

sustainable communities and development



A photograph of a forest path. The path is made of wooden logs laid across the ground, forming a series of steps. To the right of the path, there is a wire fence supported by wooden posts. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage, with sunlight filtering through the leaves. A semi-transparent white box with rounded corners is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Our mission is to provide expertise and innovative solutions for a balanced territorial development, in which people and communities evolve in a sustainable model that uses and manages available resources sustainably.

Thus, Starter aims at establishing beneficial and favourable balances between man and environment.



WHO WE ARE

Starter is an Italian consulting company, with a large number of international relations. It is a fully independent partner for International Organisations, national and regional Governments, local Administrations, enterprises, research organizations and civil society actors.

Starter has an extensive experience in thinking, developing and implementing schemes combining balanced and sustainable growth with territorial development.

Since 1998, Starter has turned innovative ideas into pilot initiatives, as well as new products and services fostering balanced growth and sustainable use of resources.

Starter is funding partner of European Affairs Alliance, a group of highly specialised consultancies in European cooperation, able to mobilize a pool of resources at international scale, both logistic and human.



APPROACH

We facilitate, simplify and accelerate.

We turn innovative ideas into pilot initiatives, as well as into new products and services, while backing balanced growth and sustainable use of resources. We assist our clients in their development strategies and activities at different stages. We help them enhance their intervention potential and foster their capacities and success.

Our tailor-made services and assistance can boost and qualify our clients' development programmes. We are like artisans, as we work out each project concept with specific ideas and solutions. Our final aim is accompanying our clients in their strategies for sustainable development.

We consider our clients as partners and build positive relationships, based on peer learning and joint development.



Our fields of expertise include:
agriculture and forestry,
agro-food business,
rural development, environment
and biodiversity,
climate action and energy,
management of natural resources,
sustainable tourism
and planning.



WHAT WE DO

We cooperate with a range of organizations based in Europe and Africa, pooling expertise, designing and developing projects and services.

We:

- Elaborate studies, concepts, strategies, analyses, layman's reports, models, plans and recommendations;
- Develop tools, like decision-supporting systems, templates, guidelines, auction procedures, action plans, checklists;
- Build capacity and transfer methodologies, measures, best practices, and practical solutions,
- Facilitate policy dialogue;
- Involve stakeholders and end-users actively, through participatory approaches, networking, and meeting facilitation;
- Inform and raise awareness on existing funding opportunities;
- Give technical and administrative support for elaborating project dossiers and submitting proposals;
- Assist in the negotiations of financial resources, scientific and technical activities with the donors, as well as in the definition of contracting terms;
- Build and coordinate partnerships and consortia through dedicated services and activities aimed at sharing tasks and responsibilities and at achieving planned results;
- Support projects management - including planning and management of financial resources, project planning and accounting, and reporting. For these tasks we develop specific management supporting tools (e.g. manuals, templates, checklists, etc.);
- Monitor and evaluate projects and programmes;
- Develop projects' communication through appropriate communication strategies, key messages development, editing and layout of informative materials (e.g. brochures, leaflets, booklets, totems, roll-ups, signs, boards, etc.);
- Organize events such as presentations, expositions, conferences, study visits, educational programmes with schools, and training activities.

We have developed and implemented more than 200 projects in several European and African countries.

Partnership





MAIN OFFICE

Padova (I)

CONNECTED OFFICES

Rome (I)

Budapest (H)

Hazerswoude Dorp (NL)

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Austria

Cape Verde

Croatia

Czech Republic

Ethiopia

France

Germany

Ghana

Greece

Hungary

Italy

Montenegro

Namibia

Poland

Sierra Leone

Slovakia

Slovenia

Switzerland

Togo

Zimbabwe



WHERE WE ARE ACTIVE

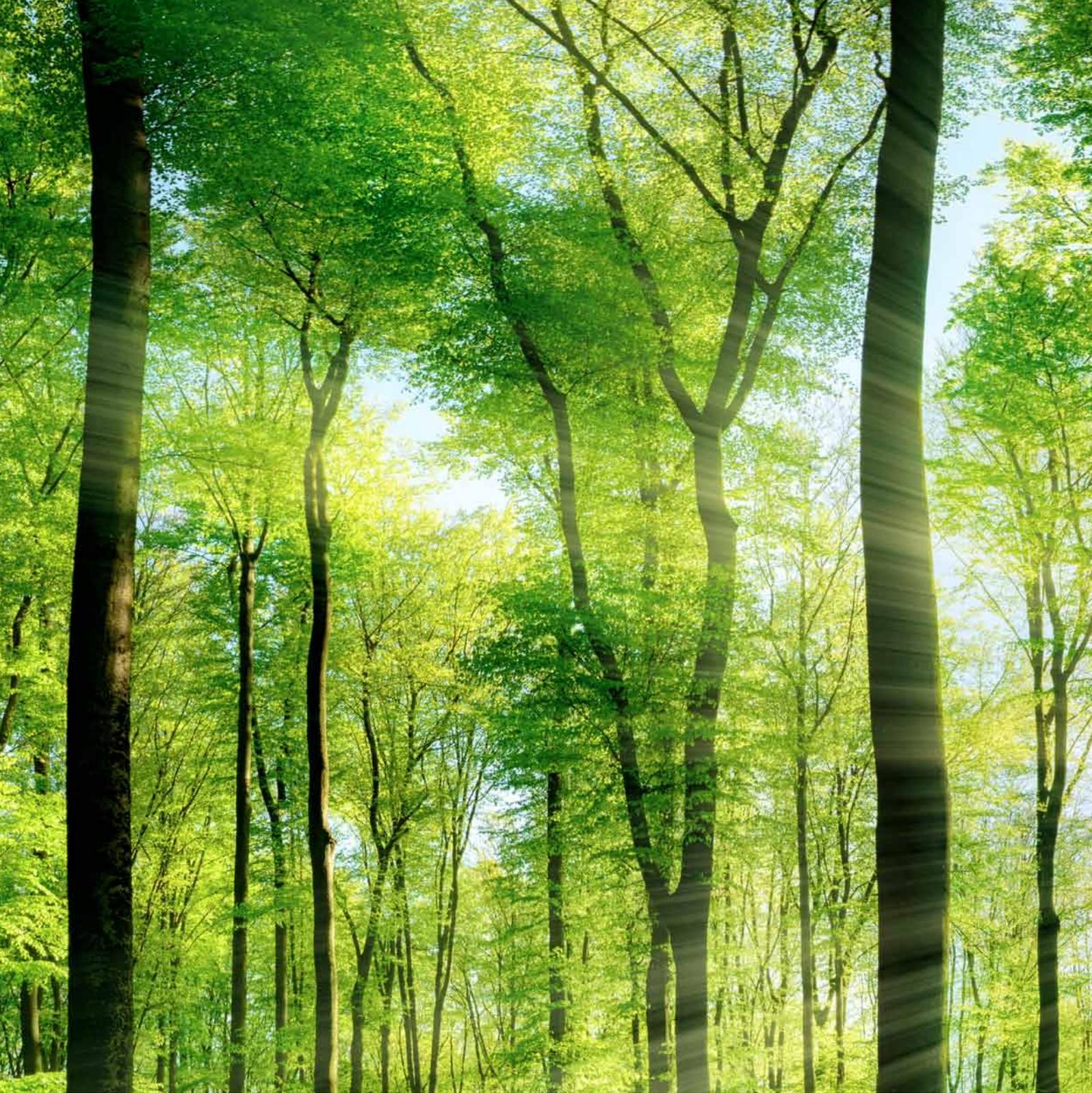
Starter's headquarter is in Padova (Italy). Through its strategic partnerships, the company has also offices in Rome (Italy), Budapest (Hungary), and Hazerswoude Dorp (The Netherlands). Starter cooperates with organizations in Austria, Cape Verde, Croatia, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Montenegro, Namibia, Poland, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, Togo, Zimbabwe.

ORGANIZATION

Starter is organized as follows:

- President and CEO
responsible for institutional relations, for company's overall management and for business development;
- Board of Directors
responsible for designing company's strategies and action plans, for assessing the company's performance, for organizing tasks and day-to-day activities;
- Technical Assistance Unit
experts provide tailor-made and targeted technical assistance and services. It includes senior permanent staff covering all fields of Starter's expertise with many years of experience in research and consultancy and a network of specialists and external consultants who are involved through on-going assignments.





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