

Application form – CALRE Awards 2023

Submitting assembly*

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Name of the initiative*

Europa Lombardia Enti Locali 21-27 project (Europe Lombardy Local Authorities 21 27 Project)

Type of initiative*

Support to local administration policies

Start date of the initiative

September 2018

End date of the initiative

May 2023

Web page of the initiative

<https://entilocali2127.anci.lombardia.it/multimedia/materiali-di-comunicazione/>

Short description of the initiative*

The Europa Lombardia Enti Locali 21-27 project, promoted by the Regional Council of Lombardy and ANCI Lombardia, intended to support the local authorities in Lombardy in encouraging the

development of synergies between policies developed at different levels of government, supporting the effective use of European funds.

The project gave the opportunity to local authorities in Lombardy to have a series of work tools, with which to deal effectively with the new European season characterized by both funds foreseen by the 2021-27 programming and by the resources deployed by the PNRR.

Main features of the initiative*

The project involved the activation of 6 multilevel participatory paths on the themes of greatest interest to local communities in Lombardy such as (digital, environment, mobility, education, cohesion, health) which allowed the Dossier to be produced Thematic and Operational, European Direct Actions and Regional Executive Projects.

The project, above all, highlighted the need to know the mechanisms of European programming and planning at all institutional levels to achieve important results in Europe. The planning processes that guide the use of the European available funds present many complexities that must be understood, through competent training processes, and above all managed, through experimentation of concrete actions. It is necessary to come into increasingly closer contact with European institutions in order to move easily within European mechanisms, to be able to manage the funds made available by Europe and to actively contribute to the decisions taken at European level.

Role of the assembly in the success of the initiative*

The Europe – Lombardy – Local authorities 21-27 (EL21-27) project derives from an act of the Lombardy Regional Council regarding European policies approved unanimously in 2018.

The project is also reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Regional Council of Lombardy and ANCI Lombardia signed on 11/20/2018.

The objective of the project was to promote, on the one hand, the strengthening of skills on policy issues within the structures of the Council and the secretariats of the groups' board members and, on the other, represent interests more effectively of Lombardy municipalities at European level, developing projects on opportunities foreseen above all by the direct programming 2021-27, but also from the PN, PR and PNRR.

European orientation of the initiative*

The Project made it possible to develop 6 European direct actions working as operational tools for European strategic planning useful to plan direct interventions and operating plans on European issues interesting for the regional territory.

The topics addressed by the direct actions concerned:

— tourist attractiveness

- energy efficiency and urban regeneration
- local public transport and mobility
- young people and culture
- assistance to families
- telemedicine

Three technical/institutional meetings were organized in Brussels in order to meet representatives of the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions, the European Commission.

The meetings in Brussels saw the overall involvement of around 100 regional stakeholders (regional councillors, administrators and technicians of the institutions, local authorities, representatives of local bodies and associations such as universities, Public agencies, Associations, Youth centres, ...).

In particular, the meetings highlighted the importance of moving in Europe in a finalized way and according to a rigorous planning logic in order to develop operational work strategies and obtain real results.

Documentation

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