



## ARCO LATINO

### BASIC INFORMATION

#### History and objectives:

The network Arco Latino was born based on the territorial cooperation experience gathered during the 90s, officially becoming an association in 2002. It is located in the north-western Euro-Mediterranean area, making up a macro-region that shares geographical, cultural, economic and social similarities.

As a **space for political and technical cooperation**, Arco Latino is formed by **intermediate Mediterranean local authorities** (currently 61 members). Their current members are **Spanish Provincial Councils and Insular Councils, French Departments** and **Italian Provinces**, thus representing 10% of the European Union population and territory.

Because of its potential, Arco Latino is able to be specially heard by European institutions so that Mediterranean and local perspective is embodied in the formulation of their policies and regulations, thus defending the interests and needs of both its territory and its citizens.

In this line, the network values and strengthens capacities and helps internationalize actions and strategies of its members in favour of common objectives.

One of the priorities of the network, following the inclusion and mobilization of socioeconomic stakeholders, and applying the principle of subsidiarity, is the definition of an integrated development strategy and an arrangement of the Arco Latino space.

Being conscious of its strategically position in the Mediterranean area, Arco Latino and its members open a space of decentralized cooperation together with countries from the other Mediterranean shores.

#### Organisation

The Association works on the base of common reflection, consensus and transnationality. The **General Assembly** and the **Executive Board** make up the government and administration boards. The Presidency and Executive board has a biannual mandate.



A consultative board, the **Wise Committee**, made up of Euro-Mediterranean experts with an acknowledged trajectory, brings their view and their knowledge.

The daily activity and performance of Arco Latino relies on the work of the **Permanent Secretariat**, located in Barcelona.

**Work thematic commissions** are transnational laboratories that allow its members to get directly involved in projects that are strategic for its own territories as well as for the whole network.

## Thematic Commissions

### Social Cohesion

Regarding social cohesion issues, the network is focused on fields like the promotion of equal opportunities; the impact of demographic changes and migrations; the promotion of intercultural and intergenerational dialogue; health and welfare for the population; actions in favour of active Citizenship and the rights of citizens; it also values the artistic and cultural, material and immaterial Mediterranean heritage as a vector for common values.

### Economic Cohesion

Searching Economic Cohesion, Arco Latino promotes the development of Competitiveness, Innovation and Sustainable Economy in its territories; employment measures and policies; it favours promotion and internationalization of small and middle-sized business, and works to promote the territory.

### Territorial Cohesion

Regarding Territorial Cohesion, work is being carried out on issues such as *multilevel governance*, territorial planning, local development and infrastructures connecting the Arco Latino space. Also issues such as the fight against climate change and adaptation to its effects, research and the use of renewable energies, as well as protection of natural areas and biodiversity and agricultural policies.

### Cooperation in the Mediterranean

The network establishes institutional relations and decentralized public cooperation actions between its members and other local administrations from the whole Mediterranean basin having as main target the reinforcement of its capacities in the field of its competences.

Parallel to the work developed together with its members, Arco Latino takes part in Euro-Mediterranean forums and maintains active collaboration with several networks of local Euro-Mediterranean governments and European institutions, standing out its participation in consultations, structured dialogues and platforms for information exchange and good practices



## The members

### Spain

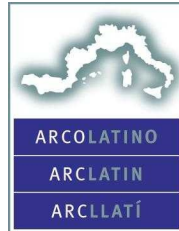
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Diputación de Zaragoza

### France

Conseil Général des Alpes-Maritimes  
Conseil Général de l'Ardèche  
Conseil Général de l'Aude  
Conseil Général des Bouches du Rhône  
Conseil Général de la Drôme  
Conseil Général du Gard  
Conseil Général de la Haute Corse  
Conseil Général de l'Hérault  
Conseil Général des Pyrénées Orientales  
Conseil Général du Var

### Italy

Provincia di Alessandria  
Provincia di Asti  
Provincia di Arezzo  
Provincia di Avellino  
Provincia di Cagliari  
Provincia di Caserta  
Provincia di Firenze  
Provincia di Frosinone  
Provincia d'Imperia  
Provincia di La Spezia  
Provincia di Livorno  
Provincia di Lucca  
Provincia di Mantova  
Provincia di Massa Carrara  
Provincia di Matera  
Provincia di Medio Campidano  
Provincia di Messina  
Provincia di Napoli  
Provincia di Novara  
Provincia di Nuoro  
Provincia di Olgiata  
Provincia di Oristano  
Provincia di Piacenza  
Provincia di Pisa  
Provincia di Potenza  
Provincia di Prato  
Provincia di Ragusa  
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