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A FREE CHOICE

CONFARTIGIANATO is an independent entrepreneurial organization, founded on the principle of free association and open to all forms of Italian craftsmanship and small enterprise.

In Italy, a craftsman is someone who uses his own manual skill and expertise to create products and services through his own company.

520,000 craft enterprises in Italy have chosen to join CONFARTIGIANATO, the leading organization in the field. 38,000 of these operate in Tuscany.

The CONFARTIGIANATO business model is federative, strongly influenced by the “principle of subsidiarity” upon which the social and economic policies of the European Union are also founded.

CARING FOR BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE

Throughout the national territory, the presence of CONFARTIGIANATO is guaranteed by a capillary network of over 1,200 area offices, managed by around 200 territorial associations, which are in turn organised within 20 regional federations, with a head office in Rome.

Around 15,000 officials, technicians and consultants are employed in an extensive range of union activities and Member services.

In Tuscany, CONFARTIGIANATO operates via the regional federation “CONFARTIGIANATO IMPRESE TOSCANA”, and 10 provincial Associations with over 100 offices and contacts within the region.

PRESENT IN SOCIETY AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR

CONFARTIGIANATO maintains ongoing relations of liaison and collaboration with the most important social and economic entities, both public and private.

At national level it participates in:

- the National Economy and Labour Council
- the Steering and Supervisory Committee of INPS (National Social Welfare Institute)
- Artigiancassa bank, and the most important Trade Fair Organizations and Universities
- the Italian Chambers of Commerce system.

At European and international level :

- a member, since it was founded, of the International Federation of Crafts
- represents Italian craftsmen in the Economic and Social Committee of the European

Union- a founder member of the European Union of Crafts Industries and Small and Medium Size Enterprises

- involved in solidarity projects and service and coordination initiatives for businessmen in both Western and developing countries.

AT THE SERVICE OF BUSINESSMEN

In CONFARTIGIANATO the businesses and businessmen find answers to their requirements of information, training, technical assistance, representation of their general interests, relations with bargaining interlocutors and with public and private institutions.

At various territorial levels, CONFARTIGIANATO offers an extensive “system of services” : from union, contractual and employment services to financial and accounting assistance , from staff management to training, from marketing to promotion and exports, from safety in the workplace to environmental safety and quality certification, from legal aid to tax services.

IN TUSCANY, HOME OF CRAFT EXCELLENCE

CONFARTIGIANATO IMPRESE TOSCANA is the Tuscan Regional Federation belonging to Confartigianato. As such it guarantees unity of federative action within Tuscany, implementing communication and coordination between the provincial Associations. It represents the entrepreneurial interests of the craft sector, the selfemployed and small businesses before the Tuscan Regional Authority and other Bodies, Institutes and Organizations at regional level.

THE ORGANIZATION

On the base of the national model, the Confartigianato’s organization is a network structure composed by:

- 10 provincial associations with nearly 80 peripheral seat.
- 10 Regional Federation of Category (Alimentation, Artistic, car repair, well-being, Communication, Building, Installation, Wood, Furniture, Manufacturing and Subcontracting, Fashion, Service sector, Transport.

This organization numbers nearly 80 professions, about which 35 organized by Regional Groups of profession.

- 2 opinion movements (Giovani Imprenditori e Donne Impresa)
- 1 Association of old persons and retireds (ANAP).

In particular, CONFARTIGIANATO IMPRESE TOSCANA operates through its own organizations (CEDIT – Tuscan Centre for Business Training and Development and CITS - Confartigianato Tuscan Enterprise Services), and participates with other trade Associations and unions in regional structures specialized in credit (ACT – ARTIGIANCREDITO TOSCANO), the promotion of quality crafts (ARTEX – Tuscan Artistic and Traditional Crafts Centre) and contractual organizations (E.B.R.E.T. – Tuscan Region Bilateral Authority and C.E.R.T. – Tuscan Building Sector Welfare Fund).

THE ASSOCIATIONS IN TUSCANY

The gateway to the CONFARTIGIANATO SYSTEM for Tuscan craftsmen and small businessmen is represented by the 10 Tuscan provincial Associations which are members of CONFARTIGIANATO:

CONFARTIGIANATO IMPRESE AREZZO, CONFARTIGIANATO FLORENCE, CONFARTIGIANATO GROSSETO, CONFARTIGIANATO LIVORNO, CONFARTIGIANATO IMPRESE LUCCA, CONFARTIGIANATO MASSA CARRARA, CONFARTIGIANATO PISA, CONFARTIGIANATO PISTOIA, CONFARTIGIANATO PRATO, CONFARTIGIANATO SIENA

CRAFTSMANSHIP in TUSCANY:

118.174 firms:

- 32.429 in the manufacturing sector
- 2.147 in the food sector
- 7.179 in the fabric, clothing and knitwear sector
- 4.105 in the tanning, leather and shoe sector
- 50.695 in the building sector
- 33.407 in the service sector
- 1.474 in other sectors