



## ASAEL PRESENTATION

Founded in 1988, **ASAEL**, the Aragonese Association of Local Authorities is a non-profit organisation devoted to defend and represent the interests of local authorities in Aragón (municipalities, districts and provincial governments). Currently, **ASAEL** represents 350 Local Authorities scattered throughout the region of Aragón (Spain) looking for economic and social development.

**ASAEL**, started its course with the objective of contributing to **territorial development** through **local co-operation** and giving specific answers to the needs expressed by its associates.

In order to make sure the interests of Local Authorities in Aragón are taken into account at a European level and due to the growing number of projects that our organisation currently manages, **ASAEL** has a standing **office in Brussels**.

Its objectives are the development of lobby actions, the monitoring of approved projects and the follow-up of proposals, either as a promoter or as a partner.

**ASAEL** participates actively with the EU Parliament, the European Commission and the Committee of the Regions of the European Union. A clear example of this is the participation of **ASAEL** as speaker in the several D Plan sessions, in debates about Equal Opportunities, examples of Active European Citizenship Good Practices, Town-Twinning and Local Policies in the environmental field.

**ASAEL** has as an overriding task promoting and carrying out studies for the best knowledge and dissemination of the problems and circumstances, in which local life develops.



ASAEL's President (Jesús Solá Sevilla) with the President of the European Commission (Durao Barroso) and the President of the CoR (Michel Delebarre)

## SERVICES

### 1. INFORMATION AND DISSEMINATION SERVICE

Its **objective** is the **management and dissemination** of European Union **information** regarding policies, activities and decision making process. It also provides an **answer** to the **specific information requested** by economic, social and cultural organisations depending on the respective Local Authorities. The service carries out the following actions:



- WEB PAGE: Information is disseminated periodically through the web page ([www.asael.es](http://www.asael.es)) in which by interactive questionnaires the visitor can have access to information. Currently, this page receives a daily average number of 3,580 visits.
- ALERT SYSTEM, it transmits the information directly by e-mail to an average of 2,500 contact addresses, composed not only by our associates but also Regional Governments, National Ministries, mass media, the EU Parliament, the Committee of the Regions of the European Union and other EU Institutions.
- MAGAZINE: **ASael** publishes a bimonthly magazine which disseminates activities, events, courses and acts for the following period. It also includes actions carried out by associates and call for proposals at regional, national and European level and EU practices in Aragón.
- DISSEMINATION CAMPAIGNS: Sessions, seminars, exhibitions, etc. And all the supplementary documentation for their implementation.



## 2. EU PROGRAMMES SERVICE

Its objective is the promotion and dissemination of transnational co-operation, encouraging rapprochement with other European regions and finding new participation opportunities in EU projects. **ASael** counts upon the best material and human means (eight experts with recognised experience both in advising as well as in the drafting, management and implementation of EU projects).

The activities carried out by the service are the following:

- Information search regarding calls for proposals, filling in forms, partner search, management and follow-up of approved projects, as well as the financial control and economic justification of the projects.
- Transmission of information regarding the most adequate EU Programmes for our association as well as for our associates. We offer associates advice for proposal submissions and after, we co-ordinate the project development in the EU context





programmes and initiatives with relation to the following topics: training, regional co-operation promotion, employment, social inclusion, environment, equal opportunities etc.

- Participation in information and co-operation networks in Europe. The networks in which **ASAEL** participates are the following: Aragonese Fund for Development Co-operation, Aragonese Network of European Information and HABITATE network (Federation of Authorities for the settlement of population). Additionally, **ASAEL** is an active member in other International Networks such as: IULA (International Association of Local Authorities) and ACCI (Association of Cities for International Co-operation).

Currently, **ASAEL** manages a total of **16 projects**, 14 of which are EU Projects (Leonardo da Vinci, Active European Citizenship, Town-Twinings, Woman, Youth and Culture) and two projects of Development Co-operation

### 3. REPRESENTATION SERVICE

**ASAEL** is achieving its objective of becoming a **reference regarding EU issues**. As a result of this, it currently represents its associates in Brussels carrying out the following **activities**:

- Promoting and supporting co-operation with other EU similar organisations and strengthening the already existing relations as well as favouring the establishment of new town-twinings.
- Participating in conferences, seminars, meetings and other events.
- Fostering university students mobility within Europe.

### 4. TRAINING SERVICE

The Training Service **boosts the up-dating and modernisation of the services** offered to the citizens by



the Local Administration. That's why, the Training Service is in charge, on the one hand, of the co-ordination, supervision, fostering and execution of the different training plans. On the other hand, it carries out information campaigns, promotion and dissemination tasks through the development of **sessions and seminars** where experiences, demonstrations and applicability studies of NTCl, implementation of Quality Management Systems, Environmental Management Systems and languages are put in common.

There is a great variety of **issues** on offer among which we can highlight: Local Administration, Dependence, Consumption, Immigration, Gender Violence and Equal Opportunities.



## 5. LEGAL SERVICE

ASAEEL offers all its associates the possibility of an adequate legal support irrespective of their size or economic means to promote local development for a better quality in the citizens' services.

## EXPERIENCE

### REGIONAL AND/OR LOCAL, NATIONAL PROJECTS

Year	Body to which the proposal was submitted	Project title
2006	Government of Aragón.	ACOLLIDA. Support service to Local Administrations to favour the integration of immigrant population.
2006	Government of Aragón.	AINTRO. Implementation of a handbook of Good Practices and environmental initiatives implemented by Local Administrations.
2006	Government of Aragón. INAEM	IBON. Promotion and development of sustainable rural tourism.
2006	Government of Aragón. INAEM	RACADA. Fostering labour integration of disabled people in rural areas
2006	Government of Aragón. INAEM	CADIERA. Boosting woman integration in rural areas.
2000-2006	Provincial Government of Teruel	Employment in Teruel
2000-2002	Government of Aragón	Trans Pyrenean Transport Project

### DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION PROJECTS

Year	Body to which the proposal was submitted	Project title
2006-2007	Provincial Government of Zaragoza	BALGUA. Implementation of a water management system in Esteli (Nicaragua)
2005-2006	Provincial Government of Zaragoza	ABANZE. Strengthening programme for the Local Government of Guatemala



## EUROPEAN PROJECTS

Year	Programme or Initiative	Identification number	Project Title	Organising Body
2006-2007	Town-Twinning. Information Campaigns	2006-JUM.8740 2006-02-0128	ALMUD. Information campaign about town-twinning for elected members of Local Administration	EACEA. European Commission
2006-2007	Town-Twinning. Thematic Conferences	2006 JUM 6924 2006-01-0090	LIEDRA. European Network against Gender Violence and for Equal Opportunities	EACEA. European Commission
2006-2007	Town-Twinning. Training Seminars.	2006-JUM6925 2006-01-0093	FOGARIL. Town-twinning training Seminars for elected members and technicians of Local Administrations	EACEA. European Commission
2006-2008	Leonardo da Vinci. Pilot Project	RO/06/CF/TH/842 02	ETCS E(URO) T(RAINERS) COACHING SERVICE – Framework and Competencies Development	European Commission
2006-2008	Leonardo da Vinci. Pilot Project	HU/06/B/F/PP- 170002	MEDITOP	European Commission
2006-2008	Leonardo da Vinci. Pilot Project	TR/06/B/F/PP/178 084	SAFETY OF TOYS	European Commission
2005-2007	Leonardo da Vinci. Pilot Project	UK/05/B/F/PP 162-333	Address. FIRE & RESCUE PROJECT.	European Commission
2003-2006	INTERREG IIIB SUOE	SO/I.2/E6	REVITAL	European Commission FEDER-ES
2002-2004	TACIS	TSO/MO/0302/01 03	DECOR. Developing cross border co-operation relationships	European Commission
2000-2002	Leonardo da Vinci. Pilot Project	RO/99/1/083/645/ PI/I.11.E	Experimental Occupational Guide and Training Centre.	European Commission
2000-2004	Leonardo da Vinci. Pilot Project	2076	ADETEM Teruel Employs	European Commission
2000-2001	Culture 2000	III.1.HL	LIVING CASTLES.	European Commission
1999-2000	Lets build Europe together	AP-97/01-TF-JO- C210/9	EU dissemination programme in the Aragonese Rural Environment	European Commission
1997-2000	URB-AL	Common Project R4-P4-00.	Design of the transformation of the resources of the city into products of tourist excellence	European Commission



## SEMINARS AND SESSIONS

Date	Name	Place
FROM APRIL TO DECEMBER 2006	10 Sessions about "Consume"	SPAIN
DECEMBER 2006	"Sessions about gender violence and equal opportunities"	SPAIN
DECEMBER 2006	"Session about immigration and woman"	Herrera de los Navarros – Zaragoza – SPAIN
DECEMBER 2006	Session about "The work programme of the European Commission for 2007" presented by the President of the European Commission Durao Barroso	CDR – Brussels – BELGIUM
OCTOBER 2006	Debate with the Commissioner Joaquín Almunia. "The role of EU, national and regional budgets in economic and monetary union"	CDR – Brussels – BELGIUM
OCTOBER 2006	"I debate session about the Law of Dependants"	Cuarte de Huerva – Zaragoza – SPAIN
SEPTEMBER 2006	"Knowledge Management"	Zaragoza - SPAIN
29 - 30 JUNE 2006	"Co-operation of Towns in Europe"	Poprav – ESLOVAKIA
JUNE 2006	"Presentation of LIEDRA Project"	Zaragoza - SPAIN
MAYO 2006	"Presentation of FOGARIL Project"	Zaragoza - SPAIN
28 MAY- 1 JUNE 2006	"The Youth Active citizenship in their cities and in Europe"	Spoletto – ITALY
MARCH 2006	"Local Development"	Zaragoza – SPAIN
JANUARY 2006	"Communicating Europe at local and regional level"	CDR – Brussels - BELGIUM
OCTOBER 2005	"Comprehensive Plan for Family Support in Aragón"	Albarracín – Teruel – SPAIN
OCTOBER 2005	"Environmental Policies in the local sphere"	La Joyosa – Zaragoza – SPAIN
JUNE 2005	"General Assembly of Municipalities in Romania"	ROMANIA