

ILS LEDA supports the LEDA network and the Government of Colombia for the national policy for local economic development

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ILS LEDA received a request from the National Network of Colombian LEDAs (ADELCO), to support the Government in developing a national policy on local economic development.

In this context, a first mission of the ILS LEDA Coordinator has been carried out to discuss the approach and preliminary steps. The ADELCO Network has organized for this purpose a working group that met in the capital, and meetings in Cali and Medellin. In each of the meetings, organized with the collaboration of the National Planning Department (DNP), over 70 representatives of DNP, the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Labor, Ministry of Social Action, Ministry of agriculture, Chambers of Commerce and Industry, NGOs, the European Union, UNDP, AECI, the governors and mayors were involved.

The ILS LEDA Coordinator, Giancarlo Canzanelli, introduced the meetings, presenting the fundamental ingredients of a national policy for local development according to the experience of Europe, of some countries in Africa and Asia (Mozambique, South Africa and Cambodia), and Latin America (Guatemala, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Dominican Republic, Brazil). Reference was also made to the experiences of OECD, EURADA, UNDP and ILSLEDA Program.

The methodological proposal presented by ILS LEDA includes the definition of the objectives and the approach, followed by the description of the main components that relate to democratic governance, specific strategies and instruments (development agencies, finance, education, infrastructure). All this shall be shared by all the relevant stakeholders at national and local level.

Based on the proposal, accepted by all participants, the National Planning Department scheduled to formulate the national policy on local economic development in the course of 2012, and it includes the development of departmental and municipal plans and the elaboration of a document CONPES as national framework.





Either the National Government, than the ADELCO Network and the European Union, asked ILSLEDA for accompanying this process, starting from a new joint work scheduled in February 2012.

The National Network of Local Economic Development Agencies (ADELCO) of Colombia will remain a fundamental reference for the Government of Colombia in this task. ADELCO Network includes the following 11 LEDAs: ADEL: ADEPROA, ADRA, APRODEL, CASA DEL AGUA, DINOSAURIOS, METROPOLITANA, NARIÑO, URABÁ, VALLE DE TENSA, VÉLEZ, y ZAPATOSA.

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