

## PROMOTING THE LEDAS IN THE XII INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT IN COLOMBIA

The International [Network of Local Economic Development Agencies ILS LEDA](#) participated in the [XII International Forum of Territorial Development](#) which took place from 6 to 9 November 2018 in Bogota (Colombia).

The Forum, which has registered the participation of officials, experts and academics from 12 Latin American countries, represented an important opportunity to enhance the role played by the Local Economic Development Agencies for implementing an inclusive territorial development.

The Forum was organized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture IICA, the European Union, the United Nations Organization for Food and Agriculture (FAO), the Uniminuto University Corporation, the *Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Bogotá*, the National University of Colombia, the Brazilian Network of the Research and Management in Territorial Development (RETE), the Network of Territorial Management of Rural Development of Mexico (Network GTD), and the Network for the Territorial Management of Sustainable Rural Development of Colombia (Network GTD PAZ).

The Forum ended up with the recommendation to the Latin American governments to orient public policies towards more effective strategies and actions promoting territorial development as the main focus for rural development, peace and social cohesion.

In Colombia the Government adopted an innovative territorial approach for the implementation of the National Plan of Peace and ILS LEDA collaborates with the [National Network of Local Development Agencies Red Adelco](#) providing technical assistance to the 10 LEDAs already operating in the country, in the framework of the [Development Program with the Territorial Approach PDET](#) managed by the Government and funded by the European Union.

Invited by the European Union, during the Forum ILS LEDA participated in the round table held on the opening day. ILS LEDA also participated in the seminar organized by the European Union on the *Territorial Approach for Local Development to guide public policies*. In this event the ILS LEDA



experiences focusing on territorial participatory governance and formulation of competitive, sustainable and inclusive development strategies were illustrated and the role of the Local Economic Development Agencies as irreplaceable implementing entity in the territories was positively recognized by the participants.

ILS LEDA was also convened by the National Planning Directorate of the Government of Colombia and Red Adelco to help design the national public policy for territorial economic development, and invited to advise on it in the future.



### To know more

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