: ITALME 567 SMALL/CAPITALIZATION restricted procedure - Interreg IPA CBC Italy – Albania – Montenegro Programme 2014/2020

PARTNERSHIP

Lead partner: [Ministero dell'Economia e Finanza – Repubblica di Albania](#) – Albania

Partner 1: GAL [Molise verso il 2000](#) – Italy

Partner 2: [ESCOOP - European Social Cooperative - Cooperativa Sociale Europea - sce](#) – Italy

Partner 3: Comune di Tuzi – Montenegro

ESCOOP has organized the following activities in the framework of the Capitalisation Actions of the project **P.A.S.T.4Future Plus**:

- **International workshop on Accessible and Sustainable Tourism** on the 18th of April 2023 at the Angevin Castle in Mola di Bari;
- **Incoming mission** from 19 to 21 April 2023 that involved Italian and international tour operators and aimed at discovering and visiting some of the Points of Interest mapped during the P.A.S.T.4Future project;
- **B2B meeting** on the 21st of April 2023 at the Castle of Andrano (LE) during which local tour operators and actors working in the tourist field met together to start collaborations with the intent of jointly design accessible and sustainable tourist itineraries and travel packages.

ADRIA_Alliance - ADRIatic cross-border ALLIANCE for the promotion of energy efficiency and climate change adaptation



FUNDING PROGRAMME: Interreg II IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro
2014/2020

PROJECT DURATION: from 01.07.2020 to 30.09.2023

PROJECT SUMMARY

PARTNERSHIP:

- Lead partner: Union of Municipalities of Grecia Salentina - Italy
- Partner 2: LAG [Molise verso il 2000](#) – Italy
- Partner 3: [ESCOOP - European Social Cooperative - Cooperativa Sociale Europea - sce](#) – Italy
- Partner 4: [Municipality of Malesi e Madhe](#) – Albania
- Partner 5: Municipality of Tuzi – Montenegro

Associated Partners:

- Montenegrin Ministry of Economy – Directorate for Energy Efficiency
- FEDERESCO

The overall project objective is to transfer the know-how allowing partners to design an effective strategic planning and a governance model applicable on all the territories, aimed at the energy efficiency and safety of cities from the risks generated by climate change. Project results will be: - creation of innovative business models that will take advantage from the know-how transfer; -start-up of innovative companies that will take advantage from capacity building and training activities aimed at successfully trigger the access and positioning in the market of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) (through the acquisition of high skills in energy efficiency interventions and energy production from RES); -implementation of small pilot projects for the energy efficiency of the Partners' public buildings; - triggering of local micro-networks (smart-grids) for the exchange of energy and data on public buildings. The pilot interventions will exploit their financial and environmental potential, allowing the start-ups to verify and demonstrate their technical and organizational capabilities in the implementation of these pilot actions. At the end of the project, Partners will raise their awareness in terms of final energy uses, measurement and monitoring of the achieved results and they will benefit from the realization of specific adaptation plans aimed at ensuring urban environments security. The project will adopt a SMART approach that will ensure the involvement of citizens and allow SMEs from different countries to interact and create synergies, exchange of knowledge and opportunities of mutual collaboration; these results can be generated through a cross-border project only.

PONTE ADRIATICO

FUNDING PROGRAMME: FAMI - FONDO ASILO, MIGRAZIONE E INTEGRAZIONE (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund) 2014-2020 – Public Call N. 2/2019 for the submission of projects to be funded under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020 – OS2 Integration/legal migration – ON1 legal migration – Projects for vocational training and civic – linguistic education before-leaving aimed at



entrance into Italy for employment, vocational training and family reunification purposes. Action 02 – Training before-leaving for employment or vocational training purposes aimed at favouring entrance into Italy of qualified workers endowed with proper linguistic competences.

PROJECT DURATION: From 16.10.2020 to 31.05.2023

PROJECT SUMMARY

ESCOOP is partner of CEFAL ER, Lead Partner of the Project whose general objective is to activate a cross-border system in Italy and Albania able to

- involve 350 Albanian workers living on the Shodër area and in its neighbourhood, willing to move to Italy, also for seasonal periods;
- select people according to their competences and/or capacities and aims, guiding them towards agriculture and hotel sectors;
- realize vocational training courses in the two sectors above to ensure proper vocational competences that allow trainees to be promptly ready to work;
- realize linguistic and civic education courses and training on safety at work for those who will enter into Italy;
- provide the necessary informational and administrative support both to employees and employers on entrance into Italy (request for security clearance, Visa, work contracts, accommodation).

SMARTWORKING

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: POR PUGLIA ERDF – ESF 2014 – 2020 | Action 8.6 “Interventions for reconciliation” | Action 8.6 “Interventions addressed to women for reconciliation” | Sub-Action 8.6b “Measures to promote «company welfare» and new forms of family friendly work organizations” | Public Call “Activation of a Family Friendly Innovation Plan in SMEs” – CUP B36J20000130005.

PROJECT DURATION

Starting date: 05.10.2020; Ending date: 31.01.2022

PROJECT SUMMARY

The project action aims at introducing in the ESCOOP company organization a smart working model (agile work under the Italian legislation) able to guarantee a better balance between quality of life and individual productivity and thus, company productivity, making a wise use of digital innovation to support a business policy aimed at integration and collaboration between, first of all, ESCOOP employees and between the latter and the users and other organizations in general.

Promoting Accessible and Sustainable Tourism for Future – P.A.S.T.4Future
Project N. 176/ 1st call for standard projects

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: Interreg IPA CBC Italy – Albania – Montenegro Programme 2014/2020

PROGRAMME PRIORITY



PA 2 - Smart management of natural and cultural heritage for the exploitation of cross border sustainable tourism and territorial attractiveness

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

SO 2.1: Boost attractiveness of natural and cultural assets to improve a smart and sustainable economic development

PARTNERSHIP

Lead Partner: [Ministry of Finance and Economy](#) – Albania

Partner 2: LAG [Molise verso il 2000](#) – Italy

Partner 3: [ESCOOP - European Social Cooperative - Cooperativa Sociale Europea - sce](#) – Italy

Partner 4: [Municipality of Gravina in Puglia](#) – Italy

Partner 5: [Municipality of Malesi e Madhe](#) – Albania

Partner 6: Municipality of Tuzi – Montenegro

Associated Partners

PA 1: [ITRIA -accessible, intercultural touristic-religious routes](#) - Italy

PA 2: [Alta Murgia National Park](#) – Italy

PROJECT DURATION: 24 MONTHS (03.04.2018 - 31.12.2021)

BUDGET ASSIGNED TO ESCOOP: € 192.740,00 (project overall budget: € 1.113.056,25)

PROJECT CONTRIBUTION TO ESCOOP: € 163.829,00

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project tackled the main common challenges of the programme internal and rural areas: creating new tourist destinations through promotion of natural and cultural heritage; supporting diversification, customization, integration and specialization of local tourist services by focusing on accessibility and sustainability; improving common knowledge of new trends in the tourism market and the marketing capacity of SME and local communities to promote a tourism based on the experience of “new communities”; providing smart systems capable of promoting the best international tourist marketing.

The project overall objective was to promote and strengthen the Accessible and Sustainable tourism offer of the cross border area at a European and international level, through the implementation and diversification of the tourist products/services in the target areas. Accessible tourism consists of all the services and structures that allow people with special needs (e.g. families with children, disabled, senior citizens, people with specific medical conditions, people with food intolerances, people with temporary disabilities, etc.) to satisfactorily enjoy their holiday, with no obstacles or difficulties of any sort, autonomously and in a safe and comfortable way.

The project implemented a new *Cross border Accessible and Sustainable Community Tourist Destination*, able to increase the tourists incoming (in particular people with special needs) and consequentially the promotion of the natural, environmental, historical and cultural heritage, boosting a smart and sustainable economic development in the whole Cross border area. This will lead to turn



Accessible and Sustainable tourism into the development flywheel of the cross border internal/rural areas.

The main outputs realized in the Project are: Cross border Network for A&S Tourism; a model for the Organization of Cross border Destination Management for Accessible & Sustainable Tourism (DMO); Web platform and APP; Valorized sites for tourists and especially for people with special needs. The local rural communities (public authorities, SME, NGO, citizens) have benefitted from these outputs.

The project approach is based on Community-Led Local Development, focused on specific sub-regional areas' needs and assets, aiming to create local hospitality systems by opening rural communities towards new tourist inflows in a cross border framework.

WEBSITE: <https://past4future.italy-albania-montenegro.eu/>
<http://www.escoop.eu/en/p-a-s-t-4future-promoting-accessible-and-sustainable-tourism-for-future/>



P.A.S.T.4FutureInterreg

Incubatore per l'Economia Sociale – I.E.S. We can

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: Puglia Region – International Policies Coordination Office – Section International Relations under the Regional Law 20/2003 “Partnership for cooperation” – art. 3 – Public Call 2017

Duration: 18 months (starting date: 01.03.2018)

PROJECT TARGET TERRITORY	State ALBANIA	Region Scutari	Locality Municipality (District of Municipalities) Bashkia Malesi e Madhe	
OVERALL COST	€ 25.000,00		REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION	€ 20.000,00
DURATION (in months)	18	STARTING DATE		1 March 2018
FOREIGN PARTNERS	Municipality (District of Municipalities) Bashkia Malesi e Madhe			
OBJECTIVES	Promotion of the economic and social development of the target territory through the creation of job opportunities in the social economy sector and the construction of individualized paths of social inclusion. Establishment, start up and experimentation of an Incubator for Social Economy in the Municipality of Koplik serving the Malesi and Madhe District of Municipalities, able to provide citizens, NGOs, companies, local communities, with information services, consultancy and technical-administrative assistance for the creation and development of social			



	enterprises.
ACTIVITIES AND BENEFICIARIES	<p>Activity 1 – PREPARATORY AND INITIAL ACTIVITIES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Executive planning 1.2. Project staff Implementation <p>Activity 2 – SOCIAL ECONOMY INCUBATOR FEASIBILITY STUDY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1. Analysis of the relevant socio-economic context (labour market, economic/productive system of the target area, etc.) including SWOT Analysis 2.2. Analysis of Social Economy Incubator models and identification of the most suitable model for the socio-economic context of the target territory 2.3 Definition of the Social Economy Incubator Model <p>Activity 3 – TERRITORIAL ANIMATION, COMMUNICATION, DISSEMINATION AND MAINSTREAMING</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Drafting of the territorial animation and communication plan by social media. 3.2. Kick off Meeting in Koplik. 3.3. territorial animation meetings 3.4. Communication through social media. 3.5. international Workshop for peer-assessment, exchange of experiences and benchmarking. <p>Beneficiaries: Information and awareness raising of around 100 public and private stakeholders, 200 NGOs, 10.000 citizens.</p> <p>Activity 4 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL ECONOMY INCUBATOR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Establishment of the Incubator managing body 4.2 Selection of the incubator staff. 4.3. Functional adaptation of the Incubator Offices. 4.4. Training of the incubator staff. <p>Activity 5 – EXPERIMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL ECONOMY INCUBATOR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Information addressed to citizens, NGOs, companies, local PAs - Front Office Service. 5.2. Activity of Technical-administrative assistance for citizens, NGOs, companies, local PAs - Back Office Service <p>Beneficiaries: 20 NGOs, 500 citizens, 50 companies of the target territory</p> <p>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</p> <p>MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF THE PROJECT ACTIONS IMPACT</p>



"INNOVAAL" (Public – Private aggregation for research, development, experimentation and validation of innovative technologies and services for Ambient Assisted Living)

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research - *National Operational Programme for Research and Competitiveness*

DURATION AND BUDGET ASSIGNED TO ESCOOP: the project consists in a feasibility study aimed at planning actions and initiatives in the following specific areas: social Inclusion, Safety, Assistance, Health and Wellbeing. On May 2013, two projects have been submitted. They involve ESCOOP as consultant with a total planned budget amounting at EUR 50.000,00.

PARTNERSHIP: National Research Council – Department of Materials and Devices (Lead partner); CETMA Consortium (Centre for Planning, Design & Materials Technologies); "GE.N.T.ECO" social Cooperative; eResult ltd; EXPRIVIA ltd; FORUS ltd; INFORMATICA E TECNOLOGIA ltd; IRCCS Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza; "Dr. P. Pignatelli" clinical analysis laboratory; MATRIX ltd; Polytechnic of Bari; Simonetto Elettroimpianti Industriali ltd; "La Casa" Building cooperative company; University of Bari and University of Salento.

GOALS: Establishing a Public-Private Aggregation, that is a network of expertise in the field of planning and provision of services addressed to elderly people, allowing them to autonomously live at their homes through the support by technical aids. Furthermore, the network intends to establish a Productive District of technological innovation in the service of quality of life.

On the 5th of April 2016 ESCOOP has participated – as founder member – to the establishment of the **Consortium Company "INNOVAAL Aggregazione Pubblico-Privata per l'Active & Assisted Living - Società Consortile a responsabilità limitata"** acronym **"INNOVAAL S.c.a r.l."** set in Lecce (LE) at the seat of CNR.

INNOVAAL works in the sectors of Innovative Technologies and Services for Active & Assisted Living (AAL) and for Living Environments concerning the following strategic areas and themes :

- ✓ Sensors;
- ✓ Microelectronics and Microsystems;
- ✓ Home Automation;
- ✓ Robotics;
- ✓ Social Housing;
- ✓ Training to use and manage Innovative Technologies and services for Active & Assisted Living and for Living Environments in general by elderly people and people with different form of vulnerabilities and their caregivers;

Dealing with and developng technologically advanced solutions to improve the quality of life of elderly people and people with different forms of vulnerability in the following intervention sectors:



- Social Inclusion
- Safety
- Assistance
- Health, wellbeing and comfort

WEB: www.innovaal.it

ATELIER DELL'AUSILIO"

FUNDING BODY AND CALL: Fondazione con il Sud - Iniziativa Carceri 2013

PROJECT CODE: 2013-CAR-060

DURATION: April 2014 – September 2016

PARTNERSHIP:

- Social Cooperative L'Obiettivo (Lead Partner)
- ESCOOP
- Home Care Solutions srl
- Volunteer association Lavori in Corso

Public bodies associated to the project (2° level partnership)

- Office of the Guarantor of people subjected to measures restricting personal liberty of the Regional Government of Apulia
- U.E.P.E. Office of External Penal Execution of Foggia
- Prison of Lucera
- Local Health Care Agency of Foggia – ASL FG
- Administrative division of Cerignola
- Administrative division of Northern Daunian Mountain (Lucera)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS

The project has experimented a model of social and work inclusion of people under penal execution on the territorial areas of Cerignola and Northern Daunian Mountain, through the establishment, start up and development of a social enterprise that has managed a productive facility in the sector of collection, restoration and maintenance, adjustment and sanification services of prothetic aids for non-self-sufficient people registered in the lists 1 – 2 e 3 of the Ministerial Decree 332/99 and following modifications.

To this end, the Partnership has first of all provided for the functional adaptation of the premises of the Prison of Lucera to realize the "Bottega dell'Ausilio" (Aid Workshop) at the third floor of the Prison where the first productive unit has been realized. The second productive unit, "Officina dell'Ausilio" (Aid Factory), was realized in the Industrial area of Cerignola and it deals with the tasks of collection, restoration and maintenance, adjustment and sanification services of prothetic aids for disabled people, also through the use of two vans. After a training period in classroom and *on the job*, from the 1st of October 2015, n. 3 prisoners of the prison of Lucera were hired as workers under the National Collective Labour Agreement of Social cooperatives and n. 4 people under external penal execution



for the factory of Cerignola, that are summed to the two employees with task of team leaders that have led the training activities on the job.

THE SERVICE

The implemented productive process is based on a management system to collect, restore and deliver the aids that allows to manage all the phases, from the proposal by the prescribing doctor, to the order by the person in charge of the Local Healthcare agency, to the user's home delivery. The productive process ensures, on an experimental basis, to the ASL FG:

- collection of the old and damaged aids from both the seats of the socio-healthcare Districts of the ASL FG and from the users' homes;
- sorting of the aids according to the pathway they will follow: 1) sanification, adjustment and regeneration; 2) destructuring;
- destructuring of the materials discarded during the process of adjustment, regeneration and sanification;
- maintenance, adjustment, regeneration and sanification services of the collected aids;
- storage service of the collected and processed aids, ready to be delivered to new users upon indication by ASL FG;
- delivery of the processed aids to the users upon indication by ASL FG.

The service, offered on an experimental basis to the ASL FG has allowed the latter to re-use the aids addressed to the users, thus avoiding to buy new ones and allowing to save money and reduce public expenses up to the 70% of the cost borne to purchase new aids. Furthermore, the ASL FG has acquired both a personalized logistic service based on the users' needs (service of collection and delivery of the aid and of the book of instructions and concomitant training to the use of the aid by qualified staff) and a physical storage of the aids in the Factory of Cerignola which it did not have before.

THE SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

ESCOOP and the private partners of the project Social Cooperative L'Obiettivo and Home Care Solutions, to manage the service described before, have established on 28/10/2015 the social enterprise named **INNOVA – Innovazione sociale per l'inclusione Attiva – SOCIETA' CONSORTILE IMPRESA SOCIALE a R.L.**, that has managed the service in the framework of the Project since 10 March 2016.

The private Partnership of the project – strongly supported by the public one – has implemented all the actions needed for the start up and development of INNOVA – Innovazione sociale per l'inclusione Attiva – Società Consortile IMPRESA SOCIALE a R.L.: from the assessment with the ASL FG – based on the results of the experimentation carried out – of the possibility to continue the project activities and more specifically, the experimented service. A Deliberation has followed by the General Director of the ASL FG n. 512 of 12 May 2016, that gives mandate to the Director of the Rehabilitation Office to carry on for 6 more months the service experimentation that could have been extended for other 6 months. It allowed to organize meetings with representatives of other Apulian Local Health care agencies and other penal institutions to transfer the tested model of social and work



inclusion in the other Apulian provinces with special reference to those of Barletta-Andria-Trani, Bari, Taranto and Lecce.

Since 14 September 2016 INNOVA is carrying out its first order: the maintenance management of the Technical Aids of the ASL FG according to the agreement signed on 29/07/2016. After the conclusion of the first period of 6 months, the Agreement has been extended by the ASL FG thanks to the positive results achieved and it is still in force.

Since 27 March 2017 ESCOOP is the majority shareholder of INNOVA.

WEB: www.innovasociale.it



**"I'CITYFORALL - AGE SENSITIVE ICT SYSTEMS
FOR INTELLIGIBLE CITY FOR ALL"**

FUNDING BODY AND CALL: EC - "AAL – Ambient Assisted Living" Programme, Call AAL-2011-4 - AAL-2011-4-056

DURATION: July 2012 – December 2015

BUDGET ASSIGNED TO ESCOOP: € 151.000,00

PARTNERSHIP

FRANCE: CEA (Commissariat à l’Energie Atomique et aux Energies Alternatives) – Lead partner; Universite Paris Descartes; CENTICH (Centre d’Expertise National des Technologies de l’Information et de la Communication pour l’autonomie); Active Audio (private company)

ITALY: ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development) and CRF (FIAT Research Center)

GERMANY: Technische Universitat Munchen

SWITZERLAND: EPFL - Laboratoire d’Électromagnétisme et d’Acoustique

ESCOOP participated in the project as ENEA sub-contractor.

GOALS

Design of "Audio Aged sensitive" ICT systems enhancing self-confidence, mobility, security, for a better social and mental (overall) wellbeing. The target population was composed of people aged between 50 and 84 years, without mobility problems and affected by presbycusis.

The technological devices that were developed have been tested in confined spaces (railway stations) and cars.

ESCOOP role in the project consisted in supporting ENEA in the users’ identification, in the survey on their needs and in testing the devices that were developed in the project. The "in-vivo" tests coordinated by ENEA, were carried out in two environments: while driving a FIAT car available at the CERCAT of Cerignola (FG) managed by ESCOOP and at the railway station of Foggia in Apulia.

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"Pol.I.S. – Politiche per l’Inclusione Sociale” (Policies for social integration)

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME

Region of Apulia – Councillorship for Vocational Training – Call n. 2/2012 – Projects for research and monitoring of social integration policies – O.P. Apulia – ESF 2007/2013 – Convergence Objective – Axis VII “Institutional Capacity” - Thematic area 1 – Policies to fight against new poverties and the risks of social marginalization due to the economic and labour market crisis

DURATION: from 26.03.2013 to 30.11.2014

BUDGET ASSIGNED TO ESCOOP: € 75.940,00 (overall project budget: € 200.000,00)

PARTNERSHIP: I.R.E.S.S. – Istituto Regionale Emiliano – Romagna per i Servizi Sociali e sanitari, per la ricerca applicata e la formazione (Lead partner)

GOALS

Carrying out a capacity building action addressed to regional actors working in the Policy Area “Poverty”. It starts from the awareness acquired by the Temporary Association of Scope that the condition of poverty requires, nowadays, an analysis of the phenomenon and strengthened and renewed policy making capacities able to promote and encourage underprivileged people in a recovery process that enhance their capacities.

ACTIONS

INFORMATION and AWARENESS RAISING ACTIVITIES, to communicate to the regional stakeholders of the policy area “Poverty” the objectives and expected results of the project and favour the implementation of a thematic network system between Administrations and Social private actors.

BACKGROUND ANALYSIS (*desk and field ANALYSIS*) to collect qualitative and quantitative data on the phenomenon of new and old poverties in Apulia

EXPERIMENTAL AND PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH that has provided a shared interpretation among public and private actors and the beneficiaries of policies regarding the Theme “poverty” on the main trends and the modification of the need and demand in Apulia

SPECIALISTIC CONSULTANCY ACCOMPANYING SERVICES to put at the regional observatory disposal the data collected during the researches thus supporting it in drafting *policies* centered on real needs.

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DISSEMINATION AND MAINSTREAMING, with dissemination activities addressed to the stakeholders and focused on the national and EU good practices regarding poverty and on the results and outputs of the Project through the professional/practice Community and a national seminar.

“MET-AAL - METHodology and instruments for pervasive model in Ambient Assisted Living”

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: Region of Puglia - ERDF call to support regional partnerships for innovation (ROP ERDF 2007-2013 – Convergence Objective – AXIS I – Line 1.2 – Action 1.2.4. “*We invest in your future*”

DURATION: 2012 – 2014

BUDGET ASSIGNED TO ESCOOP: € 68.800,34

PARTNERSHIP

MATRIX ltd– Lead partner; CNR-IMM (national research council), University of Salento – Department of Innovation Engineering; BAUTECH ltd; CUPERSAFETY; “Dr. P. Pignatelli” clinical analysis laboratory; AMT SERVICES ltd; AGILEX ltd; ENA CONSULTING ltd; ORIZZONTI social cooperative; ITEM OXYGEN ltd

GOALS

Defining and realizing an *ambient assisted living* platform to provide support, aid and services to people with low autonomy (disabled and elderly people, etc). The innovative technological devices were developed by the SMEs and research bodies involved and then tested in lab and in real life environments with the support by the partners representing end users' needs (e.g., ESCOOP).

ACTIVITIES

- Analysis of functional and methodological specifications for the assistance and monitoring of people that need an aid in the life environments;
- Study and definition of interaction models between the person and the assisted environment;
- Definition and design of the hardware and software of the assisted environment platform;
- Development of the assisted environment platform components;
- Demolnstration and validation.

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"ESENSEE – Eco Social Economy Network South and East Europe

FUNDING BODY AND PROGRAMME: European Commission - "IPA–Socio-Economic Partnership" Programme

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: December 2010 – November 2012

BUDGET ASSIGNED TO ESCOOP: € 79.877,30

PARTNERSHIP

CROATIA: Healthy City – Lead Partner; Slap association; ACT

SERBIA: Grupa 484

MACEDONIA: ORT-Training for Sustainable Development

KOSOVO: Little People of Kosova

ACTIVITIES

- Establishment of the "ESENSEE" network (members' identification, members' training needs analysis and implementation of training programmes, website design and development: www.esensee.org)
- Establishment and development of the Academy for creative eco-social Leadership (Academy registration, design of training and educational programmes, call for scholarships and implementation of Pilot training programme for eco-social leaders, including a study visit in Italy organized by ESCOOP)
- Establishment of the Project Incubator for eco-social economy development (provision of on-line consulting services)
- Communication and dissemination

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SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS

CLIENT: Stellantis S.p.A.

DURATION: contract subject to yearly renewal

OBJECT: leading the **Stellantis Autonomy Mobility Center** hosted in the **CERCAT** premises and equipped with the Verificatore di Capacità Residue (VCR) (device able to assess capacities necessary to drive a car) and external space for test drive on different adapted automobiles.

CLIENT: ENEA - Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l'energia e lo sviluppo economico sostenibile

DURATION: Agreement renewed every 3 years

OBJECT:

- ✓ Realizing national and international projects to develop technologies aimed at improving the quality of life of people with reduced autonomy
- ✓ Promoting and disseminating the technologies developed by ENEA and other bodies at international level
- ✓ Exchanging information on research and development of new aids supporting people with sensory, cognitive and motor disabilities

SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER CONCLUDED AGREEMENT

CLIENT: REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF APULIA – COUNCILLORSHIP OF WELFARE

DURATION: June 2013 – December 2020

OBJECT: realizing Independent Living Projects (Pro.Vi.) in the framework of the implementation of the **QUALIFY-CARE PUGLIA¹ project** thus favoring the access by families of non-self-sufficient people to planning of customized domotic solutions, purchasing computer based and domotic devices for the autonomy in daily life (AAL – Ambient Assisted Living).

¹ The Qualify-Care Puglia project is managed by the Regional Government of Apulia and funded by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies with resources of the National Fund for Non-Self-sufficiency (FNA) and by the Regional Government of Apulia with resources from the Regional Fund for Non-Self-sufficiency (FRA).

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The overall aim of PRO.V.I. is to support "Independent Living", that is the possibility for a person with a serious disability, of self-determination and of living as anyone else having the capacity to take decisions concerning one's own life and to carry out activities chosen by one's self. This objective assumes the existence of a global project of life thanks to which the disabled person can quit the position of "object of cares" to become "active subject" capable of self-determination.

CLIENT: REGIONAL GOVERNMENT OF APULIA – COUNCILLORSHIP OF WELFARE

DURATION: September 2014 – August 2016

OBJECT: assistance to the Regional Government of Apulia in implementing the European project "**make it ReAAL**", funded by the Programme CIP ICT – PSP by EC and particularly in the activities of testing domotic devices for the adaptation of home environment of the end users (people over 65) in the provinces of Foggia and BAT.

CLIENT: ASL (Local Health Care Agency) of Foggia

DURATION: April 2012 – April 2016

OBJECT:

- ✓ Ensuring the appropriateness of devices prescription for people with motor-psych sensorial disabilities through the involvement of the multi-professional team working at the **CERCAT Centro regionale di Esposizione, Ricerca e Consulenza sugli Ausili Tecnici** (www.cercat.it);
- ✓ Supporting the Local Medical commission to release Special driver's licenses, through the assessment of driving capacities with the Verificatore di Capacità Residue (VCR) by Fiat Autonomy and a practical test on cars equipped with different devices aimed at facilitating driving to disabled and/or elderly people;
- ✓ Optimizing public investments and improving, at the same time, the service to the end users' benefit.

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NETWORKS FOR SOCIAL AND WORK INCLUSION OF PEOPLE UNDER PENAL EXECUTION

Since April 2017 ESCOOP is a member of "**CONSORZIO O.P.E.N**": **Offenders Pathways to Employment National Network** (<http://www.openconsorzio.org>), a national **Network whose aim is to fight against social exclusion and recidivism of people who are leaving prisons and shall be able to come back in the community as citizens, fully respecting legality.**

OPEN works to develop new systems and strategies for work integration and stabilization of minors and adult people who committed a crime. To achieve these objectives it supports and realizes:

- PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING AND WORK SPACES for those who have been deprived of their freedom inside penitentiary institutions but with an eye always directed to the "outside", to the access to alternative measures to detention, at the end of the punishment and when returning in the community.
- TRAINING AND INTERPROFESSIONAL UPDATING for the organizational wellbeing of the workers in the prison and on the territory.
- DIALOGUE and NETWORKS between institutions, enterprises and actors of the social economy, volunteer organisations, citizens in general in order to let the interest in investing on the "justice planet" grow as a social and collective responsibility, favouring the perception that an inclusive setting represents a social and economic benefit for all.
- PROPOSALS OF CHANGE in politics and in planning penitentiary interventions: restorative justice through approaches and practices of penal mediation, prevention, risk assessment and abatement of recidivism as non-ideological programming tools but inspired also by economic-managerial approaches; communication as educational strategy towards the community.

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