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The **Euro-Mediterranean Cultural Heritage Agency** was founded in March 2003 in Lecce, in the context of the European Programme, **Cultural Heritage II**. It is a legally recognized non profit association, registered in the *Albo regionale dei soggetti operatori di partenariato di cooperazione internazionale e di promozione della cultura dei diritti umani* (Regional Register of Operators in the field of international partnership, cooperation and promotion of the culture of the human rights) and in the *Registro Generale delle Associazioni di Promozione Sociale* (Associations of Social Promotion General Register). In 2009 the Agency obtained by **TUV Italy**, member of the **TUV SUD Monaco Group**, the **quality certification ISO 9001** for its services of project management and development and training activities. The Agency works with organizations, institutions and individuals to solicit public and private actions in support of **permanent policies which lead to the enhancement and protection of cultural heritage**. The Agency is a **member of Anna Lindh Foundation Italian Network**, an international organization that promotes cooperation in the fields of culture, education, science and communication.

The Agency is now a **reference point for the development and management of high-profile educational and scientific projects and initiatives**, aiming at supporting the development of a **training system** capable of intercepting innovative knowledge and promoting, at the same time, cultural and social growth processes, capable to meet job market demands.

In eight years of activity the Agency has presented and taken part to **15 Community**, (INTERREG CADSES, CULTURE 2000, LIFELONG LEARNING), **national and regional (POR) programmes**, all focused on the protection, restoration, preservation, and promotion of the Euro-Mediterranean culture; it **has**, moreover, **patronized 25 national and international conferences** on topics related to European and Mediterranean cultural heritage. The **Euro-Mediterranean Cultural Heritage Agency** has also organized **22 national and international conferences and meetings** on themes concerning intercultural cooperation, development and promotion of heritage and cultural traditions of the Mediterranean area (eg, Turkey, Switzerland, Hungary, Romania, Albania, Greece). The Agency has, in addition, **sponsored, lavished contributions and recognized awards in 15 events and initiatives**, has organized **4 exhibitions** one of which, absolutely innovative and under the High Patronage of the President of the Italian Republic. The Agency has also contributed to the organization of **2 master's degrees**, and offered the educational opportunities of high profile training courses to 10 trainees, some of whom coming from abroad. The Agency has also organized **2 courses of Euro-community planning**, **6 courses of Modern Greek language and culture** and **2 courses of Turkish language and culture**. Also important is the implementation and management of a **web portal (www.agenziaeuromed.it)** with sections dedicated to the promotion of Euro-Mediterranean cultural heritage.

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