

Astrid

Associazione per gli Studi e le ricerche sulla Riforma delle Istituzioni Democratiche
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ASTRID is an Italian think-tank, based in Rome, composed by scholars of varied political and cultural positions, by members of Parliament and politicians (among them, 11 former Ministers), as well as by top managers of private and public sector, for some time committed to design and implement institutional and administrative reforms. The President of the Scientific Committee of ASTRID is Giuliano Amato, the President of the Executive Board is Franco Bassanini.

ASTRID put itself in ideal continuity with the reforming process launched and implemented in Italy by the center-left governments in the last years. It intends to promote and carry on the modernisation of the institutional and administrative system.

ASTRID pursues two objectives, primarily:

The first one is the study and research on the processes of change currently in progress in Europe, in Italy and worldwide, and on the institutional and administrative reforms needed to govern them. These researches aim at emphasizing the extraordinary opportunities – and at reducing the risk deriving from this process of change in terms of sustainable development, cultural and civil growth, social cohesion, protection of fundamental rights. ASTRID makes studies and researches, among others, on: the democratic governance in XXI century; the reform of European Union institutions; the federal reform in Italy; the digital revolution applied to institutions and administrations (e-democracy, e-governance, e-government); the reform of international institutions and the problems connected with a democratic governance of globalisation; the re-definition of public administrations organisation, according to models capable of maximising their transparency, efficiency and efficacy, lowering costs, improving the quality of services and the delivery of services.

The second objective is a cultural and political one. ASTRID wishes to contribute to the current debate on the strengthening of democracy and the re-invention of government institutions and administrative systems; in addition, it intends to contribute to the definition of reform projects and public policies, making researches and preparing papers, proposals, documents and studies in order to provide useful instruments for the decision-makers and the public opinion interested in free and well informed debates, and not in ideological and prejudicial ones. Finally, ASTRID wishes to contribute to the spreading of a democratic culture and public ethics fully aware of the inseparable connection existing between everyone's rights and liberties and the guarantee of every human being's rights and liberties.

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