RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

MULTILEVEL COORDINATION

Setting up tools for the improvement in coordination between different government levels

DECENTRALIZATION

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ARGENTINA

EUROsociAL has collaborated with the Promotion for the Regional Development Board from Argentina and has supported pilot actions in some territories to coordinate different government levels.

THE PROMOTION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AS A PLACE FOR INTER-SECTORAL AND MULTI-LEVEL COORDINATION

On the need of working in a co-ordinated manner between different ministries to coordinate national programmes and projects with territorial implementation, the Programmes for Promotion of the Regional Development Board was created in 2012 in Argentina, linked to the Ministry of Industry. It is designed to be an open space for coordination/dialogue, multi-level, that can include all the government structures implied in projects or programmes that generate a regional impact. In addition, the Board conceives regional development from a multi-dimension approach, not only dependant on the action of the State but also on the coordination of other social and productive stakeholders.

EUROsociAL has supported the Programmes for Regional Development Board, giving it a higher rate of coordination, systematizing processes and refining its functions. Through elements transferred from regional European policy, whose implementation is based in a multi-level governance model, a regulation was prepared, which is expected to enhance the integration of the strategic, programmatic and operational levels; improve public interventions systems and its modes of implementation; increase efficiency, effectiveness and sustainability of multi-sectorial or multi-level territorial interventions funded with national resources or donors.

This Board involves the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries; Ministry of Economy and Public Finance; Ministry of Social Development; Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation; Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Interior and of Transport, and Chief Cabinet of Ministries. Through the mediation of EUROsociAL, the Chancellery and the Ministry of Planning were also invited into the Board.

EUROSOCIAL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROMOTION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Under the pedagogic concept of "learning by doing", the collaboration of EUROsociAL, in addition to the support to the Board itself, has also included pilot actions in some territories where actions are already being taken in coordination with the sub-national government, promoted by the central government. In fact, the addition of knowledge derived from successful European experiences and a comprehensive analysis of some ongoing initiatives in some of the territories selected by the Board, have allowed the launching of innovative tools that can be applied into other contexts within the country.

The Board has prioritised three types of actions: cross-border cooperation, integrated and sustainable urban development, and rural development. In each of these types of actions, EUROsociAL has supported the launching of a pilot intervention.

In the province of Tucumán, works have been made in two pilot projects:
a) In Alderete, a metropolitan area that has had an exponential growth without any type of plan, a participatory planning process has been supported, promoting a sustained urban development and taking, among others, example of the European experience with the URBACT programme;
b) In the communes of La Madrid y Colalao, the building of governance mechanisms in rural contexts was supported, thanks to the European experience with Leader Programmes and the creation of the Local Action Groups.

In the triple border between Argentina, Paraguay and Brazil, the application of tools to enable and promote cross-border cooperation was supported, hence allowing the provision of common services by public regional and local authorities from the three countries.

COLLABORATION WITH CONECTADEL

The ConectaDEL Argentina programme, under implementation by IADB-MIF, has collaborated with EUROsociAL in this action, sharing the diagnosis, monitoring and assessment for the ongoing territorial development processes in Argentina. Within the framework of the EUROsociAL interventions, ConectaDel has provided the territories that asked for it with skills that help answering the new modes of action.

EUROSOCIAL'S SUPPORT ITINERARY

2014.

- Prioritise the demand and identification of needs.
- Working plan draft with the Programmes Board.
- Activities launching.

2015.

- Improvement of the operational capability of the Board. Defined and shared Board coordination mechanisms. Central government roles, of the intermediate governments and of the defined territorial stakeholders network.
- Design and appliance of tools and mechanisms for the coordination between different government levels (vertical governance) and between public and private stakeholders from the territory (horizontal governance).

VIDEOS

Inauguration of the Workhosp about Governance for Cross-border Development

PUBLICATIONS

- Regional Development and Policy in Europe: contributions for the debate
- National strategies and policies for territorial cohesion. Case studies in Latin America

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FIRST-HAND

▸ Fabiola Bianco

Secretary of State Minister for Cooperative Action, Mutual, Commerce and Integration for the province of de Misiones

"Thinking of borders and boundaries is anachronistic". The minister advocates for a more active participation of regional governments in the decision-making bodies "because we are in the everyday life of the border experiences ".

PROVISION OF JOINT HEALTH CARE SERVICES

THE CASE OF THE *PARQUE DE LA SALUD* HOSPITAL IN THE BI-NATIONAL BORDER OF ARGENTINA AND PARAGUAY

For some time now, due to a de facto agreement between the municipalities of Posadas (Argentina) and Encarnación (Paraguay), the Parque de la Salud hospital, at both sides of the border, is shared. Both cities coordinate to have a complete medical pool between both hospitals. However, sharing this service is not immune to problems. Sometimes, the traffic in the Posadas-Encarnación bridge (dividing both countries), collapses because of border control, and the emergency services, forced to cross that control, can be held up to two hours, endangering patients' lives.

Both cities wish to formalise the joint ownership of the two hospitals which they finance and exploit jointly. Those topics are treated by borders committees, where corresponding chancelleries from the different States participate to promote co-operation and regional development in borders areas and to provide agile and pragmatic solutions within border traffic areas. In this regard, works have been made with the chancelleries and the sub-national governments to apply new legal tools that allow the provision of joint services. Europe has broad experience in the appliance of this type of tools. Specifically, the experiences from Gorizia (Slovenia) and Nova Gorica (Italia), complementary cities that share hospitals, transports, water supply and/or sewage have been transferred.