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REDADELCO is the network of the Local Economic Development Agencies (LEDAs) of Colombia. The first LEDA, Nariño, was established in 2002 and the other LEDAs were created throughout in the following 11 years.

REDALCO associates the following 11 LEDAs: Adepas Tumaco, Nariño, Aprodal, Casa del Agua, Los Dinosaurios, Abrut, Oriente Valle Cauca, Uraba, Velez, Valle de Tenza, Zapatoza.

It is a non-profit association created in December 2008, with the aim of strengthening local development processes in Colombia, for promoting economic development according to a territorial and human approach. REDADELCO and its LEDAs members are part of ILS LEDA, the international LEDAs network.

The LEDAs of the REDADELCO are neutral and no profit organizations. They cover more than 200 municipalities in Colombia (approximately 20% of the country). The LEDAs reach a population of more than 10,000,000 inhabitants (almost the 25% of the country), and strength more than 1500 social and economic local organisations.

THE REDADELCO PRINCIPLES AND LEDAs APPROACH

REDADELCO promotes, gathers and supports the LEDAs of its network and helps to create new ones.

Every LEDA is inspired and acts according to the following principles:

- *Human Development*: through building and generating new opportunities and aptitudes towards an inclusive and sustainable territorial development.
- *Community participation*: through generating and mobilising active democracy in the decision making process.
- *Territorial approach*: through raising awareness about a geographical, social, economic and cultural space, *the territory*, characterised by identity, culture, economy, specific social texture, and endogenous resources.
- *Productive partnerships for sustainable competitiveness*: through looking for public-private-community partnerships, following the concepts of territoriality, identity, cooperation and solidarity.
- *Local business development*: through increasing the local businesses transfer of knowledge and skills for planning, participating, improving partnerships, cooperation, solidarity; moreover through linking them to a competitive, inclusive and sustainable territorial development, enabling their appropriate positioning in the global context.



SOCIOECONOMIS PROJECTS

REDADELCO has been working on the following main issues and initiatives:

- Generating public policies on social issues and community involvement. In particular, REDADELCO is working on the realization of the *Policy Dialogues* which are taking place in the framework of the construction of the local development strategy at national level, the socialization of the *land law and rural development* project, and the promotion and strengthening of rural associations within the country, supported by the Government and the European Union.
- Strengthening rural development. REDADELCO signed an agreement with the Government of Colombia and the European Union with the aim of consolidating the territorial approach based on rural development policies. In particular, REDADELCO focused its action at the community level, starting from analysing the functioning of the Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry Development Sectional Councils (CONSEA) and the Municipal Councils for Rural Development (MCRD). On the other hand, it provided support to a project of the European Union and the Department for Social Prosperity, called *New Territories of Peace*, aimed at building peace initiatives through reducing economic inequality and mitigating the effects of political and social violence.



TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Concerning territorial development, REDADELCO has been implementing the following projects and programs.

- The project *Local Economic Development and Trade DELCO*, supported by the European Union, was conducted in six regions for realising productive, competitive and socially cohesive territories, and building a territorial development vision involving communities and relevant stakeholders. Moreover, it contributed to strengthen the existing LEDAs and created new ones.
- A program aimed at advancing the DELCO strategy in the Valle del Cauca Department, looking to establish a long-term development process.



- A project of a *Shared Services Center* for footwear and leather goods, aimed at developing an agglomerated economy in the Restrepo neighbourhood in Bogota. In particular, the project is oriented to improve design strategies, innovation, machinery services and shared equipment, territorial marketing, technical assistance and training. This project is supported by UN Habitat and the Mayor of Bogotá.
- A program for building a participatory vision on Magdalena y Caquetá territories, financed by the European Union.
- The program *Making culture, a culture for prosperity*, of the Ministry of Culture, aimed at valorising the *productive* cultural potential of vulnerable people, creating jobs opportunities and incomes, and ensuring cultural business led by vulnerable and displaced people, the *Orange Economy*.

MAIN PARTNERS

REDADELCO has been collaborating with the Delegation of the European Union in Colombia, the National Planning Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Education, the Mayor of Bogotá, UN Habitat, the French Embassy in Colombia, COLCIENCIAS, UNDP, ILS LEDA, ECOPEPETROL and other national entities.

Together with its partners, REDADELCO is seeking to address barriers to human and economic development for the populations settled in seven Colombian departments.



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