



The Association for Immigrants Accompaniment in Trento Region non-profit organization of social utility (ATAS) is today one of the most important non-profit organisations operating in the field of immigration in the region of Trento.

It was created in 1989 and, together with the Autonomous Province of Trento and other public and private entities, it works to:

- Favour among foreigners the knowledge and awareness of their citizens rights and duties, supporting them particularly with their relation with the State, with accessing public services, with the search for housing and work and with the process of social and cultural inclusion in the region of Trento;
- Raise awareness among the local community of the positive potential of the phenomenon of migration so as to facilitate peaceful cohabitation and to prevent xenophobia and racism.

ATAS targets: foreign immigrants as well as public and private entities that come into contact with the world of immigration.



COUNSELING

All foreigners may use our free counselling service, regardless of their motive of stay in Trento Region. Through ATAS's information counters the immigrant can trust the professionalism and capacity of our staff for the following services:

- listening and welcoming;
- writing Curriculum Vitae and orienting in the labour market;
- filling in the forms of request of social housing, of citizenship requests, contracts etc.;
- relating with public and private entities which offer services in the Trento Region.



TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION

ATAS, in agreement with the Autonomous Province of Trento, offers temporary housing services at accessible prices for single immigrants or families who have difficulties to find accommodation, hereby favouring and assisting their social inclusion.

ATAS disposes of more than 70 housing facilities (about 390 beds) located in the whole of the Trento Region. Foreign citizens can access these based on a provincial ranking once they have a residence permit and a work contract.



HOUSING SERVICES

ATAS offers the private citizen the possibility to rent accommodation from the association and guarantees its management based on its ten years of experience and its social, legal and administrative staff.

This hospitality service is intended for foreigners looking for a stable and non-temporary lodging solution out of province procedure, and thus closer to the market prices.



TRAINING

ATAS plans and carries out training activities aimed at foreigners, giving priority to the following fields: socio-educational, sanitary-assistance and work orientation.

The Association also offers training and support in the field of immigration to public entities (municipalities, districts, schools etc.) or private entities who plan such training, regardless of their financial sources (provincial, national or European).

A.t.a.s. Cultura, **ATAS**'s partner organisation, offers free Italian courses for foreigners.



COLLABORATION FOR IMMIGRATION

The Association operates at the Prison of Trento via its own information and counselling desks. **ATAS**'s staff permanently collaborate with the information centre of the Province of Trento "CINFORMI".

ATAS offers an Internet point "ATAS POINT", located at **ATAS**'s main office. An innovative space that offers net-telephone services and internet surfing with the assistance of an **ATAS** operator.

VOLUNTEERING

The association is accredited to host *Italian Civil Servants* and offers all its "know how" to build projects that offer young volunteers an experience of solidarity and community service.

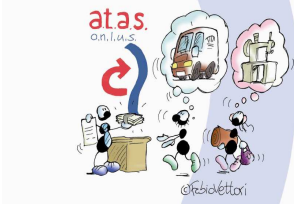
ATAS offers internees and volunteers paths of personal growth to spend their time profitably in a social sector.

The Association invites researchers and students to use its bibliographies, press and texts on immigration.

ATAS is currently accrediting itself for the *European Voluntary Service*.



PICCOLI CREDITI PER IMMIGRATI



SOCIAL MICROCREDIT

ATAS offers a service of social microcredit to immigrants who have difficulties to access banc loans. Microcredit offers small finances to immigrant neo-entrepreneurs of all ages who wish to develop their own activity hereby entering the market of self-employment. Loans are also available to social cooperatives or associations of immigrants which have difficulties accessing banc loans.

The aim of offering microcredit service is to give immigrants the possibility to have a banc loan, through the Rural Cooperative Credit Bank of Aldeno and Cadine, to start up the personal economic activities, favouring the socio-economic integration of immigrants in Trento Region.

ATAS aims to offer services to respond to both fundamental needs of immigrants (especially housing facilities) as well other less urgent and pressing needs which are nonetheless essential, such as the diffusion of social and economic opportunities.

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