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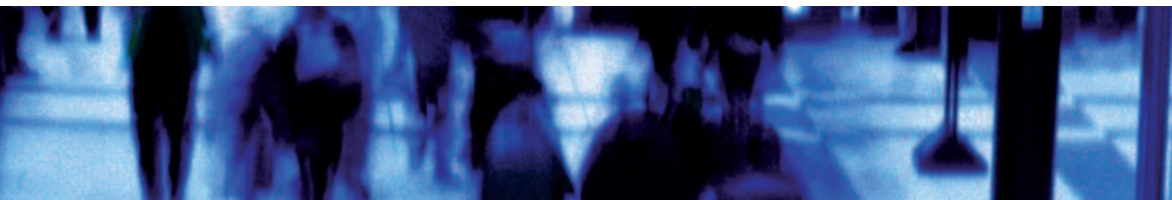
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IDENTITY AND MISSION

The Foundation is a European think tank created in November 2001.

The FONDACA mission is focused on *citizenship* regarded as a plural and multiform phenomenon, where crucial changes of contemporary societies' democratic systems related to new status and roles of citizens in the public sphere take place and can be observed.

The Foundation aims at contributing to increase, share and making good use of scientific information and knowledge on this phenomenon, in cooperation with public, private and civic actors operating in the local, national, regional and global dimensions.





GOVERNING BODIES*

The President of the Foundation is **Giovanni Moro**.

The Vice President is **Antonio Gaudio**.

A Board of Directors sets the Foundation's guidelines and general policies and approves its balance sheets. In addition to the President and Vice President, the Board is made up of: **Giuseppe Cotturri, Marco Frey, Teresa Petrangolini, Giuseppe Scaramuzza and Alessio Terzi**.

The board of auditors, in charge of controlling the Foundation's management, is made up of **Cristina Alfano (President), Riccardo Della Valle and Onofrio Palombella**.

STAFF AND PARTNERS

FONDACA staff is made up by a group of professionals that work in the different fields of activities. In addition the Foundation cooperates with a network of partners that support the operational structures both in designing scenarios and in carrying out specific projects.

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AREAS OF INTEREST AND ACTIVITIES

The Foundation research program has been established following three main directions which are respectively **Civic Activism**, **Governance** and **Corporate Citizenship**. Within the three main areas different activities can be found. These activities can be subdivided into four fields:

- Basic, empirical and applied research;
- Advanced training;
- Cultural and scientific dialogue;
- Support and advice to institutions and administrations, private bodies and civil society organizations.

Civic Activism

In this area are included all the Foundation activities that regard the civic activism and its characteristics in the national and international dimensions.

In particular the activities belonging to this area are focused on the **main peculiarities of the phenomenon**, the issues connected with the **civic organizations management** and the **analysis of the relations that civic organizations forge with their stakeholders**. The aim of this area is filling the lack of information about civic activism that exist in spite of its public relevance and its recognized role, in protecting rights and developing democracy.

To these programs may be added research and cultural activities regarding the different aspects of Italian civil society.





Governance

This area deals with phenomena linked to the role of citizens and active citizenship organizations in the new forms of governance promoted by public institutions, from the local to the global level.

The main topics of this working field are the one of **participatory governance** initiatives convened by public administrations, with a critical appraisal of them; the one of the **civic resources** for governance, for example in safety policies and in evaluation of services; the one of **Citizens in Europe**, focusing on the European Union as a multilevel and policentric governance system, that recognizes the citizenry as actor of Community-building.

The engagement in this area aims at overcoming the usual consideration of participation as inclusion of citizens in administrative processes rather than as an outcome of their autonomous initiative that interacts in a non obvious way with the institutions.

Corporate Citizenship

Although corporate citizenship has been a very debated issue in the last few years both by academics and practitioners, it doesn't exist yet a shared knowledge on it.

The Foundation research program on corporate citizenship is focused on the question of **definitions of corporate citizenship**, the **stakeholder engagement**, the **terms of integrating responsibility concepts in company culture**, the **processes of social reporting**.

Theoretical and empirical research programs as well as training initiatives, dialogue events and advice to companies are developed with the purpose to build a more in-depth knowledge of the phenomenon and to grow companies' and their stakeholder awareness on the importance of the role they play in the local and global context.