



# Co-operative care for children



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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

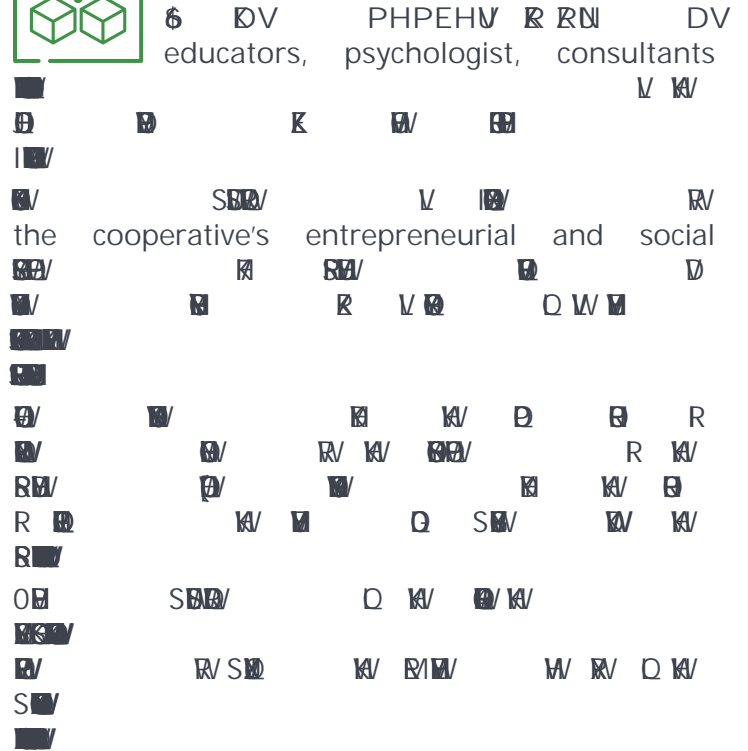
Spazio Aperto Servizi in Milan is a type A social co-operative, which provides social

type B social co-operative providing work integration, operative, Aurora 2000.

It organises recreational and educational activities



## GOVERNANCE MODEL



the services the co-operative provides.





START DATE:  
1993



LEGAL FORM:  
Type A social co-operative



N° EMPLOYEES:  
600



Beneficiaries are involved in the management of the service through a continuous dialogue, which aims to:

- Offer a personalised service which meets the real needs of the beneficiaries;
- Improve the service;
- Discover new business needs;
- Develop new activities which are co-designed with the beneficiaries in response to their needs, and carried out with their active participation.

SAS encourages worker participation by organising both the formal activities laid down in the rules, as well as informal activities to promote both socialisation and activity planning. Over the years it has also organised internal co-planning processes to collect proposals from all workers who wish to contribute. A very important aspect for the growth of the cooperative over its 25-year life has been the enhancement of each worker's specific skills and relationships.

In 2018, SAS held three formal assemblies, as well as a meeting to share the co-operative's new direction with members and local stakeholders. The best way to involve future members is for them to discuss its activities with the existing members. It offers new workers an induction course covering what it means to be a member of a social co-operatives, and of SAS in particular.



## SOCIAL IMPACT

SAS improves the wellbeing of over 1,500 people every year, including adults with disabilities, children and young people in difficulty and parents.



## STRENGTHS

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