SOCIAL PROJECTS

IN ITALY AND AROUND THE WORLD

The ELIS Center Association is a Civil Society Organization (CSO) registered on the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation's list of non-profit entities. It has thirty years of experience in designing and implementing cooperation initiatives in Italy and in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

It operates mainly in the fields of training and job placement, with the aim of promoting sustainable and inclusive development through the fight against educational poverty.

It focuses particularly on young people in vulnerable situations, women in socio-economic hardship, migrants, unaccompanied foreign minors, and minors and adults in conflict with the law.

2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ELIS's social projects respond to the global sustainable development goals set by the UN in Agenda 2030. In particular: Goal 4 (Quality Education), Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities).

A GROWING COMMITMENT IN TUNISIA

Since 2024, ELIS has developed a growing number of training activities in Tunisia, which respond to the employment interests of the North African country and the need of Italian companies to find skilled labor. The courses have so far covered the construction, transport, and shipbuilding sectors.

The training and entry into Italy of people with employment contracts is carried out in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Ministry of Labor, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Italian Embassy in Tunis, and the Tunisian institutions *Agence Nationale pour l'Emploi et le Travail Indépendant* (ANETI) and *Agence Tunisienne de la Formation Professionnelle* (ATFP).

SOCIAL PROJECTS IN ITALY (some examples)

- **Open, *Ripartenze* (Restart), Second Chance 2, Shifting Gears** – Personal and professional training courses for minors and adults in conflict with the law, aimed at professional integration in the following sectors: auto mechanics, electrical systems, industrial plant operators, and green space maintenance.
- ***Liberi di Scegliere* (Free to Choose)** – Creation of a social protection and support network to offer an alternative life to women and minors who decide to leave the mafia.
- **Young Agents** – Training program for middle and high school students to raise awareness of social entrepreneurship and combat discriminatory behavior and gender inequality.
- **Direct** – Project coordinated by the Italian Red Cross and carried out in collaboration with Eataly to train and place 25 women who are victims or potential victims of trafficking in the restaurant industry.

ELIS YoungLab

Founded in the 1960s as a vocational training center with the aim of offering young people in the Casal Bruciato suburb of Rome opportunities for employment and cultural and social self-promotion, ELIS still maintains a deep connection with its local community. A concrete sign of this commitment is ELIS YoungLab, a socialization space managed by educators and professionals within the ELIS Campus, which offers young people between the ages of 11 and 18 activities aimed at personal growth, discovering their talents, preventing school dropouts, and combating the risks of deviance. In collaboration with the Rome Social Services Office for Minors (USSM), the project also involves young people subject to judicial measures.