

## **PREMISE**

This "Disciplinary" aims to implement Regional Law 47/2004 and subsequent amendments and to establish the criteria and methods for the full realization of the objectives set out in Art. 1 bis, with particular reference to Paragraph 1, *Letters a - b - c - d - e - f - g - h* as well as favoring the interventions envisaged by Articles 16 and 17 of the same law. All the actions aim to strengthen the sense of belonging to the historical and cultural roots of the communities of Abruzzo present outside the Region, thanks to the active collaboration of the Regional Council of Abruzzesi in the World - CRAM and the Observatory for Emigration.

In particular it:

- regulates the methods of support for the subjects identified in Art. 2 of Regional Law 47/2004.
- regulates the annual contribution for ordinary operating expenses to the Associations present in the Regional Register of Abruzzesi in the World, in compliance with Art. 16 of Regional Law 47/2004 and Art. 14 of the Regional Law 43/2012;
- regulates the modalities of sharing in the initiatives taken by the Abruzzese Communities registered in the Regional Register, providing that these can develop in competition with the other Regions that admit reciprocity, Public Administrations, Cultural Institutes, Comites, CGIEs and associations of emigrants.
- complies with the provisions of Law n. 241 of August 7, 1990 "New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents" and subsequent amendments and additions and state and regional legislation on transparency and anti-corruption.

### **The activity is carried out in six intervention Axes:**

- 1) support for the activities promoted by the Associations, Federations and Confederations registered in the Regional Register of the Abruzzesi in the World both to activate actions aimed at strengthening the sense of belonging with the homeland and to encourage the promotion of economic relations in favor of the Abruzzo Region, also to encourage the learning of the Italian language, encourage the preservation of traditions, promote recreational-cultural and study initiatives for the children and descendants of emigrants or to promote "intelligent mobility" abroad or to stimulate social tourism initiatives aimed, in particular, at elderly migrants;
- 2) development of the new web platform; intensification of interventions in the field of communication where it is important to financially support both paper and online publishing activities, through magazines, publications, websites or

other forms of multimedia communication, capable of involving the entire Abruzzo community in the world;

- 3) support for socio-welfare activities in favor of individuals or families of Abruzzo emigrants abroad to: facilitate the definitive return to Abruzzo, encourage the return of the remains of migrants who died abroad, provide "one-off" contributions in favor of emigrated in particular situations of poverty, etc.;
- 4) ensure, pursuant to Art. 16 of Regional Law n. 47/2004, the ordinary contributions intended to support the ordinary activities of the organizations present in the Regional Register of Abruzzesi in the World;
- 5) provide sufficient measures to ensure the activity of the advisory bodies – C.R.A.M., the Observatory for Emigration and the Governing Council - as well as guaranteeing the necessary support for the Youth Council;
- 6) disburse extraordinary contributions for the performance of initiatives recognized as of significant interest and consistent with the program and in relation to the availability identified by the program pursuant to Art. 9 of Regional Law 47/2004.

The Disciplinary provides that the Regional Giunta of Abruzzo, by the month of February, approves the P.O.A. - Annual Operating Plan - of the activities of the Regional Council of the Abruzzesi in the World for the current year, as prepared by the CRAM itself on the basis of the indications provided by the Council, the Board and the Observatory for Emigration. In addition to indicating the main axes of activity to be implemented, the POA also indicates the percentages of resources available for each axis of activity.

With this Disciplinary the criteria are defined with which the Abruzzo Region intends to assign the contributions foreseen by the Law 47/2004 and subsequent amendments as regards the Axes: 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6, in compliance with the Three-year Plan for Transparency and of the Corruption Prevention pursuant to Law 190/2012 and subsequent implementing decrees.

## **AXIS 1 - ACTIVITY PROJECTS**

### **ART. 1 - DIRECT AND INDIRECT INITIATIVES OF THE ABRUZZO REGION**

1. The Region assumes, promotes and develops cultural and promotional initiatives promoted by the subjects referred to in the following Art. 3, to maintain and strengthen the bond with one's homeland by promoting, in the meantime, the image of the Region.
2. The promotion of the interventions can develop with initiatives directly taken by the Regional Giunta, where necessary in agreement with the Government, or in competition with other Regions, with public administrations, cultural and information institutions, CGIE, COMITES and Associations, Federations or Confederations of Abruzzo registered in the Regional Register.
3. The Region, in order to coordinate an overall policy for the Abruzzesi in the World, makes use of the Regional Council of the Abruzzesi in the World (CRAM) and the Observatory for Emigration

pursuant to Art. 3 of Regional Law 47/2004; a special role is assigned by the Regional Law 19/17 to the Board of Directors of CRAM in cases where the urgency and the imperishable nature of the decisions are not reconciled with the convocation of the Ordinary Assembly.

4. For the achievement of the aforementioned objectives, it is considered a priority to undertake contacts and meetings, both direct and through means of communication, with the Abruzzese communities abroad, including the Italian ones but outside the regional borders, for the dissemination of their artistic and cultural heritage and food and wine, also in collaboration with the associations that deal mainly with the problems of emigrants, local authorities, cultural and information institutions.
5. The Region, together with all other persons entitled to submit project proposals, intends to favor a systemic run of regional policies of promotion and internationalization of the brand Abruzzo, optimizing spending, including through the use of co-financing and the integration of financial resources from other regional, national, community and private funds.
6. The Region can also support events held in Abruzzo, of a cultural nature, aimed at the world of Abruzzo emigration or that deal with the matter of emigration, promoted by third parties.

## **ART. 2 - ELIGIBLE AND NON ELIGIBLE EVENTS**

1. The following events are eligible for contributions, not exhaustively:

- a) events aimed at the dissemination and presentation of scientific research or studies on the world of Abruzzo's Emigration and Traditions in the world, conferences, congresses, workshops, conferences, assemblies and other public events;
- b) interventions aimed at spreading the study of the Italian language;
- c) recreational-cultural and study initiatives for the children and descendants of emigrants;
- d) initiatives created to encourage "intelligent mobility", that of young people from Abruzzo, eager to spend their educational qualifications outside the Region;
- e) social tourism initiatives aimed, in particular, at elderly migrants;
- f) shows, reviews, prizes and exhibitions, as well as presentation events for the promotion of the cultural and identity tradition of Abruzzo;
- g) initiatives of sporting and social interest involving the Associations of Abruzzesi in the world;
- h) initiatives aimed at promoting the preservation of traditions and the enhancement and protection of Abruzzo's culture throughout the world;

2. The following events are not eligible for contributions :

- a) events benefiting, for the same initiative, from contributions under specific regional laws, granted by the Region or by Bodies employed by the same;
- b) congresses of parties and unions;
- c) requests received without the signature of the legal representative of the Association, Federation, Confederation or other proposing subjects.

### **ART. 3 - INSTITUTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. The subjects identified by Art. 2 of Regional Law 47/2004 can access contributions for the realization of the initiatives referred to Art. 2 Paragraph 1 of this Disciplinary by submitting a specific request to the Emigration Office of the Sports and Emigration Service - Department of Tourism, Culture and Landscape. Grants are awarded on the basis of requests received by the deadline of March 31 of the reference year and available budget. The amount of the contribution cannot exceed 50% of the expenditure shown in the estimate and the costs admitted to the contribution;
2. In case the subjects entitled to propose a contribution application, make use of public or private non-profit partnerships, to promote projects and make them more effective, thanks to the synergistic action that can develop, it is necessary that they are indicated in detail the motivations that suggested the choice of the partner, his role in the project proposal, as well as the skills and professional and financial resources that they put in place to achieve the objectives; the replacement of the partner is allowed, subject to authorization from the Sport and Emigration Service, but cannot intervene after the start of the project;
3. Instances are accompanied by:
  - Indication of the objectives of the proposal with description of the methods and actions envisaged for their achievement;
  - Place of realization of the project;
  - Start and end date of the project;
  - Financial plan with indication of the percentages of contribution distributed among the project partners, if any, signed by the legal representative of the Association and containing the details of approval by the statutory bodies;
  - Certification of the number of members of the proposing Association/Federation/Confederation, also specifying the number of young members (under 35);
  - Declaration of acknowledgment of this Disciplinary and contextual approval;
4. The lack of one of the above elements leads to exclusion from financing;
5. Private subjects, direct expression of the professional and/or property interests of the proposer or his family members, even in the form of corporate participation, can't be partners or beneficiaries of the project proposal;

### **ART. 4 - TECHNICAL COMMISSION**

1. The Director of the Regional Department responsible for the subject appoints the Technical Commission to evaluate the proposals submitted.
2. The Technical Commission is made up of three members, one of whom acts as President; of the other two members, one also takes on the role of verbalizing secretary; the components are identified among the regional staff, with the exception of the staff working in the political secretariats or in the structures of direct collaboration of the political management bodies.

3. The functioning of the technical commissions does not involve burdens on the budget of the Regional Giunta and the Regional Council.

## **ART. 5 - EVALUATION ELEMENTS**

1. The Technical Commission, referred to Article 4 above, evaluates the proposals declared formally admissible by the Emigration Office and identifies, among the proposals of events presented, the initiatives deemed most worthy on the basis of the following elements:

- a) technical-economic and financial evaluation - max 50 points:

- A1 - symbolic value of the event, scientific prestige, social value, artistic/sporting/cultural depth (up to 5 points)
- A2 - content originality (up to 5 points)
- A3 - project objectives, expected quantitative/qualitative results (up to 15 points)
- A4 - self-financing capacity (up to 10 points)
- A5 - ability to increase the promotion of the Abruzzo brand by promoting its internationalization (up to 15 points)

- b) impact on the Abruzzo communities in the world - max 40 points:

- B1 - number of Abruzzese emigrants involved in the initiative: up to 15 members (3 points), up to 30 members (5 points), greater than 30 members (from 6 up to 10 points )
- B2 - involvement of young members up to 30% of the total item B1 (5 points), if greater than 30% (up to 10points )
- B3 - if activity involves only one Association (points 5), if it involves more than one Association or Federation or Confederation (up to points 10)
- B4 - degree of interaction with host country/region: integration with local institutions (5 points); integration with regional/national institutions (up to 10 points);

- c) periodicity of the proposed events - max 5 points:

- C1 - first edition (2 points)
- C2 - consolidated tradition and long-term durability, duly documented (up to 5 points)

- d) innovation - max 5 points

- D1 - use of innovative methods and/or techniques (up to 5 points)

## **ART. 6 - BENEFICIARIES RANKING AND SIGNING OF THE ACT OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. The minimum suitability threshold is established in **60 points**; the technical Commission, upon the outcome of the assessments made, on the basis of the elements referred to Article 5, prepares the ranking of potential beneficiaries with the scores attributed to them;
2. Once the evaluation of the projects has been completed, the Commission sends the ranking to the Emigration Office for the purpose of adopting the consequent measures;
3. The Office Emigration, took note of the list submitted by the Commission, provides for the allocation of available funds;
4. The number of financed projects is in relation to the budget assigned to each Axis; if the available resources are not sufficient to guarantee the financing of all the projects deemed suitable, the grant will be partially assigned according to the following calculation:

- The score (from now on P) attributed to each question is weighed in relation to the scale from M to 100 through the following formula  $(P-M) / (100-M)$ , where M is a number between 1 and 60; in this way a number is obtained which represents the weight of the score (from now on PP), attributed to the subject, in relation to the scale 1-100;
- The requested contribution (from now on CR) never exceeding 50% of the expenses incurred for each instance is multiplied by the PP number calculated for each individual application, obtaining the CT number (theoretical contribution) which represents the contribution that the application would receive if there were not the ceiling constituted by the budget established in the balance by the Giunta, for each sector subject to contributions;
- A correction factor (from now on FC) is calculated - dividing the budget (from now on B) set by the P.O.A., by the individual sector of intervention, by the sum of the CTs - which allows to correct the theoretical contribution in relation to the budget;
- The theoretical contribution (CT) calculated for each question is multiplied by the correction factor (FC) thus obtaining the CE number (contribution paid) which represents the contribution paid to the applicant.
- The mathematical formulas used for the calculation are the following:
  - a)  $(P - M) / (100 - M) = PP$
  - b)  $CR \times PP = CT$
  - c)  $B / \text{sum CT} = FC$
  - d)  $CT \times FC = CE$

5. After approval of the project and determination of the contribution granted, the beneficiary must sign the Act of Accession, which is drawn up and made available by the Emigration Office. With this Act, the beneficiary formally accepts the loan and undertakes to carry out the activity and comply with the provisions of EU, national and regional regulations;
6. If the beneficiary, with justified request, communicates the need to delay the closure of the project, the request is accepted if the new proposed date falls in the financial year in which the contribution is granted; otherwise the contribution is canceled;
7. For proven needs, advance payments are allowed up to a maximum of 50% of the assistance granted, subject to cash availability and the stipulation of a specific guarantee.
8. The implementing bodies must inform the potential recipients of the interventions about the methods and deadlines for accessing the initiative, as well as the fact that the project was financed with funds from the Abruzzo Region;

All information and publicity interventions aimed at the recipients and the public must bear the logo of the Abruzzo Region and the C.R.A.M.;

## ART. 7 - REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND REPORTING ON EXPENDITURE

1. The project proposals admitted to the contribution can't be realized in a different or partial way with respect to the methods described in the project proposal presented and admitted for the benefit;
2. If the beneficiary needs, for the purposes of carrying out the project, to acquire supplies or services instrumental and accessories to it, if he is not obliged to comply with the rules set out in the Contract Code (Legislative Decree 50/2016), it is always required to follow procedures inspired by criteria of uniformity and transparency, in order to guarantee the principles of equal treatment and publicity; all the administrative and accounting documents certifying compliance with the aforementioned procedures must be produced during the audit.
3. The maximum period within which each project admitted for financing must be completed, concluded and reported is 12 months from the date of communication of admission to the contribution;
4. A maximum of thirty further days is allowed, starting from the deadline set for the conclusion of the works, for sending the documentation relating to the reporting;
5. For reporting performed activity, the recipient subject must submit to the Office Emigration of Sport Service and Emigration of the Abruzzo Region the following documents:
  - Application for the balance of the contribution;
  - Final report of the activities carried out with documentation proving the accomplishment of the activity carried out;
  - Detailed reporting showing all the items of expenditure overall and actually incurred for the realization of the project;
  - Declaration of its veracity signed by the legal representative of the Association, Federation or Confederation;
  - Certified copy of each payment receipt of the costs incurred and duly paid, with original stamp and signature of the project manager;
6. Planning costs as well as general expenses are considered eligible for reporting purposes; also those:
  - referable temporally to the project implementation period;
  - relevant and attributable to the project;
  - actually incurred and accounted for;
  - justified by accounting documents having evidentiary effect;
  - traceable as defined by current legislation;

the following are not admitted to reporting:

- those not included in the estimate phase;
- interest payable, commissions for financial transactions and legal fees;
- the fees for any assignments, although connected to the carrying out of the project activity, attributed to subjects who hold a corporate position within the beneficiary Association;

7. Beneficiaries are obliged to communicate the tax code or similar identification code used in the country of their residence;
8. The documentary evidence is kept in the documents of the Association, Federation and Confederation and kept available for any subsequent checks.

#### **ART. 8 - REVOCATION**

1. The Region may order the withdrawal of the contribution paid in the following cases:
  - In all confirmed cases of infringement of the requirements contained in this Disciplinary;
  - In the event that, after 10 months from the date of notification of the grant assignment, the activities have not yet started.
  - In the event that the project manager fails to transmit, in the due terms and in the manner required, the documentation relating to the final reporting of the carried out activities.
2. In case of revocation, the beneficiary of the contribution is obliged to return to the Abruzzo Region the amounts unduly received and possibly advanced in accordance with the previous art. 6 paragraph 7.

#### **ART. 9 - TRACEABILITY**

1. In accordance with Law 136/2010, later integrated by Legislative Decree n. 187/2010 converted with Law 217/2010, Art. 3 "traceability of financial flows":
  - The beneficiary, implementing body, assumes all the traceability obligations of the financial flows pursuant to Art. 3 of the Law of 13 August 2010, n. 136 and subsequent amendments and additions;
2. The beneficiary, the implementing body, undertakes to immediately notify the Region and the Prefecture - Territorial Office of the Government of L'Aquila - of the news of the failure of its counterparty, if any, to meet its financial traceability obligations.

#### **AXIS 2 - INFORMATION INITIATIVES**

##### **ART. 10 - INFORMATION INITIATIVES**

1. The Abruzzo Region promotes initiatives to ensure more current and effective information on its institutional activity and that carried out by the Associations and Abruzzesi in the World, in order to strengthen the socio-economic-cultural relationship between the Abruzzese communities abroad and their own land of origin. This will can be expressed through the financial support recognized to the Associations present in the Regional Register, which can collaborate with both paper and online periodicals, magazines, publications, websites or other multimedia communication editors.



## **ART. 11 - ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. With regard to the initiatives referred to Art. 1 bis, paragraph 1, letter d) of Regional Law 47/2004, the following events are eligible for contribution:
  - a) all editorial and information forms that may have relevance and interest for Abruzzesi in the world.
2. The following events are not eligible for contributions:
  - a) publications and editorial forms that benefit, for the same initiative, from contributions based on specific regional laws, granted by the State, Region or by Bodies by the same dependent;
  - b) media coverage of parties and unions;
  - c) requests received without the signature of the legal representative of the Association, Federation, Confederation or other proposing subjects.

## **ART. 12 - INSTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. The subjects identified by Art. 2 of Regional Law 47/2004 can submit projects and requests for contribution to the Emigration Office of the Sport and Emigration Service - Tourism, Culture and Landscape Department of the Regional Giunta of Abruzzo.
2. Projects deemed admissible by the Emigration Office will be submitted to the examination of the technical commission referred to Art. 4. Subsequently, a merit ranking will be drawn up, based on the scores attributed, which will take into account the:
  - a) consistency of the project objectives with the objectives of the Regional Law 47/2004;
  - b) congruence between budget and expected benefits for Abruzzo communities residing outside the regional borders;
  - c) ability to spread news related to the associative and/or commemorative activities of the Abruzzo Associations in the World;
  - d) ability to develop issues that affect the knowledge of the legislative and administrative activities of the Abruzzo Region or that of other central and peripheral bodies or institutions of the State Administration;
  - e) certified audience or print run;
  - f) ability to strengthen the socio-economic-cultural relationship between the Abruzzese communities outside the Region and their homeland;
  - g) periodicity of the trips.
3. Grants are awarded on the basis of requests received by the deadline of March 31 of the reference year and the availability of resources of the reference Axis. The amount of the contribution cannot exceed 50% of the expenditure shown in the estimate and the costs admitted to benefit;
4. The applications are accompanied by:
  - a) Presentation of the editorial activity or initiative;
  - b) Complete estimate of entries and exits;

- c) Print run or other equivalent element (document or self-declaration);
  - d) Any other element that can be assessed for the benefit.
5. If the beneficiary, with justified request, communicates the need to delay the closure of the project, the request is accepted if the new proposed date falls in the financial year in which the contribution is granted; otherwise the contribution is canceled.

### **ART. 13 - EVALUATION ELEMENTS**

1. The technical Commission, referred to Article 4, evaluates the proposals formally admissible declared by the Emigration Office and establishes a ranking of the initiatives that can be financed, among the proposals presented, based on the following evaluation elements:
- a) technical-economic and financial evaluation - max 50 points:
    - A1 - object of the information activity: only linked to the report of associative/commemorative activity (up to 5 points)  
object of the information activity: linked to the knowledge of the legislative and administrative activities of the Abruzzo Region (up to 10 points)
    - A2 - adequacy of the used media (radio, newspapers, news letters, TV, web) - (up to 10 points)
    - A3 - project objectives, expected quantitative/qualitative results (up to 10 points)
    - A4 - ability to increase the promotion of the Abruzzo brand by promoting its internationalization (up to 10 points)
    - A5 - audience or certified circulation (up to 10 points);
  
  - b) impact on the Abruzzese communities in the world - max 30 points;
    - B1 - ability to strengthen the socio-economic-cultural relationship between the Abruzzese communities outside the Region and their homeland (up to 5 points);
    - B2 - First edition (2 points)  
Consolidated tradition and long-term durability (up to 5 points)
    - B3 - if activity involves only one Association (5 points)  
if it involves more than one Association or Federation or Confederation (up to 10 points)
    - B4 - degree of interaction with host country/region: integration with local institutions (5 points); integration with regional/national institutions (up to 10 points);
  
  - c) innovation - max 10 points
    - C1 - use of innovative methods and/or techniques (up to 10 points)
  
  - d) coordinated and proven editorial activity with the Portal and the web platform of the CRAM Abruzzo - (up to a maximum of 10 points).

### **ART. 14 - BENEFICIARIES RANKING AND SIGNING OF THE ACT OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. The minimum suitability threshold is established in **60 points**; the technical Commission, upon the outcome of the evaluations carried out on the basis of the elements referred to above Articles 11, 12 and 13, prepares the ranking of potential beneficiaries with the scores attributed to them;

2. The Commission sends the ranking list to the Emigration Office, for the purpose of adopting the consequent measures;
3. The Emigration Office, having taken note of the ranking sent by the Commission, distributes the available funds;
4. The number of projects financed is in relation to the assistance assigned to the Axis; if the available resources are not sufficient to guarantee the financing of all the projects deemed suitable, the contribution will be assigned in part according to the calculation system already provided for in Paragraph 4 of the previous Art. 6 of this Disciplinary;
5. After approval of the project and determination of the contribution granted, the beneficiary must sign the Act of Accession, which is drawn up and made available by the Emigration Office. With this Act, the beneficiary formally accepts the loan and undertakes to carry out the activity and comply with the provisions of EU, national and regional regulations;
6. If the beneficiary, with justified request, communicates the need to delay the closure of the project, the request is accepted if the new proposed date falls in the financial year in which the contribution is granted; otherwise the contribution is canceled;
7. For proven needs, advance payments of up to a maximum of 50% of the grant assigned are allowed, subject to cash availability and the stipulation of a specific guarantee.
8. The implementing bodies must inform the potential recipients of the interventions about the methods and deadlines for accessing the initiative, as well as the fact that the project was financed with funds from the Abruzzo Region;
9. All information and publicity interventions aimed at the recipients and the public must bear the logo of the Abruzzo Region and the C.R.A.M.;

#### **ART. 15 - REALIZATION OF THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND REPORTING OF EXPENSES**

1. The project proposals admitted to contribution can't be realized in a different or partial way with respect to the modalities described in the project proposal presented and admitted for the benefit.
2. If the beneficiary needs, for the purposes of carrying out the project, to acquire supplies or services instrumental and accessories to it, if he is not obliged to comply with the rules set out in the Contract Code (Legislative Decree 50/2016), he is always required to follow procedures based on uniformity and transparency criteria, in order to ensure principles of equality of treatment and publicity; all the administrative and accounting documents certifying compliance with the aforementioned procedures must be produced during the audit.
3. The maximum period within which each project admitted for financing must be completed, concluded and reported is 12 months from the date of communication of admission to the contribution;
4. A maximum of thirty further days is allowed, starting from the deadline set for the conclusion of the works, for sending the documentation relating to the reporting;
5. To report the activity carried out, the beneficiary must submit the following documents to the Emigration Office of the Sports and Emigration Service of the Abruzzo Region:
  - Application for the balance of the contribution;

- Final report of the activities carried out with documentation proving the successful completion of the information and editorial activity;
- Detailed reporting showing all the items of expenditure overall and actually incurred for the realization of the project;
- Declaration of its veracity signed by the legal representative of the Association, Federation or Confederation;
- Certified copy of each payment receipt of the costs incurred and duly paid, with original stamp and signature of the project manager;

6. For the purposes of reporting, planning costs as well as general expenses are considered eligible, in addition those:

- referable temporally to the project implementation period;
- relevant and attributable to the project;
- actually incurred and accounted for;
- justified by accounting documents having evidentiary effect;
- traceable as defined by current legislation;

the following ones are not admitted to reporting:

- those not included in the estimate phase;
- interest payable, commissions for financial transactions and legal fees;
- the fees for any assignments, although connected to the carrying out of the project activity, attributed to subjects who hold a corporate position within the beneficiary Association;

7. Beneficiaries are obliged to communicate the tax code or similar identification code used in the country of their residence;
8. The documentary evidence is kept in the documents of the Association, Federation and Confederation and kept available for any subsequent checks.

## **ART. 16 - REVOCATION**

1. The Region may order the withdrawal of the contribution paid in the following cases:
  - In all the cases confirmed the violation of the provisions contained in this Disciplinary;
  - In the case that, after 10 months from the date of notification of the grant assignment, the activities have not yet started.
  - In the case that the project manager fails to transmit, in the due terms and in the manner required, the documentation relating to the final reporting of the activities carried out.
2. In case of cancellation, the beneficiary of the contribution is obliged to return to the Abruzzo Region the sums indebtedly received and possibly advanced according to the previous Art. 14 Paragraph 7.

## **ART. 17 - TRACEABILITY**

1. In accordance with Law 136/2010, later integrated by Legislative Decree n. 187/2010 converted with Law 217/2010, Art. 3 "traceability of financial flows":
  - The beneficiary, implementing entity, assumes all the traceability obligations of the financial flows pursuant to Art. 3 of the Law of 13 August 2010, n. 136 and subsequent amendments;
2. The beneficiary, the implementing entity, undertakes to immediately notify the Region and the Prefecture - Territorial Office of the Government of L'Aquila - of the news of the failure of its counterparty, if any, to meet its financial traceability obligations.

## **AXIS 3 - SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES**

### **ART. 18 - SOCIAL-ASSISTANCE INITIATIVES**

1. The Abruzzo Region promotes socio-welfare initiatives in favor of individuals or families of Abruzzo emigrants abroad who are victims of serious hardship and in need:
  - a) for the final return to Abruzzo;
  - b) for the return of the remains or ashes of emigrants who died abroad;
  - c) for one-off contributions in favor of emigrants in particular situations of poverty.

### **ART. 19 - SUBJECTIVE AND GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

1. To enjoy the contribution, the emigrants must, with a substitute declaration made pursuant to Presidential Decree 445/2000, submit an application in which they must declare to:
  - be born in Abruzzo or be descendants of citizens of Abruzzo origin;
  - have lived permanently outside the regional territory;
  - have maintained Italian citizenship;
  - live a situation of poverty;
  - having worked for at least five consecutive years outside Abruzzo;

### **ART. 20 - REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL RETURN TO ABRUZZO - POINT A) ART. 15 LR 47/2004**

1. The emigrants who intend to benefit from the provisions of Art. 18 Paragraph 1a of this Disciplinary (*maximum 50% of the reimbursement of travel expenses*) must report in the application to be submitted to the Emigration Office of the Sports and Emigration Service - Department of Tourism, Culture and Landscape of the Regional Giunta of Abruzzo, within one year from return to Abruzzo, the declarations set out in Art. 19 and attach to the request, in addition to a photocopy of a valid identity document and the tax code :

- a) declaration of the employers with which the worker was employed, certifying the start and end date of each employment relationship and the reason for the termination of the same. These documents must be translated into Italian and endorsed by the reference Italian Consulate;
  - b) travel documents proving the cost incurred by the worker and the dependent family members who fall in tow (economy class air tickets and second class train tickets are allowed);
  - c) Deed of notoriety or substitutive declaration of the deed of notoriety, pursuant to Presidential Decree n. 445/2000, where the "Family Status" is certified and that the worker does not benefit from other allowances or contributions provided for by national laws or paid by other Bodies in analogy to the provisions laid down by regional or national laws;
  - d) Any certificate attesting the position of pensioner issued by public offices or by the pension provider. If this document is issued abroad, it must be translated into Italian and endorsed by the Consulate;
  - e) Substitutive declaration of the deed of notoriety from which the presence of serious pathologies against the applicant or members of his family is highlighted;
  - f) Deed of notoriety or substitutive declaration of the deed of notoriety, pursuant to Presidential Decree n. 445/2000, if the state of impossibility is confirmed, for the entire family, regarding property rights or other real rights of enjoyment on the housing occupied when returning to Abruzzo and on any expenses incurred for the inclusion of children in the school system or their insertion into the world of work;
2. The emigrant will not be able to enjoy the benefits of this article a second time.
  3. Requests for contributions must be submitted within one year of returning to Abruzzo;
  4. The projects deemed admissible by the Emigration Office will be submitted to the examination of the technical Commission pursuant to Art. 4 of this Disciplinary.

## **ART. 21 - ASSIGNMENT METHODS**

1. The technical Commission evaluates the applications considered admissible by the competent Office and draws up a ranking, among the requests submitted on the basis of the following evaluation elements:
  - a) evaluation of the state of indigence - max 60 points:
    - A1 - number of family members (up to 20 points)
    - A2 - minor children (up to 5 points)
    - A3- dependent family members afflicted with serious diseases (up to 10 points)
    - A4– economic situation of the whole family based on the last tax return filed (up to 25 points)
  - b) working activity performed abroad - max 20 points;
    - B1 - working period spent abroad (up to 10 points);
    - B2 - evaluation of any unemployment period for the last 24 months (up to 10points )
  - c) accommodation in Italy - max 20 points

- C1 - assessment of the impossibility, for the entire family, regarding property rights or other real rights of enjoyment on housing (up to 10 points)
- C2 - expenses incurred for the insertion of children into the school system or their insertion into the working world (up to 10 points)

## ART. 22 - BENEFICIARIES RANKING

1. At the outcome of the assessments carried out, based on the elements referred to above Article 21, the technical Commission prepares the ranking of potential beneficiaries with the scores attributed to them and sends it to the Emigration Office for the adoption of the consequent measures;
2. In relation to the availability of the resources established for the reference Axis, a maximum contribution of 50% of the travel expenses incurred for the definitive return can be paid;
3. If the resources are not sufficient to satisfy all the requests received, the grant will be partially assigned according to the following calculation:
  - The score (from now on P) attributed to each question is weighed in relation to the scale from M to 100 through the following formula  $(PM) / (100-M)$ , where M is a number between 1 and the last of the positions in the ranking; in this way a number is obtained which represents the weight of the score (from now on PP), attributed to the subject, in relation to the scale 1 - 100;
  - The contribution requested (from now on CR) never exceeding 50% of the expenses incurred for each instance is multiplied by the PP number calculated for each individual application, obtaining the CT number (theoretical contribution) which represents the contribution that the instance would receive if there were not the ceiling constituted by the budget established in the financial statement by the POA, for each sector subject to contribution;
  - A correction factor is calculated (from now on FC) - dividing the budget (from now on B) by the regional Giunta, by the individual sector of intervention, by the sum of the CTs - which allows to correct the contribution theoretical in relation to the budget;
  - The theoretical contribution (CT) calculated for each question is multiplied by the correction factor (FC) thus obtaining the EC number (contribution paid) which represents the contribution paid to the applicant.
  - The mathematical formulas used for the calculation are the following:
    - a.  $(P - M) / (100 - M) = PP$
    - b.  $CR \times PP = CT$
    - c.  $B / \text{sum CT} = FC$
    - d.  $CT \times FC = CE$

## **ART. 23 - RETURN OF THE BODIES OR ASH TO ABRUZZO - POINT B) ART. 15 REGIONAL LAW 47/2004**

1. Subject of the contribution is the general expenses to the costs incurred for the transfer to Abruzzo of the bodies or ashes of the fellow countrymen who died abroad, within the two years preceding the submission of the application. To access this subsidy, set by the Regional Law 47/2004 at a maximum of 50% of the expenses incurred, the deceased must have the general eligibility requirements specified in Art. 19 Paragraph 1 of these Disciplinary.
2. Family members, wherever residing, who have made the transfer can access the contribution.
3. The deceased person must have been resident abroad for at least two years at the time of death.

## **ART. 24 - METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION**

1. The application must be submitted to the Emigration Office of the Sport and Emigration Service of the Tourism, Culture and Landscape Department of the Regional Giunta of Abruzzo within one year of the translation.
2. It must be accompanied by the following documentation:
  - death certificate of the co-regional emigrant who died abroad;
  - substitutive declaration of the deed of notoriety, as foreseen by the Presidential Decree n. 445/2000, with attestation of the place and date of expatriation of the deceased emigrant and the relationship of kinship of the applicant with them;
  - original invoices or other equivalent expenditure documents, certifying the costs incurred for the transporting. These, duly receipted, must be addressed to the applicant and endorsed by the competent consular authority; together with the expense documentation, the authorization document (mortuary passport) issued by the competent consular authority must be produced;
  - photocopy of a valid identity document of the applicant;
  - photocopy of the applicant's fiscal code;
  - if the applicant is residing abroad, with his/her formal act of delegation, a person residing in the Region may be charged for collection.

The documentation produced, if in a foreign language, must be accompanied by an Italian translation;

## **ART. 25 - ASSIGNMENT METHODS**

1. The projects deemed admissible by the Emigration Office will be submitted to the examination of the technical Commission, pursuant to Art. 4 of this Disciplinary;



2. The technical Commission assesses the applications deemed admissible by the competent Office and draws up a ranking, between requests submitted, based on the following elements of evaluation:
  - a) assessment of the state of indigence - max 80 points:
    - A1 - number of family members of the deceased (up to 25 points)
    - A2 - dependent minor children (up to 10 points)
    - A3- presence of dependent family members afflicted with serious diseases (up to 10 points)
    - A4- economic situation of the entire family of the deceased on the basis of the last tax return filed (up to 35 points)
  - b) working activity performed abroad - max 20 points;
    - B1 - working period spent abroad since the deceased (up to 10 points);
    - B2 - evaluation of any unemployment period for the last 24 months (up to 10 points)

#### **ART. 26 - BENEFICIARIES RANKING**

1. At the outcome of the assessments made on the basis of the elements referred to above Article 25, the technical Commission prepares the ranking of potential beneficiaries, with the scores attributed to them, and sends it to the Emigration Office for the adoption of the consequent measures;
2. On the basis of the availability of the resources established for the reference Axis, a maximum contribution of 50% of the costs incurred for the transfer may be paid;
3. If the resources are not sufficient to satisfy all the requests received, the contribution will be partially assigned according to the calculation formula already indicated in Art. 22 Paragraph 3 of the Regulations;

#### **ART. 27 - *UNA TANTUM* CONTRIBUTION IN FAVOR OF EMIGRANTS IN PARTICULAR SITUATIONS OF INDIGENCE POINT C) Art. 15 Regional Law 47/2004**

1. Abruzzese emigrants who intend to benefit from the provisions of Art. 18 Paragraph 1c of the present Disciplinary will have to bring in the request the statements set out in the previous Article 19 and will have to attach to the application a copy of a valid identity document and fiscal code;
2. The request, submitted to the Emigration Office of the Sport and Emigration Service of the Tourism, Culture and Landscape Department of the Regional Giunta of Abruzzo, must be accompanied by a substitutive declaration of the deed of notoriety, pursuant to Presidential Decree n. 445/2000, where the "Family Status" is certified and that the worker does not benefit from other allowances or contributions provided for by national laws or paid by other Bodies in analogy to the provisions laid down by regional or national laws, to which the following documents must be attached:
  - Last copy of the tax return of each member of the family.
  - Copy of certificate attesting to the status of disabled, psychiatric patients, cancer patients, AIDS patients, drug addict or other highly invalidating pathology in order to obtain a deduction from income.

- Copy of certificate attesting to the inability to perform continuous work activity.
  - Copy of registration to the placement lists.
3. The technical Commission referred to Art. 4 of this Disciplinary, having acquired the opinion of the legal representative of the Association of the Abruzzesi in the World competent for the territory, draws up a ranking based on the following evaluation elements:
- a) assessment of the state of indigence - max 80 points:
- A1 - number of family members (up to 10 points)
  - A2 - presence of minor children and/or elderly dependents (up to 15 points)
  - A3- degree of disability and/or presence of dependent family members afflicted with serious diseases (up to 20 points)
  - A4– economic situation of the entire family based on the last tax return filed (up to 35 points)
- b) working activity performed abroad - max 20 points;
- B1 - working period spent abroad (up to 10 points);
  - B2 - evaluation of any unemployment period for the last 24 months (up to 10points)

#### **ART. 28 - BENEFICIARIES RANKING**

1. At the end of the evaluations carried out on the basis of the elements referred to above Article 27, the technical Commission prepares the ranking of potential beneficiaries with the scores attributed to them, taking into account the provisions of Art. 26 Paragraph 4 of Legislative Decree 33/2013, and sends it to the Emigration Office for the adoption of the consequent measures;
2. In relation to the availability of the resources established for the reference Axis and following the order established by the ranking, the Emigration Office provides a "one-off" contribution of € 1,000.00 until the resources available are exhausted;
3. This concession does not give rise to a right of continuity for the beneficiaries for future years;

#### **AXIS 4 - ASSIGNMENT OF ORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **ART. 29 - PURPOSE**

1. The Region grants to the Associations, Federations and Confederations registered in the Regional Register, annual contributions intended to support the ordinary activities of the organizations themselves. Procedures and terms are set in the same Art. 16 of Regional Law 47/2004. With this Disciplinary it is intended to regulate the disbursement of these contributions in the event that the economic resources identified in the regional budget are not sufficient to satisfy all the requests received and in compliance with the provisions of Law n. 241 of August 7, 1990, (New rules on administrative procedures and the right of access to administrative documents) and subsequent amendments and additions and by the state legislation on transparency and corruption prevention;

## **ART. 30 - ELIGIBILITY**

1. Applications deemed admissible by the Emigration Office will be submitted to the technical Commission for assessment referred to in previous Art. 4 of this Disciplinary. Subsequently, two merit rankings will be drawn up (one for the Associations present abroad, the other for those included in Section II of the Regional Register "Associations of Emigrants in Italy, outside the Region"), on the basis of the scores attributed, which will keep account of:
  - a) Program of activities for which the contribution is requested;
  - b) Financial budget including income and expenditure, signed by the legal representative of the Association and containing the details of approval by the statutory bodies;
  - c) Certification of the number of members with quantification of the number of young members (under 35);
  - d) Ability to provide assistance to the Abruzzo community in difficulty.
2. The lack of only one of the elements referred to in points "a", "b", "c" above leads to exclusion from the benefit;
3. The requests received without the signature of the legal representative of the Association, Federation, Confederation make the application inadmissible;
4. In the cost estimate of the planned activities, those relating to the organization of lunches/dinners and social trips will not be admitted, unless they are essential for the purposes of institutional representation, in the case of events of particular relevance or that the trips are not aimed at initiatives that foresee the visit of the Abruzzo Region;
5. The program of activities can't include projects that already benefit from contributions made according to the other intervention Axes .

## **ART. 31 - ASSESSMENT OF BENEFICIARY INSTANCES AND RANKING LIST**

1. The technical Commission will operate on the basis of the following evaluation elements:
  - a) technical-economic and financial evaluation of the proposed activities - max 45 points:
    - A1 - value of ordinary activity from a scientific, social, artistic/sports/cultural point of view (up to 15 points)
    - A2- organization of Italian courses (10 points)
    - A3 - organization of activities that propose the conservation, awareness and deepening of particular aspects of the culture, places and history of our Region (up to 10 points)
    - A4 - ability to increase the promotion of the Abruzzo brand by promoting its internationalization (up to 10 points)
  - b) ordinary expenses and social structure - max 45 points;
    - B1 - total number of members (evaluation up to 5 points)
    - B2 - number of members from Abruzzo: up to 30 members (2 points), up to 60 members (4 points), greater than 60 members (from 5 to 10 points)
    - B3 - number of young members up to 30% of the total item B2 (points 3), if greater than 30% (up to points 8)
    - B4 - ability to draw on loans that go beyond the payment of social contributions (up to 15points )
    - B5 - expenses attributable to the improvement of the registered office and which go beyond those of ordinary maintenance (up to 7 points)

c) expenses related to social and welfare activities in favor of citizens of Abruzzo - max 10 points;

- C1 - evaluation of activities that have a social and welfare purpose in favor of the Abruzzo community

2. Upon the outcome of the evaluations carried out on the basis of the elements referred to in the previous paragraph, the technical Commission prepares the two rankings of the potential beneficiaries, with the scores attributed to them, and sends them to the Emigration Office for the adoption of the consequent measures;
3. On the basis of the availability of the resources established for the reference Axis, the Emigration Office will determine the amount of the regional contribution, which can never exceed the deficit that emerges from the financial report presented; the contribution will also take into account the criteria and limits set by Art. 16 of Regional Law 47/2004 and subsequent amendments;
4. If the resources are not sufficient to satisfy all the requests received, the contribution will be partially assigned according to the calculation formula already indicated in Article 22 Paragraph 3 of the Disciplinary;

## **AXIS 5 - ACTIVITIES ADVISORY BODIES**

### **Art. 32 - BODY FUNCTIONING**

1. This Axis provides exclusively for the coverage of the expenses for the functioning of the Advisory Bodies identified by the Regional Law 47/2004 according to the provisions of the Law itself. The resources assigned to Axis 5 are managed directly by the Emigration Office. In the case of events, the organization of which is entrusted to Associations, Federations or Confederations registered in the Regional Register, Art. 13 Regional Law 47/2004, the accreditation of the funds necessary for this organization is allowed to the Associations themselves, who, at the end of the Event, report the expenses incurred to the Regional Giunta, Emigration Office.

## **AXIS 6 - EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS**

### **ART. 33 - ELIGIBLE AND NON ELIGIBLE EVENTS**

1. Pursuant to Article 17 of Regional Law n. 47/2004, extraordinary contributions can be paid for the performance of initiatives recognized as of significant interest and consistent with the program and in relation to the availability identified by the program pursuant to Art. 9 of Regional Law 47/2004;
2. The types of events that can be financed are included among those indicated in Art. 2 of these regulations, but differ from them and fall outside the discipline applied to them, due to the marked ability to take advantage of a particular tourism, cultural and economic promotion of

the Abruzzo brand, recognized by the Regional Giunta, promoting its internationalization and linking it to the wide Abruzzo emigration network in the world.

#### **ART. 34 - INSTITUTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

1. The requests, addressed to the Regional Giunta of Abruzzo, through the Sport and Emigration Service, must be submitted, peremptorily, by March 31 of the reference year;
2. The Regional Giunta, with its own resolution, will identify the types of Events to be financed, as well as the implementing subjects and will regulate the methods of granting the contribution;
3. The amount of the contribution, as provided by the same Art. 17 of Regional Law 47/2004 can not exceed 80% of the expenditure shown in the estimate and admitted.

#### **ART. 35 - PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING**

1. The processing of personal data will be carried out by the Abruzzo Region in accordance with Legislative Decree 196/2003, also with telematic tools, exclusively for the purposes foreseen by Regional Law 47/2004 and subsequent amendments.

#### **ART. 36 - ENTRY INTO FORCE**

1. This "Disciplinary" comes into force the day after its publication in the Official Bulletin of the Abruzzo Region.