

# RESCO

## An ILS LEDA tool for assessing territorial resources for sustainable and competitive development

Is it possible to combine competitiveness, sustainability and development in a perspective of human development and environmental safeguard?

ILS LEDA has developed a methodology, named RESCO (analysis of the Resources for Sustainable Competitiveness) to enable the local actors to identify the territorial potential resources, and to define the proper strategies for its full valorization. RESCO has been used in many countries since the first testing experiences in Morocco and Colombia: Albania, Lebanon, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Nicaragua, and Kosovo.



RESCO is mainly based on a participatory collective action-research, where the knowledge and the information about the local resources each local actor has is shared with the other ones, and the potential of each resource analyzed according to specific selective criteria, before stepping out to the market assessment and strategies. The support of specialized experts could contribute to the analysis, when needed.

RESCO is implemented through 5 phases and a virtual circle, which starts from the analysis of resources, comes to define the obstacles to development and its causes, and finally identifies actions to remove them, and defines the strategies for their valorization. All the exercise is based on the selection of appropriate criteria, with which to look at the potential resource and discriminate: is it good for the territorial development to use certain minerals or industry if they damage the environment or if they imply huge amount of investment? Is it good for fair and long term development to exclude women from the process? These and other criteria are structurally part of the analytical approach, and constitute its uniqueness.

In the different countries, the hereby-presented methodology is modified for adapting it to the local contexts, culture, and needs.

[Analysis of Territorial Resources for a Sustainable and Competitive Economic Development](#)

[Manual for the use of RESCO Method](#)