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models to be adapted to the context of Tunisia**

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The growing range of opportunities and dedicated funds from European, national and regional institutions for the local development in the Euro-Mediterranean basin represents an opportunity to increase relations between the territories of the northern and southern shores of the Mediterranean. The experience of institutions and organizations operating in Sardinia (Italy), thanks to tools such as the LR 19/1996 and others, have developed several initiatives for cooperation in the Mediterranean area, highlighting the relevant research to support the growth and the need to strengthen skills that can enable a more profitable access to finance.

The research work of Daniele Cocco, funded by the Regional Law 7 / 2007 of the Sardinia Region, wants to analyze the opportunities provided by policies, processes and programs of cooperation, as well as provide an overview of the Region of Sardinia and the actors operating in its territory. In particular, it highlights the major historical milestones and support programs for cooperation in the Mediterranean Basin and analyzed tested participatory decision-making in Sardinia (Integrated Planning, Local Agenda 21 and the new perspectives of decentralized cooperation). The research also has a country – focus, Tunisia, with the analysis of the policies and initiatives of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. The new "democratic wave" and the great civil participation in the change in Tunisia and throughout the Mediterranean region can represent great opportunities to test new participatory approaches and the growth of relations with the Sardinian territory and Europe in general.

In the first phase of research can be highlighted some marks:

- Compared to the first calls of the LR 19/1996, the Region of Sardinia, giving the same importance to the geographical area of the Mediterranean Basin and Sub - Saharan Africa, wanted to align itself to the "Millennium Goals" and that a Development Cooperation looks at poverty alleviation and the reduction of mortality in the poorest areas. Moreover, the same region of Sardinia is pursuing a process of strengthening the System of Sardinian Cooperation, through the involvement and the aggregation of the Sardinian operators.
- Since 1996, under the LR 19/1996, the Region of Sardinia has contributed to the development of 94 initiatives of cooperation between partners operating in Sardinia and Tunisia.
- The main instrument for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation is actually the ENPI CBC MED program that provides resources for an amount of 173.062 millions euro plus 15.6 million from co-financing partner countries in the period 2007-13. The Managing Authority is the Region of Sardinia.

The research has as its ultimate objective to enhance knowledge of the mode of access to funds and decision-making practices for participatory local development and to contribute to the growth of relationships between Sardinia, Tunisia and the Euro-Mediterranean region in general, developing new partnerships and cooperation projects in areas of common interest.