

Aretés is a company that provides consulting services in the field of research, training, planning and communication to quality and social innovation.

Aretés is characterized by a strong capacity for innovation in the social field of in a logical promotion and community development. Methodologically, Aretés integrates the processes of research, planning, training, assessment and communication of its stakeholders by providing the tools they need to manage the growing organisational and social complexity.

Aretés is engaged in research, design and communication for the social quality. Develops and promotes efficiency, effectiveness, quality and motivational resources in the social, economic and communication fields for public, private and non-profit organisations.

The areas of intervention of Aretes are community development, quality of services, social and communicative marketing and training.

Aretés participated as a leader and partner in 15 European projects starting from the European Youth in Action Programme, the European Social Fund, European Territorial Cooperation Programme CENTRAL EUROPE Programme Europe for Citizens, Specific Transnational Projects, etc..

The partners and associates of Aretés are professionals that are characterized by specific skills and experience gained from years of field work in direct contact with customers. Currently, the staff consists of 4 members and employees 10 people including staff and external consultants.

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Sociologist and expert on social policy. Since 1996 he is engaged in the planning of social and family policies, organization and analysis of the quality of social services and the development of innovation processes in welfare. He is founder and senior partner of the cooperative Aretes. He has collaborated with Italian Caritas in the development of services for the elderly in a community perspective. Since 1992, he collaborated with the Cultural Center F.L. Ferrari, which deals with equity in social services, re-distributive policies and measures of income support.



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