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CONSEQUOR non-profit Association for Independent Living

In the late 90s, in Piedmont, as a group of disabled people, particularly motivated and convinced, we committed to promoting self-managed and self-determined Independent Living, as a choice of alternative care, through a direct and personalized payment.

In 2000, with the collaboration of the Consortium CISAP Collegno and Grugliasco (TO), we realized the SAVI Project (Service Aid to Independent Living), which allowed the financing of the first personal project. Then we formally established in 2001 as ONLUS Consequor Association for Independent Living. Based on decades of experience in Piedmont and throughout Italy, aiming to raise awareness and to develop the philosophy and implementation of Independent Living with P.A., Consequor was the reference point for Piedmont and, in 2002, the Assessor for Social Policies Mrs Mariangela Cotto, worked out the first act that started the first "Testing for Independent Living projects" and funded 74 projects with a specific and personalized financial commitment of € 1,000,000.

In 2008, a new act turned the testing into a final program with admission criteria for P.A.. The allowance for each individual project, based on personal and detailed request, was approximately € 20,000, and now it is € 24,800. Today the number of active projects in our region has reached about 180, divided into 54 consortia (social areas), and its total amount is perhaps € 3,000,000; our goal is to increase these figures in the future.

Together with the Association F.I.S.H. (Italian federation to surmount handicap) Piedmont, we keep the direct contacts with the regional social office and the specific Working Board for Independent Living established in 2009.

We support the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and we joined ENIL Italy, which is part of ENIL, the European Network for Independent Living. We directly work at regional and national level and we cooperate with people with disability, associations, institutions, in order to promote the development of self-managed personal choice when possible, thus we deal with:

- Information;
- Peer counselling;
- Psychological support;
- Help in personal assistants management;
- Advice on mobility solutions and benefits;
- Access-able tourism and travelling.

Thanks to our experience we are willing to help in spreading Independent Living with P.A. and facing the connected themes, together with all the other organizations dealing with disabled people's rights.

Best Regards

For the Board of Directors the President:

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