

Local Economic Agency ADELVA in Dominican Republic has been awarded with the EURADA - ILS LEDA Quality Label for human development

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In the framework of IQUAL Program, ADELVA – the Local Economic Agency of Valverde Province (Dominican Republic) has been recently evaluated and awarded with the ILS LEDA - EURADA Quality Label, achieving the sufficient score to be considered a LEDA for human development.

In 2011 ILS LEDA and EURADA launched the IQUAL Program, for helping Local Economic Development Agencies (LEDAs) in achieving accredited performance in promoting human development. More than 60 LEDAs are still operating in a self-sustainable way and are linked through the ILS LEDA network that is managed by a joint program with EURADA. Nevertheless their performances are differentiated and can be improved to better respond to their mission.

The ILS LEDA-EURADA certification is issued according to the evaluation of LEDA's performance, which includes 24 variables and 71 indicators, and it refers to the LEDA's objectives (human, equitable and sustainable development), governance (participation, gender approach, inter-institutional relations at local, national and international levels), services (type, organization, users), impact on the territory, sustainability, management, consistency.

The mission of ADELVA Agency is to work for territorial competitiveness in Valverde Province, in order to create employment and to achieve fair and sustainable development. Its main statutory objectives are: creation of business opportunities for most disadvantaged people, support to creation and consolidation of regional value chains, support business to access finance, promotion of gender equality, promotion of business innovation, promotion of environmentally sustainable economic development and creation of local, national and international partnerships to foster local development.

ADELVA is owner of a Guarantee Fund, which enables to provide credit to the targeted population and entrepreneurs. It is complemented by technical assistance and business orientation so that a comprehensive support is available for them. This support, on the other side, is framed into a strategic vision that led to prioritise agro-food and tourism value chains for the medium long term competitive and sustainable development of the Province.



ADELVA, together with the other LEDAs constituting the Dominican National Network, achieved to be recognised by the National Government as relevant organisation for economic development, and enabled to use a national subvention for their work.

In accordance with ILS LEDA-EURADA assessment, the successful perspectives of the ADELVA Agency are firmly based on the social and relational capital established in the territory and in its environmental and economic resources. ADELVA should work to strengthen its strategic vision and ILS LEDA is helping at this aim through a customized program of distance technical assistance.

The IQUAL Program indeed consists of three phases: Assessment of LEDA's performance; Award in accordance to the achieved scores and free technical assistance at distance, to support the LEDA in overcoming weaknesses.

The following LEDAs have been already awarded with the quality label:

Argentina	<u>Regional Development Agency of Santa Fè</u>
El Salvador	<u>Local Economic Development Agency of the Department of Morazán</u>
Albania	<u>AULEDA - Regional Development Agency of Vlora</u>
Sri Lanka	<u>RUEDA - Local Economic Development Agency of Southern Province of Sri Lanka</u>
Serbia	<u>REDASP - Regional Development Agency of the Region of Sjumadjia-Pomeravia</u>
Guatemala	<u>ASDECOHUE – Agencia de Servicio y Desarrollo Económico y Social de Huehuetenango</u>
Ecuador	<u>CONQUITO – Agencia Metropolitana de Promoción Económica</u>
Ecuador	<u>ACUDIR – Agencia Cuencana para el Desarrollo e Integración Regional</u>
Dominican Republic	<u>ADELVA – Agencias de la Provincia de Valverde</u>

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