

# **Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI)**



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### 1. **BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT FAMSI**

#### **What is the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity?**

It is a Network of Municipalities and Provinces and other private and public institutions founded in 2.000 to coordinate and promote the public decentralized international cooperation carried out by local governments in Andalusia.

#### **Which are its partners?**

FAMSI groups more than 150 institutions in Andalusia, the European territory that more funds incorporate to the international cooperation (150 million a year).

7 County Councils, 75 Municipalities, 3 Groups of Municipalities and other foundations. More than 50 collaborating entities from civil society.

Famsi´s partners represent a population of 3.666.619 inhabitants, that is, the 44, 70% of the Andalusian population.

#### **Geographical scope:**

Famsi is present in Latin America, Africa, especially in Morocco, and Asia

#### **Famsi´s participation in International and national Networks:**

FAMSI promotes the coordination and articulation of the Andalusian local governments at national level:

- a. With participation in the Confederation of Municipal Co-operation Funds (CONFOCOS), organization that groups more than **1000 local governments working together to carry out cooperation with the support of the AECID**, Spanish government through MUNICIPIA program.
- b. Through the articulation with **AECID** (Spanish Agency of International Cooperation), **FEMP** (Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces), **AACID** (Andalusian International Cooperation Agency for Development) and **FAMP** (Andalusian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces) among others.
- c. Through the collaboration with the NGOs Platform in Andalusia.

Therefore, FAMSI promotes the coordination and articulation of the Andalusian local governments at international level:

- a. **Joint Cities and Local Governments Network (CGLU)**: FAMSI occupies the Vice-presidency of the Decentralized Cooperation Commission-European section- whose presidency is developed by Lyon. Famsi is part of the Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy Commission. Diplomacy of Cities Commission and Culture Commission.
- b. **FAL Network (Local Authorities Forum for Social Inclusion and Participative Democracy)**. Famsi is responsible for the **Technical and Communication Secretary** of this world network of cities, linked to the **World Social Forum**.
- c. **ART-UNDP**: From 2006, FAMSI is responsible for the support office to the ART Initiative. This office is placed in Seville and answers to this proposal of new active multilateralism promoted from United Nations (PNUD). Art initiative is working in 15 countries, starting now in Senegal and Mauritania.
- d. **AN^MAR Network**, Twinning Network among Municipalities from Andalusia and Morocco. FAMSI organized in March 2010 the first Local Governments Forum among Europe and Morocco in the framework of the Spanish Presidency of the European Union.
- e. **I World Forum of Local Economic Development Agencies**.

### **Objectives and Activities.**

- FAMSI promotes institutional strengthening and the capacity building in the South countries as a result of the decentralized cooperation experience in Andalusia.
- FAMSI participates in the elaboration of regional, national and international development cooperation strategies.
- FAMSI links the Andalusian decentralized cooperation actors with other ones in other countries in the South and the North and with communities dealing with socioeconomic development processes, having the support of the international cooperation.

The final objective of FAMSI is to promote a fairer world from the cooperation of the local governments and the Andalusian solidarity, by means of coordination, participation and network articulation processes.

The Technical Office is distributed in three different headquarters (Seville, Malaga and Cordoba with the general headquarter), and six delegations abroad in Morocco, Mauritania, Malawi, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Andin Region.

FAMSI is fostering the local government active participation in the discussion forums such as the Andalusian Migration Forum, and promoting the local actions in the framework of the objectives of the Integral Plan for Migration in Andalusia, without prejudice to encourage Local Integration Plans as strategic instruments for

development local migrant policies. This is the reason why our partners are fostering the creation of Local Migration Departments in their municipalities, spaces of commitment in the field of integration and key instruments for coexistence among our towns and cities.

Thus, FAMSI, as a network of local government in Andalusia, promotes an integral and crossed approach of the integration and interculturality phenomenon, defending the access of migrant population to the municipal services, quality and normalized services, as well as an adequate social, cultural, economic and overall integration.

**Project title: Antena Norte RED FAL, Local Authorities Forum for the social inclusion and the Participative Democracy**

*Strengthening the role of the Andalusian municipalities in the international cooperation networks, fostering the articulation with the Local Authorities Forum for the social inclusion and the Participative Democracy (FAL Network), the World Social Forum and the coordination in the Andalusian Observatory about Decentralized Cooperation.*

Promotion of the following working areas in the international agendas of the local authorities:

- Social inclusion and fight against poverty
- Citizenship and Participative Democracy
- Fair Trade and Social economy Promotion
- Public Services Management
- Local Economic and Human Development
- Sustainable and Solidary Development
- Culture as common good of the mankind
- The Human Rights
- Migration and Co-Development
- Diplomacy of cities

**Future Agenda:**

1. Organization of the **I World Forum of Local Economic Development Agencies from 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011** in Seville (Spain) promoted by FAMSI in collaboration with the Andalusian Employment Service from the Regional Government in Andalusia, UNDP, The County Council of Seville and the Town Council of Seville among other institutions. [www.redmundialadel.org](http://www.redmundialadel.org)
2. Organization of **Transnational Seminar** on training the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2011 in Seville (Spain) as part of the **AMITIE- Awareness on Migration, Development and Human Rights through local partnerships** project.

**2. FAMSI WATER AND FOOD SECURITY**

Firstly, we must mark the celebration of the "International Conferences on Water and Food Security in Developing Countries" that took place on the 9th and 10th of

February, 2010 in collaboration with organizations such as the Provincial Council of Seville, the Andalusian International Development cooperation (AACID), the Consorcio Provincial de Agua de Sevilla, with the participation of numerous experts from both North and Southern countries in the various lectures, panels and workshops held. This framework has created a space for reflection in North-South exchange, providing experience on the lessons learned from fieldwork and knowledge of local government work being carried out on these two issues, leading to proposed solutions, using their experience and their greater proximity to citizens.

In parallel to the holding of such conferences, a public exposition, in which, 32 different entities (NGOs, provincial councils, universities, water-related entities ...) showed the public, their work in international cooperation and more specifically on the conference' themes of water and food security.

Moreover, placing more emphasis on spreading and increasing the awareness of younger generations, a guided tour and the "MiniExpo Water" were organized with 2 schools in the province of Seville. The choice of these schools was due to previous work that these centers had been doing on the issues of development cooperation.

As a final conclusion and meant in a synthetic way, the "Seville Statement on Water and Food Security in Developing Countries" was presented. It reflects the need expressed by the international movements calling for public water management and shows it is indispensable to have an ethical framework to guide the actions of international cooperation, according to a set of ethical principles.

Following these meetings and taking advantage of FAMSI's extensive experience in teaching courses and training activities, a series of material on awareness and training for workers in the areas of international cooperation on water issues and food security developed: it is a module close to the thematic approach, focusing on the framework of the Millennium Development Goals, and will soon be part of the training offer that FAMSI offered through its platform "Aula Solidaria."

As noted, these activities have been carried out prior to the Workshop on Water and Food Security and Lunch Colloquium, but all are related to the same subjects. That said, we will specifically explain how the project and the activities have been carried out in collaboration with the MAEC.

The project concretized itself with the celebration of the "Workshop on Water and Food Security in the framework of the Millennium Development Goals" on the 25th of March, held in order to create a space for reflection and exchange. This is meant in order to lay the groundwork for a second conference with the express designation of the same topics, constitute a Committee of Experts and create a sector of responsibilities in organizing the following International Conference on Water and Food Security.

This workshop enjoyed the participation of experts from different organizations to create a space for reflection and exchange by providing experiences on lessons learned from fieldwork and knowledge of the work that the entities they represent

are doing on water issues and food security. (See Annex 1: Presentation of the Workshop).

The Workshop has allowed the definition of priority themes on Water and Food Security as a basis for holding the II International Conference on Water and Food Security, where lines of action are taken to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Likewise, the workshop has enabled the establishment of a committee of experts whose objectives are, among others, to assist in the organizing the Second International Conference on Water and Food Security and work together to identify a methodological framework for evaluation, by conducting a joint trial of the current projects undertaken by each entity in a flexible framework and adopt future courses of action, all keeping in mind the role of women.

In this way, the framework of this committee of experts is supposed to be an online platform in which work agendas are developed, reports published and news, as well as photos on water and food security spread. For this purpose the web page on Conferences of water and Security has been remodeled and is now adapted for the development and diffusion of the works indicated in advance deriving from the Workshop ([www.aguayseguridadalimentaria-sevilla.com](http://www.aguayseguridadalimentaria-sevilla.com))

Initially, the web's purpose was to post diverse documents related to the Conferences which took place in 2010, besides also being the place in which to subscribe to them. However after the conclusion of the Conferences, much debate around the utility of the platform arose. Specifically around the possibility of using the platform for other purposes other than the Conferences. This decision was concretized during the Workshop in which assistants commented on the suitability of a web which dealt with these themes and in which to post different news and articles. For this reason the remodeling of this web has been a key tool in the execution of this project: it has been remodeled in terms of actuality, giving access to all the documents on the 2010 Conferences, and of course to all documents created after the conclusion of the Workshop on Water and Food Security in the framework of the MDGs. Moreover, given the theme's international importance, it has been rendered possible to access it in english and french. In this way, the web page becomes a national pioneer web which deals with important themes within the frameworks of International Cooperation and in reference to the MDGs.

The Lunch-Meeting with Anne Le Start, was held on the 30th of March, 2011. Participants were made up of different private and public entities involved in the water cycle, which facilitated the transfer of knowledge to participants on the experience of the City of Paris in the public management of water and its benefits. In the same way, it also enabled the spread of European Network Public Water and the role of public actors at European level in order to guide public actors involved in the recruitment, supply, distribution and water purification.

### **3. GOVERNABILITY**

FAMSI participates and helps organize missions outside Andalusia on a regular basis. On average 10 missions are carried out per every year.

Countries include:

Mauritania, Mozambique, Lebanon, Dominican Republic, Bolivia, Cuba, El Salvador, Haiti, Colombia, Uruguay, Ecuador, Panamá, Dakar, Geneva, Sri Lanka, Macedonia, Palestine, Morocco, Holland.

Sample missions include<sup>1</sup>:

### **3.1) MAURITANIA**

During the 12th to the 14th of January 2009, a mission in Mauritania took place, composed by Mr. Giovanni Camilleri ART coordinator of the UNDP's Hub Innovative Partnerships in Geneva, Mr. Ahmed Arafa, and UNDP consultant and Mrs. Crystèle Ranchin Support Office of the ART initiative in Seville, in order to present the ART initiative. The main aims of the mission were:

- To go over the government's strategies, plans and programmes in the field of decentralization; territorial approach and local development and the priority sectors.
- To discuss some of the UNPDs existing programmes, like FENU, as well as other UN agencies, in the local development field.
- To present the ART International Initiative and its articulating approach.
- To present its tools and managing mechanisms as well as the programme's finality.
- To verify the plus-value that the ART Initiative could represent in the actual context of cooperation in Mauritania.

The mission met different national authorities, bilateral cooperation, UN agencies, the UE and local civil society stakeholders.

### **3.2) EL SALVADOR**

Date: 8th of May, 2011 San Salvador

Mission Description: Introduction of the ART Initiative to a group of Mayors in San Salvador. This introduction was made in the framework of a training course about

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<sup>1</sup> Some of these missions have been carried out in partnership with UNDP ART, this is because FAMSI and UNDP are working together, as shown by some agreements and Memoranda of Understanding:

The Partnership Framework Agreement signed on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 2006 in Cordoba, Spain, between the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI) and the ART Initiative, United Nations Program for Development (UNDP), in which both parties express their intention to work together and support each other.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2006 MOU was signed by the Province Government of Seville, FAMSI, and PNUD in which both parties express the intention to promote the opening of an office with ART initiative and in which FAMSI would be the entity responsible of executive management.

ART is an international cooperation initiative promoted by the UNDP. The initiative promotes a new type of multilateralism, in which the United Nations system works with governments to promote the active participation of local communities and social actors in the South and North. ART stands for "Support to territorial and thematic networks of cooperation for human development." ART is in line with MDGs.

International Cooperation, a course organized by FAMSÍ, Seville Deputation and the Apoda Municipality.

Objective: With this basic introduction of The ART Initiative we aimed to increase awareness on this new way of working, having always in mind possible future actions.

Participants: Mr. José Luis Corrienero

### **3.3) HAITI**

Date: From 24th of May to 2nd of June 2009,

Objectives and mission description:

- To visit the municipalities where FAMSÍ, in the framework the campaign “Andalusia Solidarity with Cuba and Haiti”, is going to implement development projects to better understand the social and economical situation as well as the needs and characteristics of the local population and to evaluate the relevance of the projects in order to formulate them

- To know the local partner AHACP and sign a general collaboration agreement, to harmonize management processes and to make the official opening of the common office.

The delegation met different local actors in Bois Tombé-Fonds-Verrettes and in Fond de Blancs where FAMSÍ is going to realize development projects, a microcredit bank in Pont Sondé, a women’s cooperative in Verrettes, a former palace in Petite Rivière, a school in Les Cayes, etc. The general collaboration agreement between AHACP and FAMSÍ has been signed and the delegation went to the inauguration of the common office.

Participants: Mr. José Luis Pelayo (Deputation of Seville); Mr. Romel Legros, Mr. Alix Cocu, Mr. Renaldo (NGO Haití Siglo XXI); Mrs. Diana Fiorentino, Mrs. Michelle Kalil, Mrs. Yanic Rovinsky (NGO Help Haiti); and Mrs. Crystèle Ranchin (Fondo Andaluz de Municipios para la Solidaridad internacional (FAMSÍ)).

### **3.4) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

Date: From 15th to 21st March 2009

Objectives:

- To follow the advances of the Republican Dominican’s ART Program.
- To analyze the 2009 Action Plan for the Republican Dominican’s ART Program.
- To analyze the participation of the partnership in the Republican Dominican’s ART Program.
- To participate in the “International Meeting on Participative Democracy, decentralization and Local Development”.

Participants:

Mr. Antonio Zurita Contreras. Mr. Francisco Pineda. Throughout the whole mission they were accompanied by: Mrs. Marina LoGiudice (ATP of the ART Republican Dominican Program). During one part of the mission they were accompanied by Mr. Felipe Llamas (FAMSÍ), who is also the reference to support international networks for decentralized cooperation and Mrs. Paula Estebaranz, Director of international cooperation of the Municipality of Córdoba (Spain).



### **3.5) LEBANON**

Date: From 23th to 26th of February.

Objectives: the mission's main objective was to identify and concrete actuation guidelines on which Spanish decentralized cooperation will base its collaborations according to economic resources granted by AECID (Spanish International Development Cooperation Agency) which come from a Reconstruction Fund financed by Spanish Government to AGL.

Participants: Mr. Juan Benitez (Deputation of Cadiz), Mrs. Olivia Paton (Deputation of Barcelona), Mr. Andrés Falck (Deputation of Malaga), Mr. Felipe Llamas (FAMSI, Support ART Initiative Office in Seville, Spanish Decentralized Cooperation referent for AGL)

## **4. TRAINING**

Key milestones which in 2007 gave rise to the configuration of the FAMSI area of Formation as a strategic focus aimed at ensuring, as a priority, the training of elected officials and technical staff of local Andalusia are successes such as the articulation with the Andalusian Federation of Municipalities FAMP, carried out in 2006 to include specific training in international cooperation within the continuing educative courses and classical training experience of the Andalusian Municipalities Fund for International Solidarity -FAMSI- such as the Diploma in International Cooperation for the implementation of the MDG.

Also to facilitate access to our training activities for local staff from third countries which consolidates FAMSI's cooperation strategy.

It must be acknowledged that in the final stage of the current legislation, the Service Area for the partners is born. An Area in which the training department is frame worked, among others.

In the last stage of training, FAMSI has been working on the task of identifying our partner's needs through the implementation of certain participative processes that allow us to detect preferences and priority needs for training, such as the distribution of a survey of needs.

In training, at this late stage, FAMSI been working on the line to identify our members' needs-as through the implementation of some participatory processes that allow us to detect preferences and priority needs for training, such as the distribution of a needs survey.

On the other side, FAMSI training bets on the methodological actualization, creating informatics tools in order to facilitate the participative task. As a result, the platform for TV training [www.aulasolidaria.org](http://www.aulasolidaria.org) is born with a permanent administration team in front of the tools.

The link for / with the trade union, public enterprises in Andalusia, etc. is building strength in the period 2009-2011, and in this way a stronger and closer link build up with universities in Andalusia, in university cooperation for development.

The sectors of intervention in international cooperation, its various forms, public policies on cooperation, the priority geographical areas, the cooperation partners, and a multitude of cross-cutting themes to it, such as equal opportunities, climate change, fair trade, food sovereignty, migration issues, the key elements in human rights, citizen participation, governance, etc, are analyzed in different formats with different training activities and / or modes of delivery, from classroom training to a new and clear commitment to incorporating online training or mixed quality.

Among the FAMSI actions and training offers between 2007 and 2011, we can mention:

- **The training program in Andalusia for elected officials and staff of local governments in international cooperation for development**, the fruit of the collaboration agreement between the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity (FAMSI), the Andalusian Federation of Municipalities and provinces (FAMP) and the Ministry of the Presidency of the Junta de Andalucía, Sevilla signed on the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2005.

The first edition began with an induction program and another deepening one spread among total of 14 training actions during 2007 and 2008 respectively.

The specialization program, lasting from February to may 2008, dealt with issues related to different aspects of international cooperation, ranging from the multilateral, regional contexts, the life cycle of development projects, evaluation of projects, to the planning and coordination of the Spanish Cooperation.

A total of 18 signed diplomas are issued in two bands between the International University of Andalusia and the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities for International Solidarity.

In 2008, the resources **guide in international cooperation for development** was produced. Once it was edited and finally published in June of 2008, 1500 copies of the "Resources Guide for the Andalucía decentralized cooperation" were distributed.

- **A line of work with universities, among which we can chronologically highlight:**

- **Diploma Course in International Cooperation and Territorial Development.**

It took place in Algeciras, Tangier and Baeza from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2007 to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2008. Coordinated by FAMSI in collaboration with Morocco ART-GOLD, and with the academic support of the International University of Andalusia, was attended by Moroccan and Spanish alumni / ae, of which three modules took place in Tangier and three in Spain.

- **Multilateral Diploma Course on Cooperation for human development.**

Three theoretical modules took place in the UNIA headquarters in La Rábida from the 7th of January the 20th of February. While the second part until the 30th of September,

2008 in which the alumni/ae carried out a practices module, which had the option to choose between conducting research tasks or practices in different countries.

**- Partnership in training in Morocco 2009-2010:**

FAMSI forms part of the international partnership involved in the teaching courses of Trainee in Social Work in the University Mohammed I, Oujda, and rehabilitation, regeneration and recovery of the historic centers of cities in the University of Fes. Both programs share Andalusian participation: the Universities of Seville, Granada and Malaga in the first case, and City staff and the Provincial Council of Cordoba in the course of Fez.

**1st edition of the Master in Local Development and Multilateral Cooperation.**

The last edition of the Online Course in Local Development and Multilateral Cooperation, held last year, in 2009, will in this occasion become the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Master's degree hosted by The College of America, of the University Pablo de Olavide in Sevilla. It is sponsored by FAMSI and ART International. This edition was launched in March 2010.

• **International Training Course: "The work methodology in the framework of the UNDP ART Initiative."** Held in Seville from 22 and June 26, 2009, organized by FAMSI, was attended by 43 people from Mozambique, Lebanon, R. , Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Morocco, Colombia, Uruguay, Senegal, Bolivia, Switzerland and Spain.

**The implementation of training actions was a result of the collaborative partnership with the Andalusian Foundation for Training and Employment (FAFFE), Ministry of Employment. Relationship:**

- **Four courses on "Basic aspects of International Cooperation for Development."**
  1. **Duration:** 130 hours. **Delivery dates:** January 20<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>th</sup> of March, 2009. **Mode:** Mixed. **Audience:** Technical staff of the General Workers Union (UGT) with the **objective:** to provide workers with practical tools for international cooperation for development.
  2. **Duration:** 25 hours. **Date and place of study:** Sevilla, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of October, 2009. **Mode:** Attendance. **Audience:** Staff of the Andalusian Foundation for Training and Employment (FAFFE). Employment Department.
  3. **Duration:** 25 hours. **Date and place of study:** Granada, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2010. **Mode:** Attendance. **Audience:** Staff of the Andalusian Foundation for Training and Employment (FAFFE). Employment Department.
  4. **Duration:** 25 hours. **Date and place of study:** Málaga, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of February, 2010. **Mode:** Attendance. **Audience:** Staff of the Andalusian Foundation for Training and Employment (FAFFE). Employment Department.
  5. **Course: "International Cooperation for Development: Agents, policies and action areas" '**

**Duration:** 40 hours. **Delivery dates:** 27<sup>th</sup> of October until 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 2009 **Mode:** Mixed. **Audience:** Technical staff of the General Workers Union(UGT)

6. **Course: "Management of international cooperation project cycles for development."**

**Duration:** 42 hours. **Delivery dates:** 4<sup>th</sup> of November to 5<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009. **Mode:** Mixed. **Audience:** Technical staff of the General Workers Union. (UGT).

- **Two courses on "Gender and Development".**

7. **Duration:** 30 hours. **Delivery dates:** 17<sup>th</sup> of November to 11<sup>th</sup> of December, 2009. **Mode:** Mixed. **Audience:** Technical staff of the General Workers Union. (UGT).

8. **Duration:** 30 hours. **Delivery dates:** 11<sup>th</sup> of November 11 to 9<sup>th</sup> of December, 2010. **Mode:** Mixed. **Audience:** Technical staff of the General Workers Union. (UGT).

- **Training Workshops for Local and Rural Development: "The Human Factor in Local Development"** Under the heading "The Human Factor", FAMSI and the Jaén Deputation, in collaboration with FAFPE, on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010, convened more than a hundred people on the Training Day for Local and Rural Development, which in turn was the setting for the public book presentation of "**Formation and Local Human Development: Views from the diverse**". Edited by FAMSI. Andalusia Solidarity in collaboration with the Andalusian Foundation for Training and Employment. Employment Department. November 2010. 1000 copies were published.

- **Students practices**

We usually count on individuals carrying out internships in FAMSI. Most come from different Master courses or expert courses from Universities with which FAMSI maintains a working alliance.

Among them, we can mention the University of Granada (CICODE-Initiative Centre for Development Cooperation at the University of Granada-); ETEA; UNIA-International University of Andalusia and UPO, Universidad Pablo de Olavide in Seville. We have also had students from the French University of Lyon, and so on.

- **Training needs survey of FAMSI partners**

A survey with the aim of assessing the training needs of the main entities that would become potential recipients of our actions in this area was distributed in 2009 by the Training Area. The survey, intended to gather an estimate of their training needs and suit their professional interests, was distributed to 127 member entities and / or partners.

- **On line Platform Training**

Late in 2009 FAMSI's own on line training platform was launched:

[www.aulasolidaria.org](http://www.aulasolidaria.org), in which specialized training was provided, ranging from axes related to improving the management of our daily work to transverse methodological

elements and different components of the international cooperation for local human development. The aim was to offer a quarterly training package based on the targeted needs in the survey of the member entities.

- **Training Program ‘Aula Solidaria’**

We aim to offer a training package based on the quarterly training according to training which have been detected among the member entities.

They all include a five-hour session that allows deepening the knowledge that is being acquired. All courses have a maximum of 35 registrants and usually last between 40 and 60h.

The materials consist primarily of a training manual containing at least: index, introduction, lesson plans, summary, glossary, self-test exercises, activities and readings.

The **1st Training Program for ‘Aula Solidaria’**. The first catalog included offering the following courses:

- Effective time management. (50h)
- Immersion in the local sustainable human development and associated concepts, transversal and specific ones. (35h)
- Citizen participation in local level. (60h)
- Social responsibility in local sphere. (60h)
- Design of equality plans. (60h)

The courses began in March and April, 2010, and each had an average of 35 students.

In the **2nd Training Program for ‘Aula Solidaria’** we offered a six-course training program, which ran between February and April 2011. Training activities were:

- Gender approach in development. (50h)
- International development cooperation: actors, policies and action areas. (50h)
- Management skills. (60h)
- The new active multilateralism and the role of decentralized cooperation. (50h)
- Communication planning for development. (40h)
- Immigration, multiculturalism and co-development. (60h)

- **Under the Operational Cross-Border Cooperation Program Spain - External Borders (POCTEFEX) have run 2 programs: CCHH and TOGETHER:**

- **POCTEFEX** aims to articulate resources of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in an Operational Cross-Border Cooperation Program temporary instrument format in order to develop programs of cooperation between Spain and Morocco within the framework of ERDF Objective 3.

The program has two areas of cooperation where the projects take place:

Strait Area of Cooperation: integrating the Spanish provinces of Almería, Granada, Malaga, Cadiz, Huelva, Seville, Cordoba, Jaen and the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla, as well as external border regions of Tanger-Tetouan,

Taza-Alhozeimas Taounate and the Eastern Region.

Atlantic Area Cooperation: integrating the provinces of Las Palmas and Santa Cruz de Tenerife and the external border regions Guelmin-Es-Smara, Souss Massa Draa, Laâyoune-Boujdour-Sakia El Hamra.

- **Course on Cross-Border Cooperation between Spain and Morocco** in the framework of "**Weaving the Network of Sister Cities for Development**", born in Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Spain-Exterior Borders (**Poctefex**) funded by **Fondo FEDERER** (European Funds for Regional development). The training was conducted in both Castilian and French. **Date:** From October 20 to December 2, 2010. The training was aimed at technical staff of local Andalusian governments and Moroccan municipalities and communes, as well as technical staff belonging to Andalusian and north Moroccan staff related to cooperation in both territories.
- **JUNTOS: Juntos Cooperamos, together we advance towards sustainable development of our territories** (Strait Cooperation Space) Spanish territories /Non EU Territories

The program seeks to foster cooperation and economic and social integration. The main objectives are to enhance, at the local level, decentralized cooperation programs between the province of Cadiz and Northern/ Eastern Morocco, following the guidelines of the "2007-2013 Strategic Work Plan" that both have agreed to promote economic development sustainable. Among the expected results, the project will have to enable cooperation to continue the work developed in the last years and that local authorities on both sides can work together in developing new initiatives for the sustainable economic development which meet their interest. This project will provide three training activities, all offered within the FAMSÍ e-learning platform: [www.aulasolidaria.org](http://www.aulasolidaria.org) in dates ranging between 11<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2011. These sorts of training actions run an online mode and each counts on a total of 40 participants:

The course "**Institutional mechanisms and innovative practices of citizen participation in the local sphere**" aims to contribute to the analysis of citizen participation in the local area approaching the concept from a perspective that helps the students to stand in the complexity of the different presented conceptions. For this purpose the way development affects their social demands of different sectors and the experiences which embody and foster local participatory democracy and methodologies and techniques applied will be taken into consideration.

The course "**Social innovation in the local area. Processes of change and tools of development**" focuses on training and skills upgrading of the various social, technical and personalities with political responsibility in the local activity on both sides

of the strait, to address an innovative reality and with a direct impact on the society in which it operates.

The training offer is completed with the course "**Strategic planning for local, human and sustainable development**" which aims to increase awareness of the importance of strategic planning for the development and implementation of local and most effective public action and to present some parameters to consider while conducting such planning.

- **Training of young politicians in Uruguay-1 edition**

The course aims to increase participation, collective political action and the impact of public policy on the young members of the parliamentary parties.

In addition, the course will provide theoretical and practical tools for the design, formulation, monitoring and evaluation of public policies with emphasis on local, youth and gender development as well as develop practical experiences that allow the approach to the management, knowledge of the agenda and exchange with related public institutions, civil society organizations and international aid agencies.

It will also promote the creation of permanent links, which tend to develop a network that links young members of political parties around an agenda on the topic of local development, youth and gender.

The course, which began on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June until the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, has 40 students and is composed of modules devoted to decentralization and territoriality, state and youth public policy, local development, gender and public policy, international cooperation along with local development and communication.

The overall objective is to provide conceptual and practical tools to strengthen the capacity for participation, collective political action and advocacy on public policy, youth members of political parties with parliamentary representation.

- **Parlocal Telematics Training Program.**

Housed in the FAMSÍ learning platform since June 15, 2010, the course lasts 10 months. They enabled several workshops on participatory democracy and citizen participation, until May 2011, in which the program ended.

- **Collaboration with universities.**

FAMSÍ has or had (in the case of specific events) formalized cooperation agreements with all public universities except the Andalusian University of Almería.

We also share a committed relationship and the aim to formally partner up with the RACUD (Andalusian Network of University Cooperation for Development) once the network is formally consolidated.

- **Training in third countries:**

We are currently working to strengthen collaboration in specific training activities (master or diploma format) for / with Ecuador, Colombia, Cuba, and Mozambique, where there was an identification mission to implement a Masters in Local Economic Development in July 2010.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS

**FAMSI Online Editorial - Publications:** The editorial line Andalusia Solidarity begins with the production of needed materials, which initially covered the demands of institutional explanatory demands (promotional dossier and other material) and later on, moved towards the publication of reports, documents, reports and materials that contributed to the dissemination of the actions of decentralized cooperation, and especially the cooperative action of local Andalusians.

- **Pearls and pirates** (Carrino, L. Pearl and Pirates. Critique of Development Cooperation and the New Multilateralism. Icaria Editorial. Barcelona, 2009): With FAMSI's impulse, the publication of a book about the development cooperation and its three faces was achieved. The first is that of the past, that is, of the system in which 'donor' countries help 'underdeveloped' ones. The second, and that of the present, facing a deep crisis of meaning and credibility. Thirdly, this book advances some of the features of the development cooperation in the future, a new face sought and requested by many.
- **Activity Report 2008:** Collects, for the first time, the activities of decentralized cooperation in Andalusian local governments.
  - **Memory "ART Forum: 4 years, 10 results. Progress, Challenges and Prospects** "UNDP's The strategic alliance with FAMSI to support the ART, ends of 2009, allowed Seville to become the host of the first international agency of the United Nations, governments and cooperation partners involved, related to or interested in the results of this program, four years after its commissioning. More than 300 assistants witnessed and participated in the debates and presentations featuring over 50 international speakers, whose contributions and interventions, published in 2010, in book form and DVD, as a fundamental input to systematize the progress made by the Initiative to date, pointing to the future with the formulation of objectives and challenges yet to achieve.
  - **"International Forum on Planning, Cooperation and New Active Multilateralism"** This event provided an opportunity to bring together partners in the south and north, together with government representatives and institutional which formed FAMSI's alliances in the world, fostering a rich and innovative discussion around multilateralism as a strategy of horizontal action, participatory and in line with major international consensus, about the need to move towards more effective cooperation, more efficient and in line with the Millennium Development Goals. These findings are in a book that contains images and texts of the event in DVD format, allowing, like this, the widest possible dissemination.
  - **1999-2008. 10 years of International Cooperation of the Andalusian municipalities. Local authorities against poverty, building another possible world.** Report of the Observations of Cooperation.



- **Training and Human Local Development: Views from the diverse**. The publication extends the reflective space which promoted the Training Day for Human Local Development: "The human factor in local development", held in Jaén. It collects reflections related to training, development cooperation and social participation in the processes of Local Human Development, conducted by specialists of Andalusia, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, Morocco, Mozambique, Sri Lanka and Uruguay.
- **Legislature Memory 2007 - 2011**: Activities and reflections of a period of work which has been strongly affected by the crises that shook the north, and that will be felt again on communities and poor countries, many of which have sunk into permanent crisis.
- **Andalusia Solidarity Magazine**: The publication covers the activities of Andalusian decentralized cooperation, as well as interviews, dossiers, opinion and expertise, contacts and reports that seek to open participation to partners and other actors in decentralized cooperation, specialists, opinion leaders and other sectors related to research and analysis in relation to the local Human Development.

### **Communication tools: web and newsletters**

Among the communication techniques available, the Andalusian Fund of Municipalities mainly uses the [www.andaluciasolidaria.org](http://www.andaluciasolidaria.org) website as regular form of communication as well as weekly newsletters.

The website contains information on different areas of work such as development programs, European programs, training, awareness campaigns, meetings and publications and all news related to the participation of FAMSÍ members in activities organized by other entities.

In terms of publications, most of them can be downloaded directly from the web, while others can be ordered via a form and sent with free delivery to anywhere in the country. You can also order the free shipping of various audiovisual and multimedia materials online.

The webpage also collects general information on FAMSÍ's internal functioning, assemblies, statutes, incorporation of new members, calls for jobs, scholarships and hiring, among others.

In addition, it gives space both to news concerning the activities in which members participate and those they directly organize as well as other general information related to the scope of cooperation and solidarity.

The site, designed and commissioned in 2007, includes several characteristic elements of the 2.0 web, like the valuation of news, and the assessment of news and mailing address to third parties.

FAMSI's external communication is completed by the send off of the weekly Andalusia Solidarity newsletter through e-mail to the database of subscribers. It includes the four most important news of the week, but sometimes is also formatted around one single topic.