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Women's Association – P.5

Sample Plan

Adult education in Italy

A recent law reform established CPA (Centers for adult education) which have to provide both: courses for people who don't have fulfilled their scholastic obligation and liberal non- vocational education.

Sadly, the reform is only on the paper for now. Actually, we still have CTP (Permanent territory centers) in every Province which provide:

- Fulfilling scholastic obligation (mainly in the night schools by the technical colleges or vocational schools)
- Italian courses for migrant people in order to obtain a long term permission to stay (immigrant visa).

The centers would have to provide also liberal education, but they can do it only in case they don't use their whole budget for the other mainly activities (that means: no adult liberal education in these centers).

It's a matter of fact that adult liberal education in Italy is run only by a non-profit organization, especially cultural associations. There are a very large number of them, offering a very high quality courses and activities and having an important and rich tradition at the local level, but few have a national structure widespread across the whole country. If they do, strong differences exist between north and south Italy and among regions .

- **No-profit organizations who run activities for liberal adult education in Italy (country level)**

ENDAS – National democratic organization for social activity

Founded in 1948; independent body not tied to the political parties or catholic church.

Organization officially recognized as a public body for promoting sports by CONI (Italian national Olympic committee); works to promote social participation, active citizenship trough sport, culture and solidarity. Organizes courses on culture, arts, sports. In earlier time has been worked against illiteracy and to improve worker's education.

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ARCI – National association of social development

Founded at the end of the Fifties and directly tied to left parties. The association often operated within the “Case del popolo” (Houses of people in the meaning of ‘working class’), where, especially in northern Italy, took traditionally place since the beginning of ninth century several activities of trade union and left parties. Worker’s free time had become more and more important by the economic boom ; ARCI provided over the years a lot of cultural activities (courses, concerts, exhibitions) and opened leisure centers and haunts with food, music etcetera. In the last two decades ARCI was especially active against mafias (not only in Sicily but also in whole southern Italy) and against racism, working with immigrant people.

UISP – Italian Union for sport for everybody (Unione Italiana Sport Per tutti)

Founded in 1948 (closet to the Left) aims to widespread sport not as a professional practice but as a good practice for health, educations, social inclusion, quality of life. UISP has 17.500 local sport association in Italy who works in every sport areas.

“Third Age” Universities –

Cultural associations and no-profit organizations very important at the local level. They usually run every kind of courses and organizes conferences and tours of museums, exhibitions and monuments. There’s a national umbrella organization of them in Italy, but it doesn’t include all the third age university.

DLF- National Association for After-work activities for Railway Workers. The ancient Italian institution for worker’s free time and leisure, established in 1925 during fascism period.

Members of the Association are railways workers both employed and retired; DLF hold sport facilities, hotels, green areas, clubs and haunts and usually run a lot of courses and leisure activities.

- **Cultural associations in general at local level**, including women’s associations; Trade unions; Public centers for cultural activities e.g. The cross – cultural center of the City of Turin.

Due to the country situation above-mentioned, the role of the local cultural associations in providing courses is of great importance. They are expected to be a relevant targets for the distribution of the questionnaire in Italy.



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Orlando Association can easily reach other cultural associations (the so- called “third sector” – no profit, no public bodies) thanks to its links with many of these and of its role and identity among the civic society at national level.

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- Table of expected distribution of questionnaires – Topics and organizations

Topics	Arci -Uisp	Endas	Trade Unions - Dlf	“Third age Universities “ and other cultural associations in general	Total amount
Social and political education	50	50	30	140	270
Languages & Humanities	50	30	50	150	280
Health & Sports	50	100		50	200
Creative Skills	30	50	20	50	150
Basic Skills			50	50	100
Total Amount	180	230	150	440	1000