



Initiatives on Mafia Confiscated Assets

Summary of Funded Projects

PROJECT NAME:	Agri-Cultura Solidale
PLACE:	Teano (Ce)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 475.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The project was launched on a mafia confiscated property in Teano, a small town on the outskirts of the province of Caserta, which has its own socio-economic agricultural system. Because of the limited ability to adapt to modern systems of labour, Teano experienced a slower economic development and in this way made it possibility for organised crime to impose its control.</p> <p>The asset was confiscated from the Magliulo clan of Afragola, in Naples who took control over the entire sidicino territory, relying on the good relationship with the Casalesi and the Esposito clan from Sessa Aurunca.</p> <p>The confiscated asset, through the commitment of the social cooperative Osiride and the N.C.O. Consortium, became a symbol of legality and reference point for all the young people of the territory that today, see in the confiscated property a job opportunity and social change.</p> <p>The asset is located on a 25 hectares of cultivable land with a building in need of renovation as it has been vandalised numerous times (the irrigation system was destroyed and the olive groves and apple orchards were set on fire).</p> <p>The Project "Agri Cultura", financed by Fondazione Con il Sud, has a goal to create a socio-economic activity in partnership with vulnerable people, boost olive growing and other agriculture activities and open an olive mill. The pivot of the initiative is job placement of about 13 people affected by chronic diseases and/or degenerative psycho-social disabilities. The key point of the project is to help the promoter (OSIRIDE Onlus) to set up a social cooperative in the area, which will independently manage the confiscated property and achieve its goals.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE OSIRIDE	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>COOPERATIVA SOCIALE AGROPOLI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE EUREKA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE KHORAKHANÈ COOPERATIVA SOCIALE UN FIORE PER LA VITA MILLE SCOPI + 1 NUOVA COOPERAZIONE ORGANIZZATA</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	AVIBIOAGRO
PLACE:	Comuni dell'Alto Belice Corleonese (Pa)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 470.000,00
DURATION: 30 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The AVIBIOAGRO project will develop in a rural territory, known for the historic presence of the Corleonesi mafia clan. Indeed, the mafia has relentlessly governed over the Sicilian countryside. The land, livestock and farms seized through intimidation and deception by the mafia from their legitimate owners, has created a conflict among the local population by making them afraid and coerced into accepting illegal and underpaid jobs. Today, the municipalities of the Alto Belice-Corleonese (Corleone, Roccamena, Monreale and San Giuseppe Jato) face intimidation, unemployment, young people leaving their hometowns in search of brighter future, a declining birth rate and an aging population.</p> <p>The confiscated building, embodies a way of rebirth for the local community.</p> <p>It consists of 19 hectares of land with rural buildings and a former dairy factory, which belonged to Bommarito, the man who was part of the Brusca's mafia; the same mafia that killed a young child called Di Matteo and is responsible for the massacre of Judge Falcone and his escort.</p> <p>The building was confiscated in 1993, but most of the stables and barns were demolished and ransacked since. At present, we use the other buildings on the plot and we have been cultivating the land.</p> <p>The project, which is estimated to last for 30 months, aims to start a chicken breeding farm for organic and free-range chickens, bred with absolute respect for the animal's welfare and fed with grains and legumes grown on the farm. The entire cycle will be monitored and certified by research experts from our project partner-- the University of Palermo.</p> <p>The production cycle includes work engagement from people with autism. This is part of the initiative for territorial awareness-raising on the subject of legality and equal opportunity for individuals with different abilities. The beneficiaries of the project will be more than 1000 students from the secondary schools in the Alto Belice-Corleonese area.</p> <p>By reinforcing the culture of legality in the fight against the mafia, we must offer hope and work dignity, especially to young people.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE SOLIDARIETÀ, SVILUPPO E LEGALITÀ ONLUS	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ASSOCIAZIONE MAGHWEB</p> <p>AURORA ONLUS</p> <p>AZIENDA AGRICOLA FRANCESCA BARBATO</p> <p>CORERAS – CONSORZIO REGIONALE PER LA RICERCA APPLICATA E LA SPERIMENTAZIONE</p> <p>CORISSIA – CONSORZIO DI RICERCA PER LO SVILUPPO DI SISTEMI INNOVATIVI AGROAMBIENTALI</p> <p>ESA – ENTE SVILUPPO AGRICOLO</p> <p>LA MANDRALISCA SOCIETÀ AGRICOLA A.R.L.</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	Cambio Rotta: la meglio gioventù (Route Change: The Best Youth)
PLACE:	Altavilla Milicia (Pa)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 370.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The project "Cambio Rotta: la meglio gioventù" (Route Change: The Best Youth), is part of a reality, that of the Altavilla Milicia village and the district of Bagherese, unfortunately invaded by the mafia presence and the mafia culture; as demonstrated by the various and recent anti-mafia operations carried out by the investigative authorities and the forces of order. Precisely for this reason the <i>Cambio Rotta Centre</i> represents a great opportunity to recover both in a symbolic, social and cultural sense. In fact, the centre was founded in a beautiful villa on the seaside, confiscated from an entrepreneur linked to the mafia.</p> <p>The idea is to enrich the initiatives of the project, with the creation of an environmental education center on the seaside, open to the public, young people and schoolchildren from the area, to promote environmental protection issues and the value of legality. More specifically, the project includes: setting up a multimedia and interactive visual space, through which users can make immersive experiences; a dive center to bring young people and adults closer to sports related to the sea; an entertainment space for children and teenagers; and finally, organisation of cultural events and shows, workshops and courses within the Mediterranean Cooking School.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: ULISSE CONSORZIO DI COOPERATIVE SOCIALI	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ASSOCIAZIONE A.L.I. AMBIENTE LEGALITÀ INTERCULTURA ASSOCIAZIONE LAND STUDIO ASSOCIAZIONE OLTRE IL MARE BLUE SHARK DIVING CLUB COMUNE DI ALTAVILLA MILICIA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE NOVI FAMILIA</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	Ciascuno cresce solo se sognato
PLACE:	Cerignola (Fg)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 319.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p><i>Il Laboratorio di legalità Francesco Marcone</i> arises within a stone's throw from the town Cerignola, in the province of Foggia. Although the territory is renowned for its historical and cultural heritage, the town, is regrettably also known to be home to one of the three criminal organisations operating in Foggia. For years this organisation was vastly underestimated; however, today it is recognized as one of the most violent and deeply-rooted criminal organisations in Italy.</p> <p>The abovementioned asset was confiscated in the 90s, during operation "Cartagine," which drew the public's attention to the "far west" of Cerignola (67 dead in 6 years) and brought before the courts some leading figures of the Piarulli and the Ferraro's clan. Some three hectares of land with a "bunker" made of reinforced concrete, which probably served as a hiding place for vehicles and goods, were confiscated from the clan's accountant and have been managed by our cooperative, <i>Cooperativa Sociale Pietro di Scarto</i>, since 2010. With the project Ciascuno cresce solo se sognato (We Grow Only When We Have a Dream,) we wish to convert this structure, today a symbol and a stark reminder of our fight against the mafia, into a facility for tomato processing and in this way complete the production supply chain of local tomatoes. Our initial goal is to join together 15 small producers who, for a fair pay, will show commitment in respecting the environment and workers' rights and thereby eradicate the agricultural gangmaster system. The project, in line with our policies, will create an opportunity for 20 beneficiaries coming from various disadvantaged backgrounds.</p> <p>Thanks to Fondazione CON IL SUD, we have three years to dream and to grow.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE PIETRA DI SCARTO	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>AMBITO TERRITORIALE DI CERIGNOLA ASSOCIAZIONE LAVORATORI PRODUTTORI AGROALIMENTARI PUGLIESI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE CTM ALTROMERCATO FLAI CGIL FOGGIA FONDAZIONE BANCA DEL MONTE SINISCALCO CECI DI FOGGIA S.G.S. AGRICOLA SRL</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	Fattoria dei Sogni (Farm of Dreams)
PLACE:	Sessa Aurunca (Ce)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 475.000,00
DURATION: 24 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The "Farm of Dreams" project is aimed at the redevelopment of a property confiscated from the mafia clan Moccia of Afragola. Managed by the social cooperative <i>Beyond Dreams</i>, it is located north of the province of Caserta, in the municipality of Sessa Aurunca. Soon after it was commissioned in 2009, it was vandalised and, in more recent years, between 2015 and 2016, several fires to the lands and crops were set by organised crime groups. Nevertheless, over the years it has become a reference point for the many people who come from all over Italy to experience economic, cultural and social change. "Fattoria dei sogni" aims to set up a somewhat different agritourism business model, where the actions put in place combine agricultural and social entrepreneurship, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accommodation services (opening of a B&B and a restaurant for events, catering, etc.); - Youth and community development centre; - Support for logistic activities related to the production in organic farming and food processing (preserves, jams and marmalades); - Respectful tourism: tourist packages combining the discovery of historical and cultural heritage of the territory with community development change. <p>The project's beneficiaries are people that come from different psychological and social vulnerability. About 8 people will be included in various training and work opportunities, but also young people, schools, and the public in general will be able to experience this confiscated asset as an alternative tourist opportunity.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE AL DI LÀ DEI SOGNI	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>CONSORZIO DI COOPERATIVE SOCIALI NUOVA COOPERAZIONE ORGANIZZATA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE AGROPOLI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE EUREKA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE OSIRIDE CLE.PR.IN. S.R.L. COOPERATIVA SOCIALE UN FIORE PER LA VITA</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	F.U.C.IN.A
PLACE:	Casal di Principe (Ce)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 400.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>In the town of Casal di Principe, the capital of the entrepreneurial Camorra, one of the most powerful mafia organizations in Europe, a social economy project will be launched as an antidote to the criminal economy. In a confiscated asset from the camorrist Egidio Coppola, also called "Brutus", the project F.U.C.IN.A will forge new entrepreneurs.</p> <p>The F.U.C.IN.A. is a local FabLab, an incubator of social innovation, located on a confiscated asset from criminal organizations in Casal di Principe, in the province of Caserta, Italy. The confiscated asset is called <i>Casa don Diana</i>, dedicated to the priest killed by the Camorra of Casal di Principe--known for its brutality and ability to subjugate people and territories. Today, <i>Casa don Diana</i> is a hub for people, initiatives, educational events, volunteers' participation with the hope of changing the world into a better place. F.U.C.IN.A. offers activities and services to young people, enterprises and professionals with the aim to develop innovation and promote a social economy as a countermeasure against the criminal economy.</p> <p>The Fablab directs its activities towards social innovation and it is intended to be a meeting place for schools, universities, enterprises aiming to develop useful products, services and models for the territory by using the lab's technologies.</p> <p>F.U.C.IN.A. allows the creation of new business ideas and new businesses. The Fablab is focused on four important sectors: agriculture, communication, smart home and renewable energy.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: APS – COMITATO DON PEPPE DIANA	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ARCA ASSOCIAZIONE NAZIONALE PARTIGIANI D'ITALIA ASSOCIAZIONE SOCIO-CULTURALE FORO DI GIANO CONFCOOPERATIVE CAMPANIA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE MARCO POLO, WEMAKE COOPERATIVA SOCIALE PROJECT AHEAD DEN CREATIVITY SPACE ETICA VERDE EURICSE FLYBER SRL FONDAZIONE IDIS-CITTÀ DELLA SCIENZA FUTURIDEA IRIS NETWORK SCHOOLS: ISTITUTO COMPRENSIVO DE MARE – SAN CIPRIANO, GUIDO CARLI. LICEO SCIENTIFICO E.G. SEGRE MERIDONARE S.R.L. MIGR-AZIONI NUOVA COOPERAZIONE ORGANIZZATA SECONDA UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI SLOW FOOD CAMPANIA UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI NAPOLI FEDERICO II</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	Gli Orti del Mediterraneo (The Gardens of the Mediterranean)
PLACE:	Misterbianco (Ct)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 230.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The project "Gli Orti del Mediterraneo" (The Gardens of the Mediterranean), is a 3-year project located on a mafia confiscated land and is entrusted to the Cooperative Energ-etica Catania. The one hectare land with two rural houses, was confiscated in 1999 from Riela Filippo, the owner of a well-established transport and logistics company and it is located in the Municipality of Misterbianco, in an area of archaeological interest. The territory, with its 49,410 inhabitants, is at a high risk of criminality, social marginalisation, cultural and economic deprivation.</p> <p>Since there is a growing demand for social support for school integration of children with autism, the project aims to create a place of social change and for social integration for everyone, which will offer an educational and didactic programmes (work related learning, school-work alternation for about 60 students). An education park will be created offering activities for over 1000 students, teachers and more than 2000 families. On the "social farm", socio-working inclusion courses will be developed for 10 disadvantaged individuals, in particular people with autism, who will be involved in royal jelly extraction and the processing of hemp seeds. And finally, a network contract is planned between 80 agricultural enterprises, 30 non-profit organizations, local authorities and research centers (University of Catania, CNR Ivalsa).</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: OSSERVATORIO MEDITERRANEO CENTRO STUDI FORMAZIONE ONLUS	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>COMUNE DI MISTERBIANCO COOPERATIVA SOCIALE COLLIEREI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE LIBERA-MENTE ENERG-ETICA CATANIA ISTITUTO SUPERIORE FRANCESCO REDI RETE FATTORIE SOCIALI SICILIA</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	I love Calabria
PLACE:	Cirò Marina (KR), Isola Capo Rizzuto (KR) e Cropani (CZ)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 390.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The project "I love Calabria", plans to improve tourist activities in the region, by creating a cycling lane, a botanical garden and a road traffic safety park on a mafia confiscated land. The land is located in an area rich in natural and cultural beauty, although it has been greatly neglected by public authorities; it lacks infrastructure and it has a high youth unemployment rate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Cropani Marina village (CZ), a road traffic safety park was built, covering 1400 square meters of land. By driving through a small road route, equipped with traffic signs, on mini cars and mini motorbikes children have an opportunity to learn and respect traffic rules. This plot of land was confiscated from the Trapasso clan in 2012. It was previously used as a parking lot and as a fuel storage. • In the Isola Capo Rizzuto village (KR), a mountain bike trail is being built on 4000 square meters of land, which used to be part of an 8-hectare plot, confiscated from the Arena clan, in 1998. • In the Cirò village (KR), a nature trail is being developed on approximately 1,5 hectares with the aim to improve the coastal dunes. The land was confiscated from the Farao-Marincola clan, in 1999. The trail visitors, through games and fun activities, will get to know the diverse flora and fauna and the natural aspects of the park. <p>The project was launched in August 2017, with a 36 months duration. Over a period of 3 years we expect to reach at least 8900 people: young adults, school children and tourists from Italy and abroad. Our guests could stay at the Bella Calabria Hostel in San Leonardo di Cutro, built in 2013 on a mafia confiscated land as part of the "Willkommen & Welcome" project, thanks to the support from <i>Fondazione con il Sud</i>.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: ASSOCIAZIONE AMICI DEL TEDESCO	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>COMUNE DI CROPANI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE TERRE JONICHE – LIBERA TERRA JUGENDZENTRUM BOCKELWEG PRO LOCO STRONGOLI SI-PO ISTITUTO CULTURALE TEDESCO UNIONE RENO GALLIERA</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	L'ostello "LOCRIDE" e il Turismo Responsabile (The "LOCRIDE" Hostel and Responsible Tourism)
PLACE:	Locri (Rc)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 450.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The GOEL Consortium, with its unrelenting fight for legality, was awarded the Youth Hostel in Locri, through a public tender, to make it into an eco-friendly residence for responsible tourism. GOEL called the hostel "LOCRIDE", as a tribute to this beautiful part of Calabria, making it a symbol of social change.</p> <p>In fact, in 2005, the Youth Hostel was confiscated from 'Ndrangheta (a powerful criminal organisation centered in Calabria) and it was thereafter assigned to the Municipality of Locri, which in turn, was able to restructure the building, thanks to European Funds. The Municipality tried to assign it through a public tender, for a free 10-year management, but not a single project was submitted during the first bid. It was a sign of 'Ndrangheta's power. Then, GOEL chose to take part in the second bid and it won.</p> <p>The Youth Hostel is a five-floor residence with an elevator, including 45 beds for tourists who want high-quality services in responsible tourism. Unfortunately, ten days after the allocation, the site was vandalised and made unfit to open to the public. This sort of intimidation did not scare GOEL and in spite of the obstacles, the Youth Hostel opened. The site was returned to the community, showing that Locride and Calabria do not bow down to the mafia. "The best answer to mafia attacks is ethics. That's what solves the problems of the territory", said Vincenzo Linarello, president of GOEL. He further added: "LOCRIDE has to become the front door for people who want to visit Calabria and be involved in friendship and collaboration".</p> <p>Today, the Youth Hostel is a center for an integrated communication strategy development. Its main goal is to change the common perception about Calabria and Locri and to improve the seasonality of tourist flow, by making projections longer than the length of this project (36 months), in order to give an economic sustainability. The project does not only want to make the Hostel an ecological residence, but to also include it in a touristic proposal for Locride and Calabria, through responsible tourism tours offered in Italy and Europe.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: CONSORZIO SOCIALE GOEL	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ADDIO PIZZO TRAVEL SOCIETÀ COOPERATIVA ASSOCIAZIONE AITR ASSOCIAZIONE FNG COMUNE DI LOCRI CONSORZIO SOCIALE GOEL COOPERATIVA L'UTOPIA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE GOEL COOPERATIVA SOCIALE GOEL BIO COOPERATIVA SOCIALE MADE IN GOEL COOPERATIVA SOCIALE PATHOS-GAM "TERESA VESUVIANO" DIOCESI LOCRI-GERACE LEGAMBIENTE ONLUS</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	Liberamente insieme 2.0
PLACE:	Polistena (RC)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 500.000,00
DURATION: 3 years	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>Polistena, a Calabrian town in southern Italy, shows positive and clear signs of change, despite being continuously threatened by illegal activities and mafia mentality. As it is still an economically underdevelopment area with a lower cultural appreciation, it is even more necessary to have a building confiscated from the 'Ndrangheta (a powerful criminal organisation), to be used as a place of innovation, cultural and social promotion, and educational solutions.</p> <p>In the 80s, the six-storey confiscated building symbolised the Versace gang mafia power. After the confiscation, the building was looted and vandalized. Thanks to a restructuring social project involving various associations, the site was returned to the Polistena community and became its redemption symbol, giving a renewed sense of freedom and dignity.</p> <p>By creating cultural, convivial spaces and services for the people of the community, the project, intends to increase the positive social weight of the territory against the mafia, while promoting social and employment integration, to support disadvantaged people, and spread culture through legality and rights awareness.</p> <p>Over a period of three years, the project activities aim to reach, as wide number of beneficiaries as possible, about 10,000 people differentiated by age, belonging to the most vulnerable groups of the local and other communities, those of young people, women, elderly people and migrants.</p> <p>Given that the community does not have properties to be allocated for social infrastructure, the confiscated asset is intended to constitute an irreplaceable opportunity for social and economic recovery of the territory, in other words a veritable "cathedral" of rights.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: PARROCCHIA SANTA MARIA VERGINE	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE LA CITTÀ DEI MESTIERI E DELLE PROFESSIONI ASSOCIAZIONE DI VOLONTARIATO IL SAMARITANO COOPERATIVA SOCIALE VALLE DEL MARRO – LIBERA TERRA ISTITUTO PER GLI STUDI SOCIALI E PEDAGOGICI LUIGI MARAFIOTI ONLUS</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	NATURA VIVA
PLACE:	Acquaviva delle Fonti (Ba)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 450.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>NATURA VIVA aims at creating the first social agricultural incubator in the Metropolitan City of Bari, Apulia. The area, which has more than 1,2 million inhabitants, is deeply marked by mafia and criminal activities, with an economic and social impact.</p> <p>The strategy of the project is to aggregate the most relevant stakeholders including institutions, economic players, non-profit organizations, and the community to try and transform a "social scar" into an opportunity for local growth and integration by targeting specific severely socio-economically underprivileged groups.</p> <p>Established in the town of Acquaviva delle Fonti, NATURA VIVA is converting an 800 sqm-abandoned factory, a shop, and two hectares of land confiscated from a local mafia family into:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a medium-sized facility for production, packaging and distribution of organic food (sauces, juices, canned tomatoes, etc.) 2. a farmer's market 3. a good practice for the conversion of unused land into certified organic land for local traditional production. <p>The project merges social, economic, and scientific players to realize a common goal related to the local community and which is inspired by an innovative and sustainable concept. In 36 months, the project will offer training and work opportunities in the agriculture and the agro-food sector to 40 people in need: migrants, people with cognitive disability, women survivors of forced prostitution, and unemployed.</p> <p>The buildings where the project will take place, has a strong symbolic meaning for the local community, as a sign of a revenge towards the oppressive and violent criminal system.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE S.A.I.D.	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ASSOCIAZIONE BIOLOGI AMBIENTALISTI PUGLIESI ASSOCIAZIONE MICAELA ONLUS CENTRO INTERCULTURALE CITTÀ DI BARI – ABUSUAN CONSORZIO PUGLIA NATURA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE FONTE VIVA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE SILOE RETE UTILE BUONO E BIO SMALL SOFT METROPOLITAN ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE LAB</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	N.C.O. - New Organised Communication
PLACE:	San Cipriano d'Aversa (Ce)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 430.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>NCO or <i>New Organised Communication</i> is a social economy project that will develop its initiatives in the area around the town of Casal di Principe. The town received a world fame through the book "Gomorra" by Roberto Saviano, which exposes the organized crime of the so-called "Casalesi clan".</p> <p>The project aims to support the activities of the social communication agency <i>Etiket</i> - managed by the social cooperative <i>Agropoli</i> - and will be run in a mafia confiscated property, which belonged to the camorrist Pasquale Spierto, in the town of San Cipriano d'Aversa. It intends to show that the territory is freeing itself from the grip of organized crime thanks to the involvement of the community and the existence of social economic infrastructures.</p> <p>A graphic and printing laboratory will be set up at the confiscated property, which will provide advertising materials and packaging for food products coming from the social cooperative consortium "NCO New Organised Cooperation". In addition, the project plans to improve the sales and marketing strategies of the products and start a hosting initiative for journalists, students, researchers and groups who wish to know more about the positive experiences in the territory.</p> <p>The name of the project came about by "playing" with the acronym NCO, which initially identified the "New Organised Camorra", a powerful criminal organization that caused the death of many people and destroyed much of the local economy, the environment and social relations.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE AGROPOLI	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>CONSORZIO DI COOPERATIVE SOCIALI NUOVA COOPERAZIONE ORGANIZZATA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE AL DI LÀ DEI SOGNI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE ALBANOVA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE EUREKA COOPERATIVA SOCIALE OSIRIDE COOPERATIVA SOCIALE UN FIORE PER LA VITA</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	RAEEGALITY
PLACE:	Melizzano (Bn)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 440.000,00
DURATION: 2 years	
DESCRIPTION:	
<p>The two-year RAEEGALITY project, aims to launch recycling initiatives of electronic devices and e-waste or RAEE (Rifiuti Apparecchiature Elettriche ed Elettroniche). The initiatives will be carried out by a social cooperative, operating in the municipality of Melizzano (BN), on a site, that was confiscated from organised crime, which belonged to an entrepreneur first tied to the D'Alessandro clan and was later linked to the clan of Fabbrocino. Symbolically, the project represents a challenge for legality, fosters development and creation of job opportunities in the integrated waste cycle sector, which for "Camorra" (organised crime organisation), has been a ground for business development, profits and environmental devastation.</p> <p>The RAEEGALITY project, proposes a collection increase of electronic waste, on a provincial, regional and national level, thus trying to meet the parameters set by the EU (10kg/inhabitant from 1 January, 2019), providing environmental rehabilitation and creation of new jobs, through strategically innovative and sustainable activities.</p> <p>In the attempt to involve local institutions and communities, various initiatives are being planned. One being the "Giornate Ecolegal" ("Eco-legal Days"), during which there will be: information gazebos, with the aim to raise awareness of recycling issues and the reuse of assets confiscated from organised crime, an art exhibition on the theme of "Waste Art", an e-waste or RAEE parking, a mobile container for the pick up of domestic electronic devices and waste, and a contest titled "Cittadino del Riciclo" ("A Recycling Citizen").</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE SANT'ALFONSO	
PARTNERS:	
ASSOCIAZIONE IL GIRASOLE ONLUS	
COMUNE DI MELIZZANO	

PROJECT NAME:	Sartoria sociale: ricucire il territorio (Social tailoring: mending the territory)
PLACE:	Palermo
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 410.000,00
DURATION: 36 months	
DESCRIPTION: <p>“Sartoria Sociale” (Social Tailoring: Mending the territory) is, at the same time a workshop, an atelier and a social shop. It runs a textile and creative workshops in which both Italians and migrants who have experienced personal, inclusional, employment or existential difficulties, work together in a large room that previously housed an illegal commercial business, confiscated from the mafia’s boss Salvatore Buscemi, a building contractor. In partnership with the Academy of Fine Arts of Palermo and the Fondazione Progetto Legalità Onlus, our goal is to create an e-commerce platform and strengthen the activities of Sartoria Sociale (Social Tailoring) through combine artisan work, education about textile recycling, and through the new <i>Lapa fashion</i> project for local retail. Parallel with the production, we aim to promote the culture of textile recycling and of social inclusion activities with individualised counselling, guidance, job coaching and work improvement for our beneficiaries. A further goal is to increase awareness about socially responsible production, by promoting educational courses for schools with the involvement of teachers and students from the Academy of Fine Arts with the possibility of using equipment in a FabLab setting.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE AL REVÉS	
PARTNERS: ACCADEMIA DI BELLE ARTI FONDAZIONE PROGETTO LEGALITÀ ONLUS	

PROJECT NAME:	Soleinsieme Sartoria Sociale (Social Tailoring)
PLACE:	Reggio Calabria
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 64.696,32
DURATION: 24 months	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>The social tailoring project "SoleInsieme", started from the idea to create a productive social cooperative and was initiated by a group of single mothers and volunteers, who were participating in training courses at the institutional and associative network "Madri in difficoltà". The cooperative was founded in 2014 and is promoting different forms of female entrepreneurship as a direct response to concrete challenges faced by single mothers and other women (often victims of violence) in vulnerable circumstances.</p> <p>One of the first practical experiences was the start-up of a social tailoring laboratory in 2016, after the completion of an earlier social innovation project called "ReactionCity Women". The tailoring project brings together women who share a passion for sewing and at the same time are motivated to regain their own independence. Thanks to the funding from Fondazione Con il Sud, the renovation of the confiscated property that hosts the project is in its final stages, and the social enterprise is expanding by starting its own production. The willingness to build the laboratory in a mafia confiscated property sends a strong message to the entire local community that the liberation from mafia mentality and clientelism can be also reached through the support and achievement of women coming from the vulnerable situations.</p> <p>The social tailoring project has joined the anti-racket campaign "Reggioliberareggio" and with the Centro Comunitario Agape, promotes a social textile network that puts together different social realities (one being the correctional facility in Reggio Calabria), with the aim of providing employment opportunities to women coming from vulnerable situations. The sewing laboratory offers space and training to seamstresses and other women who want to learn the art of sewing, through traineeships and specialised courses on cutting and sewing. In addition, there are tailoring repairs, embroidery and creative tailoring workshops offered to children and adults. In agreement with vocational schools, the laboratory is also open to students who want to improve their technical skills.</p> <p>The sewing laboratory is a social space that is open to the whole community. It encourages sharing of experiences among women; it is a place of acceptance and cultural events for women and with women, with a focus on job opportunities and business, while acknowledging issues surrounding women in the vulnerable groups.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: COOPERATIVA SOCIALE SOLEINSIEME	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>CENTRO COMUNITARIO AGAPE MACRAME – TRAME SOLIDALI NELLE TERRE DEL SOLE – CONSORZIO COOPERATIVE SOCIALI DI SOLIDARIETÀ</p>	

PROJECT NAME:	SUD – Arte & Design
PLACE:	Villarosa (En)
CONTRIBUTION:	€ 475.000,00
DURATION: 3 years	
<p>DESCRIPTION:</p> <p>“Sud–Arte & Design” is a 3-year project, started in October of 2017, in the heart of Sicily. It aims at creating a new brand, based on a business idea that links the issues of legality and migrant integration through local development of an area that is economically deprived. The start-up for production and sales is located in two confiscated mafia assets in the town of Villarosa. These assets belonged to the Nicosia family, which used to be run by two brothers, also known as the <i>blood brothers</i>, for the bloody crimes they committed against their opponents. The two assets were the main residential houses of the bosses and at the time of confiscation were in excellent condition. The project is converting the properties in production and sales location, opening them to the local community.</p> <p>The ratio of the project has two main directions: to promote legality in an area with a high criminal rate and to support the integration of about 20 young people (migrants and Italians). Both needs are met through the implementation of an innovative business initiative that creates a new brand based on an “Afro-European” visual design, specifically created for the project.</p> <p>The project leader is Association Don Bosco 2000, who manages 5 migrant centres in Sicily and coordinates a network of partners, including the Council of Villarosa, a national cooperative of handicraft associations, a social cooperative of third-sector services, and a cultural association. The start-up for production and sales will be ready in May 2019.</p>	
PROJECT LEADER: ASSOCIAZIONE DON BOSCO 2000	
<p>PARTNERS:</p> <p>ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE BELLARROSA COMUNE DI VILLAROSA CONFCOOPERATIVE SICILIA D.A.S SOCIETÀ COOPERATIVA</p>	