

FOUNDERS

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- Azienda Sviluppo Multiservizi Spa di Settimo Torinese
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- Città di Torino
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- IREN Energia
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*Culture and research for environmental policies
and regulation of local public services*

Fondazione per l'Ambiente, founded in Torino by 24 public and private partners operating in Piedmont (north-west Italy), is a non-profit body that promotes research, communication and experts' training in the sector of environmental policies at local level.

Fondazione per l'Ambiente's projects are developed according to the following principles:

- Environmental and social sustainable development
- Clear management processes in the environmental sector
- Voluntary, integrated, preventive and market approach to environmental policies
- Regulation of both environmental services and public utility services.

The Foundation was set up, as promoting Committee, in 1999 upon the initiative of Provincia di Torino. In April 2004 it became a no profit foundation and was registered in the regional Foundations register.

Thematic areas

- **Energy and environment:** dealing with energy and environmental issues, with a specific focus on connections between local / global emissions and policies;
- **Local public services:** dealing with economic, political, regulatory and governance aspects of local services, in particular those with environmental impact such as waste, water, local public transports, energy.
- **Instruments supporting local policies:** including all horizontal activities aimed at strengthening human capital in public administration and, more generally, at capacity building at both institutional and market level.

Since its creation, *Fondazione per l'Ambiente (FA)* has defined its role, becoming an active promoter and disseminator of culture, and accompanying design and implementation of environmental policies at local level.

This two-fold mission, dissemination of knowledge and analysis instruments on one side, and promotion of policies on the other side, is fully coherent with FA' working methodologies.

Fondazione per l'Ambiente activities can be grouped as follows:

- **Research projects:** project ideas are mainly designed by the internal working group, and they are supported by charter members or other entities. The aim is to produce and deliver scientific knowledge to local policy makers.
- **Information activities:** *Fondazione per l'Ambiente* monitors, selects, processes and disseminates information and documentation in order to facilitate the access to knowledge by local policy makers.
- **Promotion activities:** in the framework of its projects, *Fondazione per l'Ambiente* supports also local policies and networking amongst relevant local actors.
- **Training activities:** *Fondazione per l'Ambiente* yearly organizes an International Summer School on issues linked to local public services and energy policies (taking place in Turin in September).

An essential aspect of FA's strategy is the capability to anticipate the most significant critical issues and opportunities and to raise awareness about them within the local community, dealing with innovative topics and instruments, still not considered or implemented, and likely to enter into force in the short-medium term (technologies, management models, new measures).

Interdisciplinarity

Complexity of the issues, and a vocation toward public policies, require the active involvement of different specialized competences and skills, for an integrated analysis, an equilibrate assessment of different aspects and an effective dissemination of result. Year by year, *Fondazione* integrates already consolidated scientific (environmental), technological (energy, chemicals, forestry), economical-financial and legislative competences with new specialist skills (e.g. antitrust, sociology, communication, ICT), through the creation of institutional partnerships and cooperation agreements with researchers (and professors) of other public and private institutes.

Regional and local dimension

The context and the reference of FA's research activities is the local scale. This allows to implement very specific analysis and evaluations, and to integrate and verify topics and instruments proposed at higher levels (e.g. national and European), which are often more generic or uncertain, due to their wider scope. The choice to examine real cases brings more detailed information, which is useful to define regulation and incentives policies and measures, or to control their effects at different implementation levels. In this context, local dimension should not be considered as mere interest for "local issues", but as a way to deal with and analyze problems and policies.

Interregional and transnational comparison

Additional added-value is reached through an increase of interregional and transnational project activities, thanks, for example, to the participation to European projects, through partnership with other Members states, institutional cooperation with entities outside the EU and with a similar missions, formal and informal information exchanges with foreign institutes and universities. With some of them Memoranda of Understanding or cooperation agreement are already into force.

Dissemination

In order to disseminate knowledge and information resulting from its activities, FA works for their visibility and usability, preparing and publishing, besides complete final reports of research studies, ad hoc executive summaries and/or policy briefs, or producing short reports with main results, to be uploaded on the website www.fondazioneambiente.org. Constant updates are assured.