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The Legislative Assembly of the Emilia Romagna Region is the region's organ of representation. Its members are elected directly by the citizens resident in the region, one of the 20 making up the Italian Republic. The main role of this "regional parliament" is to make regional laws on fundamental issues such as health, schools, business and work, environment and management of the territory. It also approves the programmes and controls the activity of the Regional Government, *la Giunta*, and pronounces on European Union programmes and on regulations emerging from European Laws. It promotes the safeguarding of rights and, through its legal institutions, provides services directly to citizens: legal defence regarding issues with the public administration, mediation on issues between consumers and telecommunications companies, protection of rights of minors and those without personal freedoms.

The Legislative Assembly is also active in creating a collective Memory and a culture of legality, with its own projects of active citizenship, meeting with youth and visiting schools. In line with the objectives stated in its Statute, the Legislative Assembly promotes citizen's participation, both in the legislative process and in decision-making processes of the Region's local communities.

### FEEDING THE PLANET FUELS PEACE

From 27 to 30 July 2015, in the KIP Pavilion at Expo 2015 - Participation to give form (and design) to the idea of sustainable development, antidote to wars.

The contribution of the Legislative Assembly to the theme of "sustainable development for attractive territories" is an occasion to highlight good practices of participation as a fundamental element of the quality of life in a community. Quality of life - a concept that can be understood in many ways, but that cannot exist without one precondition: living in peace. In many places in the contemporary world, this precondition is nowhere to be found.

From 27 to 30 July, the Legislative Assembly will be present in the Pavilion with video material that attests to the activism of the territories and local communities of the Region in the field of citizen participation in public choices, with projects realized thanks to the financial and scientific support assured by the regional law on participation, approved by the Legislative Assembly in 2010.

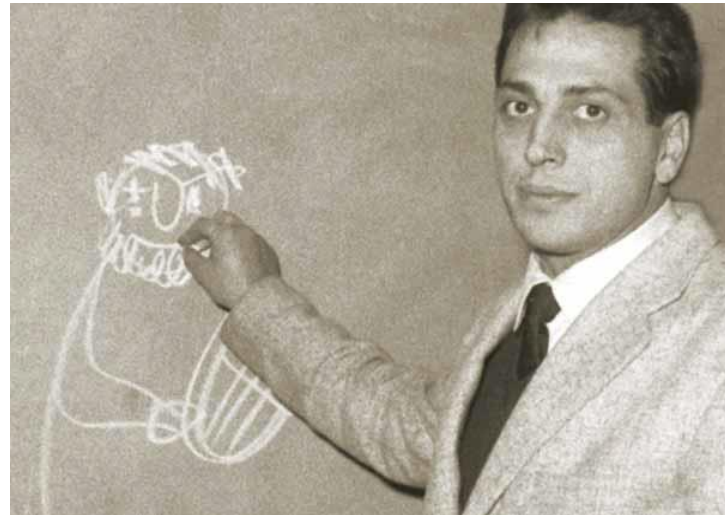




## MAN AGAINST HUNGER: LESSONS OF ALBERTO MANZI

The same days will highlight the exhibit *Man against Hunger: Lessons of Alberto Manzi* illustrating the pedagogic works that the unforgettable Master of Italian television dedicated to the theme of famine. The exhibition highlights the contemporary relevance of the teachings of Maestro Manzi, who, in the '70s and '80s recounted the marvellous adventures of men against hunger to children, telling the history of food and environmental transformation.

An approach that is still contemporary and that helps us understand how the problem of hunger is at the root of a stable process of peace, development, the construction of a community with rights that are guaranteed and can be called upon. (To find out more: [www.centroalbertomanzi.it](http://www.centroalbertomanzi.it))



## EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES ON PARTICIPATORY PROCESSES

On 30 July, with a special event designed for the occasion, the Legislative Assembly intends to give value to a recent exchange of experience regarding participation organized with the KIP International School and the Office of the technical guarantor for participation of the Legislative Assembly. The exchange involved local administrators of the Emilia Romagna Region, protagonists of participatory processes in their respective realities, and administrators, academics and practitioners from two macro regions in Senegal. Collaboration continues on this theme which has been introduced into the new decentralization law in Senegal known as "Acte 3". On 30 July, local administrators from the Emilia Romagna Region and from Senegal, together with citizens from both Senegal and Italy, will meet again to participate in a game based on role playing, regarding the functioning of a participatory local development committee, that must work together to access a funding opportunity.

The day will conclude, in the evening, with an initiative open to the Expo public who can share their written ideas and thoughts about sustainable development and combatting hunger. Their ideas will take the form of drawings thanks to the presence of Bologna designer and cartoonist, Agata Matteucci. A visual tapestry made up of the cartoons will adorn the walls of the KIP Pavilion.



## THE RENÉ CASSIN PRIZE

A success story in the field of international cooperation, human rights and development. Since 1996, the Regional Legislative Assembly has promoted the René Cassin Prize. Thanks to this prize, international further educational and work-training experiences have been supported for the best new graduates from the Region's universities with theses in human development and human rights. The prize is also open to residents of the region who have studied in other Italian or foreign universities.

The objective of the prize dedicated to the father of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and 1968 winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, is to nurture a group of young experts who will be able to contribute to policies of human rights protection and education. Over twenty years, more than sixty educational and work-training bursaries have been provided. Recognizing the difficulty young people are facing to enter the job market, since 2010 the Prize has dedicated more attention to the professional development of the winners, offering opportunities to acquire a solid and qualified experience of supervised work and mentoring "on the field" in the world of international cooperation, local development and human rights.

In recent years, the majority of René Cassin bursary holders, thanks to the experience of professional development, have managed to enter the world of work in qualified positions in their field of study. Presently, the René Cassin prize consists of 3 bursaries annually, with a value of 10,000 euros each, as a contribution to a supervised work-training experience in one of the initiatives associated with the KIP International School's Universitas Programme, with which the Legislative Assembly collaborates since 2009. The scientific coordinator of the Prize, since its very beginning, is Professor Giuseppe Giliberti, expert in human rights and international cooperation.

On 26 October, in the KIP Pavilion at Expo 2015, the Legislative Assembly will confer the René Cassin Prize to the winners of the 2015 edition. The ceremony will be the occasion to dialogue with the protagonists of past editions, testimonies of a successful programme that invests in youth and creates qualified work by gambling on cooperation among local realities.

## TO FIND OUT MORE

<http://www.assemblea.emr.it/paceediritti/servizi/bandi-europei/bando-rene-cassin-1>  
<http://www.kipuniversitas.org/it/menu-verticale/tirocini/racconti-dal-campo/>

