



~~DAY~~ Project: a model to institutionalise youth's participation in democratic life at local level. The Italian experience of Naples.



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L'Albero della Vita

Progetti d'amore per i bambini



Who we are

Founded as association in 1997 from the desire of a group of professionals to intervene promptly to help vulnerable children. It originally opened reception communities in Italy for children and single mothers.

It established **the Social Cooperative in 1998** and **the Foundation in 2004**.

In 2009 projects abroad are opened and it is also recognized as **NGO (Non Governmental Organization)**. Since **2023** it has been registered in the **Italian Single Register of Third Sector Entities**.

It currently operates with approximately **44** projects in **Italy, Europe, Africa, Latin America and Asia**



Mission

Protect and promote rights
of childhood, of young people
and women

Ensure health and well-being
in vulnerable situations,
marginalization and social exclusion

**Promote education, development and
a plan for the future** of children and their
families, of women and local
communities





PROJECTS IN ITALY AND AROUND THE WORLD



- €

B) Revenues, income and proceeds
from various activities

989 €

D) Revenues, income and proceeds
from financial and property
activities

3.717 €

E) General Support Proceeds

4.568.757 €

A) Revenues, income and proceeds
from activities of general interest

4.982.831 €

C) Revenues, income and proceeds
from fundraising activities



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DAY

Democratic Activation of Youth

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The project

- **Start date:** february 2023
- **End date:** october 2024
- **Duration:** 21 months
- **Where:** Districts II, IV and VI of the Metropolitan City of Naples
three high schools per District, 9 schools in total
- **Target:** youths from 14 to 18 years, high schools, policy makers
- **Donor:** European Commission, CERV Program
- **Leading organisation:** Fondazione L'Albero della Vita ETS
- **Partner organisations:** CIDIS ETS, EUROCHILD
- **Associated partner:** Municipality of Naples



Convention on the Rights of the Child



Four pillars:

Art 2. **Non-Discrimination**

Art 3. **Best interests of the child**

Art 6. **Right to life, survival and development**

Art 12. **Respect the views of the child**



Project objective

The general objective of the project is to create and institutionalize a mechanism for youth participation in democratic life at a local level.

1st level of intervention: Create mechanisms for participation for the local governance

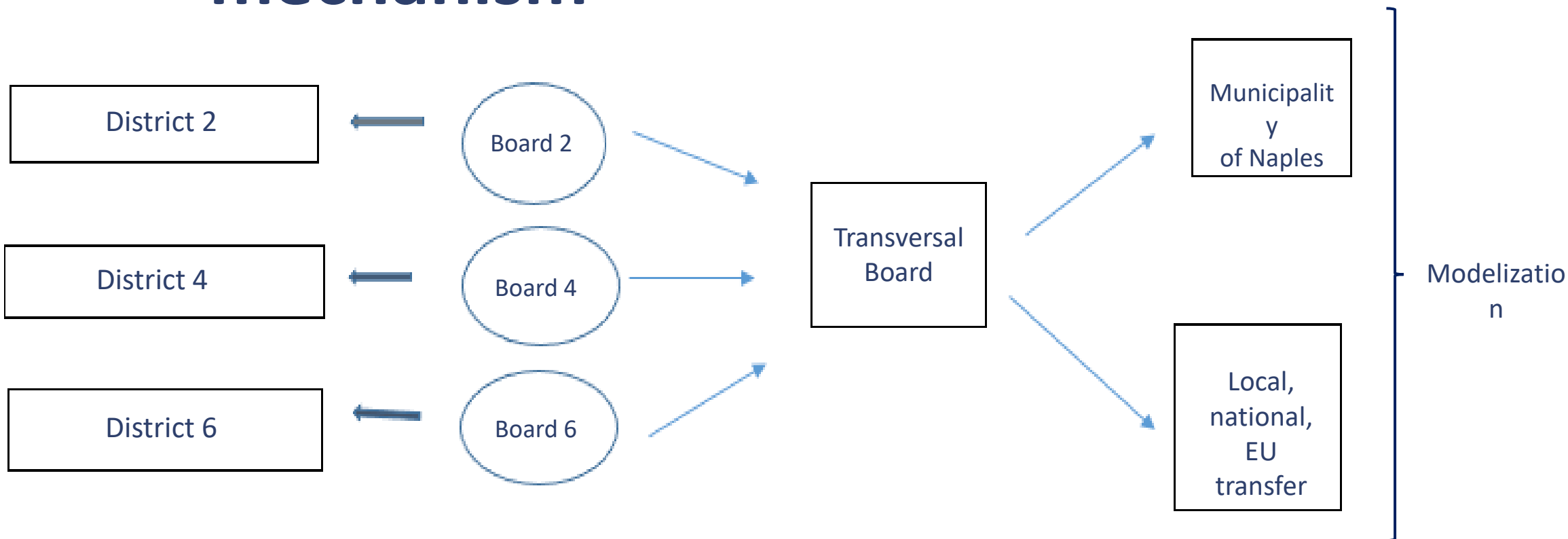
- Making children protagonists of political/administrative governance at local level;
- Making local institutions places where actions for the collective good are co-planned and co-constructed

2nd level of intervention: Raising awareness on the topic of youth participation in decision-making processes

- Consolidate the principle of participation and respect for the minor's opinion;
- Raising awareness among politicians and local administrators;
- Make the model created known to other municipalities and other Italian and European cities

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Creation of the youth participation mechanism





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YOUTH CIVIC AGENDAS

Participatory writing

In July 2023, the delegates for the DAY Project consulted their classmates to choose the two thematic areas on which to open a debate with the local authorities. In all three Districts involved in the project, around 600 students chose Environment, public hygiene and civil protection and Educational and scholastic activities as macro-areas. This allowed the delegates to draft a Civic Agenda with proposals to submit to the local authorities

DISTRICT 2

- Sentimental and sexual education courses in high schools;
- Services for a correct waste sorting in schools, including training;
- Adaptation interventions of school buildings to eliminate architectural barriers.

DISTRICT 4

- Services for a correct waste sorting in schools, including training;
- Creation of flowerbeds or green spaces that are accessible and easy to maintain, making them central in the renovation of roads and sidewalks;
- Creation of spaces and paths suitable for running and jogging and a skatepark in the Centro Direzionale area.

DISTRICT 6

- Services for a correct waste sorting in schools, including training;
- Alignment of wheeled transport times with those of entering and leaving school and introduction of circular inter-school shuttles;
- Inform and increase the services offered by Youth Centers, in particular by providing for the presence of psychologists and sexual educators.



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Letter of endorsement to the DAY model

This Letter of Endorsement indicates that the signatory endorses the civic participation activities of children and young people, created within the “Democratic Activation of Youth” Project – DAY. The Project, financed by the European Commission under the CERV programme, was implemented by the lead partner Fondazione L'Albero della Vita and by the partners CIDIS of Naples and Eurochild of Brussels, with the collaboration of the associate partner Municipality of Naples.

In each of the affected municipalities of this project, 12 children and young people worked together with local authorities, politicians and officials for change and improvement of their local context. The children and young people involved, and their supporting organisations, believe this model can and should be replicated in other contexts, both across the wider metropolitan city of Naples, and in other communities across the European Union.

Specifically, the model developed in the DAY project highlights the added value that the model of child and youth participation has brought to the decision-making contexts in the City of Naples' Municipalities II, IV, and VI. The model has promoted a positive change for local children and young people in their community and contributes directly to fulfilling Thematic Area 1 of the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child EU to empower children to be active citizens and members of democratic societies.

This is why, with the following document, the signatory undertakes to promote this model for civic participation activities and extend it throughout the entire territory of the metropolitan city of Naples, and promote it in other municipalities across Europe not involved in this pilot.

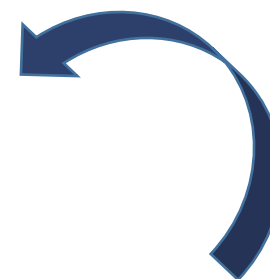
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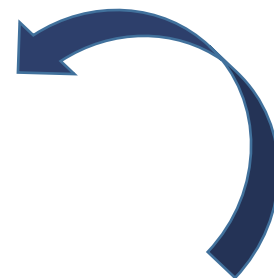
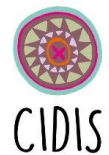
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