

Working group on “THE BENEFITS OF ICT AND THE EDUCATION”

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Our civil society group, Associazione ” La Tenda “ Centro di Solidarietà, after an analysis of the draft declaration and the draft action plan based on discussion in the working group of Sub-Committee 2 , in one of last board member’s meeting shared the address of the point 31/32 in the draft declaration of principles . In fact the themes concerned **ICT’s for education** and **Capacity building to enable people to benefit from the opportunities provided by ICT’s**, are one of the main actions in our project called Patent learning, this project funded by Italian Government and by the **ESF**, has as objective to promote the distance learning through a NGO’s platform in Italy and in the Mediterranean Countries, and is finalized to those beneficiaries related to the long life learning and continuous training issues.

We focused the attention on teachers, school administrators and government officials of developing countries and we took in particular consideration the immigration thematic. We believe that the attention should be more based on the use of ICT applications to improve basic skill of students coming from developing Countries in order to facilitate the progress of education in the school’s system.

We highlight a real problem regarding the access to internet by people in developing Countries and in some case the access to a computer. Our action should influence International Corporation and public sector, to give a contribution in solving this difficulty.

We thought to set up an operative action among all participants of civil society process. The action is about the recuperation of the ICT equipment (hardware and software) not used anymore by (Government, Banks, International Corporations and so on) or donators. Our organization would store in trust this equipment and then we would share this quantity of such mentioned tools among the Schools or Associations of Mediterranean Countries. We could provide a database of donators and a database of institutions in Mediterranean Countries that could apply for such equipment.