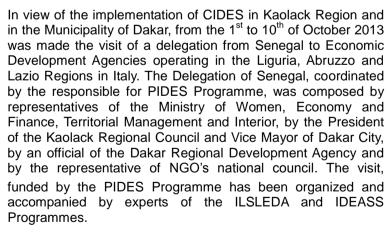
A delegation of the Integrated Programme for Economic and Social Development ongoing in Senegal visits the experiences of the Local Economic Development Agencies in Italy

In the framework of the collaboration ongoing in Senegal between the Integrated Program of Economic and Social Development (PIDES) and the ILSLEDA and IDEASS programmes, one of the main identified focuses of work is the creation of the Territorial Services Centres for the Economic and Social Development (CIDES).



These Centres, which are inspired by the experiences of Local Economic Development Agencies, will be implemented with methods of research-action and will be oriented to provide effective responses to the population based on the enhancement and coordination of local resources and giving priority to women and youth.

The PIDES programme, that is part of the National Strategy of Social Protection of vulnerable groups, is promoted by the Ministry of Women, childhood and women's entrepreneurship, in the framework of the National Strategy of Social Protection. The programme aims at contributing to the identification of new paradigms for responding to poverty of vulnerable groups, with a special focus on their access to basic social services and economic opportunities.



During the mission, the Senegal delegation visited the <u>Finance Company for the Economic Development of Liguria Region</u> and its Business Incubator; the <u>Territorial Pact Sangroaventino</u> and the <u>Local Action Group Maiella Verde</u> in the Abruzzo Region; the <u>Development Agency Colline Romane</u> of the province of Rome. In all visits, in addition to meetings with the heads of the structures, the delegation had the opportunity to meet some ongoing impact projects in the territories.









In the course of the mission, the delegation of Senegal has also conducted meetings with national organizations interested to participate in the implementation of the CIDES in Senegal, as the National League of Cooperatives Legacoop and the National Association for Biological Agriculture AIAB (<u>Territorial Biodistricts</u>). Meetings were also held with representatives of the Regions interested in establishing decentralized cooperation initiatives such as the Liguria Region and Lazio Region.

The visit allowed an important exchange of experiences in view of the design and implementation of the Territorial Service Centres for the Economic and Social Development CIDES in the Kaolack Region and Dakar Municipality. By agreement of all the participants, the activities of research-action will be realized with the participation of the structures visited in Italy, which will contribute their technical assistance based on the cumulated methodological knowledge.



