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Dear Provincial Fathers and Directors of *Planning and Development Office*,

We hope to find all you well.

We are writing this letter with the aim to introduce you to an interesting training initiative proposed by our Online Training Centre and to invite PDOS operators to take part.

We're speaking about the course "**Environment and International Cooperation**", a proven course at its fourth edition, training development operators on how to improve environment and natural resources in all their aspects (water, soil, air, waste, noise, biodiversity, energy, health food, etc.), in order to design sustainable and long-lasting development projects and paths.

The environmental factor is imperative in international cooperation agendas because of the strong correlation between human well-being and environmental quality. From that correlation derives the need to introduce the environmental component in the formulation and management of any development initiative (Environmental Mainstreaming).

From this year on, the "Environment and International Cooperation" course is also addressed to PDO operators in order to offer them the opportunity to enrich their professional profile, becoming more competent and effective in processing and managing project proposals, and bolder in their social action.

The course is specifically designed for busy professionals, already engaged in project initiatives and with time constraints. For this purpose, participants can attend the course online and student tasks require not many hours a week. Moreover, it is provided in Italian or English in order to meet PDOs needs and it is designed to involve students coming from the PDOs with a participatory approach. Please find enclosed the detailed program.

Each participant:

- is provided with online lessons with the teacher, both expert on environment and connoisseur of many Provincial realities (Massimo Zortea, former president of VIS);
- can consult an abundant documentation in digital format;
- attends some interactive workshops with the teacher;
- gets involved in some working group for practical exercises.

According to VIS, this course represents an exciting opportunity for PDOs to be formed on a highly topical theme, to receive training immediately useful to their work and to give their personal contribution of experience.

Therefore, VIS has planned that:

- 1) each PDOs participant will be supported with a **scholarship** that will entirely cover the ordinary contribution (350,00 euro);
- 2) each participant will receive a **one-to-one tutoring** (and thus the possibility of maximizing the individual utility of the course) offered by GREEN VIS Group (which is an interdisciplinary group formed by environmental professionals, who works to promote environmental mainstreaming in international cooperation);
- 3) teacher and tutor will support each PDOs participant to develop a **specific project** in order to promote all possible environmental elements in their own Province.

Everyone commitment is required, but we believe it's worthy.

We trust that you will agree with the objectives of the course and promote the participation of at least one operator from each PDO. Remaining at your disposal for any additional information, we're looking forward to receive participants application within **next 24th March**.

Warm greetings in the name of don Bosco,



Don Guido Errico
Vice President



Nico Lotta
President