

## **Emerging Community Foundations in Southern Italy: Social Utility, Overseas Partnering, and International Models**

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### **Abstract**

Tiziana Colasanti explores different strategies for establishing and developing community foundations in Italy, particularly in the South. Drawing on discussions with community foundation leaders, representatives from the Italian American community, and those working to promote diaspora philanthropy, Ms. Colasanti recommends several ways to strengthen Italian community foundations. These include: identifying overseas corporate partners to promote diaspora philanthropy; organizing internships for Italy's nonprofit practitioners in more established US community foundations; and linking Italy's community foundations and nonprofits with more established organizations in the US. In particular, Tiziana explores possible partnerships for Italy's emerging community foundations with US-based United Way organizations, Italian American associations, and "friends of ... associations" (akin to the Czech-American "Friends of Via" initiative).

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