



**PARTECIPAZIONE**  
**An empowerment and capacity building programme**  
**realized by INTERSOS and UNHCR**

***Project Description***

**‘PartecipAzione’ is an empowerment and capacity building programme** led by INTERSOS in partnership with UNHCR, to promote protection and active participation of refugees in the social, economic and cultural life in Italy.

The programme **PartecipAzione** intends to enhance the capacities of refugee-led and community-based organisations made up or promoting the active participation of refugees.

Specifically, the programme aims at supporting the growth, activities and mutual collaboration of those organisations which promote social cohesion with local communities, integration opportunities, protection and empowerment of refugees and asylum seekers, in order to consolidate community-based protection network and inclusive and mutually supportive communities.

The programme, now at its third edition, has two main components:

- 1) **Capacity development programme:** In line with the experience gained in 2018 and 2019, the programme will provide for up to 8 new organisations - selected through a call for proposals - a number of interlinked capacity-building actions:
  - A **training program**, from April to September 2020, consisting of four modules aimed at strengthening the organisations’ capacities in different areas, such as: project writing and management, fundraising, communication and public speaking, refugee protection. Upon completion of the training programme, a joint INTERSOS-UNHCR certificate will be issued;
  - A **financial support through micro-grants** to support selected projects: each grant will amount from EUR 5,000 to EUR 8,000, depending on the project and the capacity of the organisation.
  - **Tailored coaching and support service** during the whole project’s implementation.
  - The opportunity to participate in a **national networking event**, to exchange practices, foster partnerships and consolidate networks amongst all the community-based organisations that took part in the programme.

**All associative entities, meeting the requirements of the call of proposals and operating on the Italian national territory, can participate to the programme.**

- 2) **Coaching & Networking:** through this new component the program intends to offer to the selected organisations of the previous editions a specific coaching path, which includes:

- A number of **workshops and events** to promote the exchange of experiences and good practices between the organizations;
- Access to an **online coaching platform** for developing capacities, strengthening skills and develop partnerships between different actors;
- **Tailored support** in project design and management from dedicated staff;
- **Two national networking** and higher education **events**.

The 2018 and 2019 editions of the Programme have supported the following organisations: [AIIMS](#), [Archivio delle Memorie Migranti](#), [Africa unita](#), [Arci Djiguiya](#), [Berberè](#), [Blitz](#), [Carovana SMI](#), [Coop siamo](#), [Cresci con noi](#), [Donne Africa subsahariana e Il generazione](#), [il Grande Colibrì](#), [Irpinia altruista](#), [Generazione Ponte](#), [Kalifoo ground](#), [Laboratorio 53](#), [Lesbiche senza frontiere](#), [Mosaico](#), [Next generation Italy](#), [Niofar](#), [PanAfrica](#), [Pettiroso](#), [Tobilì](#), [Unire](#), [World in Progress](#), [Zabbara](#)

#### **For further information:**

**Website**, where you can find all the material produced in previous editions and learn about the work and projects of the selected organisations.

<http://partecipazione.intersos.org>

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