

The Province of Potenza is an Italian Local Authority of sub-regional and super-municipal levels whose political-institutional action is performed also by the interaction with the Municipalities. It counts 100 Municipalities among its territorial and government extension.

In Italy one of the main institutional tasks for a Province is to provide proposals for “territorial development”. This task is performed by means of specific tools and consequent actions that must be as much **realistic, concrete** and **effective** as possible.

In 2013, after a very long-lasting process that took some years, the Province of Potenza adopted its **Structural Master Plan** (or **Territorial Coordination Plan, TCP**), the specific tool that draws the local policy-making proposals for the development of the provincial territory and, in particular, addresses the local actors - including Municipalities and communities - towards more appropriate territorial and urban land-use and government with a wide area comprehensive approach.

As regards the **contents**, a proposal driven by the combination of the main territorial issues has been elaborated: **sustainability** - including the protection, use and management of territory and environment - and (territorial/community) **safety**, the latter given by the combination of **disaster risk reduction** and **climate changes contrasting policies** and measures, in perspective of a general **inclusive and smart growth**. This comprehensive territorial policy making has been defined as **Territorial Resilience!**

As regards the **methodology**, starting from the Provincial Master Plan’s construction phase and, after its formal adoption, proceeding with its implementation, the Province worked with a comprehensive and supportive multi-stakeholders approach, essentially based on a specific cooperation with Municipalities, key-stakeholders and civil society.

For this purpose, the Province launched a strong territorial coordination action providing support to **Municipalities** (knowledge, methodological, procedural, etc.) in developing and implementing strategies for down-scaling sustainable and resilient local development policies through the set-up of tangible actions with subsidiary and wide area approaches.

Similarly, the Province is performing a strong multi-stakeholder and “social” action in order to provide relevant **key-stakeholders** and **local communities** (with particular attention to the most vulnerable and according to the “no-one left behind” principle) with the full participation and engagement in the policy and decision-making processes.

These processes have been undertaken by the set-up and the coordination of a specific **Institutional and Territorial Network**. The Network approach is used for governing many currently on-going territorial policy-making processes and actions, such as - for example - the Covenant of Mayors, the Hyogo Framework for Action (now turned into the Sendai Framework for DRR), the Provincial Strategic Framework for Contrasting Climate Changes (that includes the Mayors Adapt initiative as a tool for climate changes adaptation, 2015), the Territorial Coordination Plan (the general framework that includes all of them, 2013) by which the Province is actively coordinating its 100 Cities and related Communities.

The core of the action, the **implementation strategy**, has been calibrated and drawn starting from the identification of the **obstacles** and **gaps** and of the **solutions** to overcome them. Setting-up and implementing this territorial comprehensive networking was not an easy task. So, as side and supporting actions, we decided to benefit from consolidated and global evidenced experiences for providing our action the right strength and relevance. One of these actions is the joint adhesion to the **global UNISDR “Making Cities Resilient” Campaign**. We used this solution both for benefiting by its tools as a vehicle to bring together and call the attention of Cities and Communities to these important issues and to stimulate their proactive engagement and leadership in a working stage of high qualified and global sized levels.

Similarly, for example, the active participation and contribution to the three on-going global agreements processes. Capitalizing its wide expertise in different field of institutional intervention - experience that is also at the basis of the Structural Master Plan contents - the Province of Potenza “Local Authority” is contributing to:

- the **Sendai Framework for DRR**,
- the post-2015 Sustainable Development **Agenda**,
- the COP21 on **Climate**.

On the latter point, in view of the **World Climate Conference** to be held in Paris next December, the Province of Potenza is working as a support and local coordination actor in the implementation of its own specific **Strategic Framework for Contrasting Climate Change**, produced as a thematic tool of the broader Provincial Structural Plan. Its objectives are to contribute - locally, on a wide area and also with the coordination of the 100 municipalities - in the implementation of current regional, national and international policies and commitments and of the new agreements that will arise during the mentioned Climate Summit.

For the massive policy-making action performed and the relevant results so far, the Province of Potenza and its Cities and Communities network have been acknowledged by the UN-ISDR as “**World Role Model for Inclusive Resilience and Territorial Safety**” and a “**Community Champion for Disaster Risk Reduction**” under the theme “Knowledge for Life”.

In conclusion, the role the Province is playing is that of skilled, qualified and passionate institutional coordination, support and facilitation of processes. Based on the results so far, we are confident that the outlined strategy will create new opportunities for a development that is truly **sustainable** for **humans, territories, climate** and ... the **entire planet**.

The Province of Potenza is proud to provide full support to other both Italian and foreign Local Authorities that intend to perform similar paths towards territorial and community Resilience.