

Cohesion Policy 2007-13

Convergence and Competitiveness Objectives 2007-13



regional development policy: as a result, the resources nationally available for reducing development imbalances in Italian regions amount to €124.7 billion for the 2007-13 programming period.

The Italian National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF) includes guidelines for the country's comprehensive regional development policy.

Regions to receive investment

The Convergence regions, namely Campania, Puglia, Calabria, Sicily and Basilicata (the latter being a Phasing-out region), are the main beneficiaries of the Cohesion policy allocations. The Competitiveness and Employment regions vary, stretching from Northern regions with a much higher pro-capita GDP than the EU average, to Southern regions that no longer fall within the Convergence objective but that still have a significantly smaller pro-capita GDP than the EU average (e.g. Sardinia, which for the 2007-13 period will be a Phasing-in Competitiveness region; Molise, which was a Phasing-out Objective 1 region for 2000-06; and Abruzzo, which was an Objective 1 region until 1996, but which did not manage to catch up completely with the other more developed regions in Italy).

Strategic objectives

Italy aims to improve productivity, competitiveness and innovation throughout the country via a sustainable development framework. The main focus will therefore be on promoting skills and providing public services to people and investors.

The investment

Italy is the third biggest beneficiary of the EU Cohesion policy after Poland and Spain. The country will benefit from €28.8 billion during the 2007-13 programming period for the Convergence, Regional Competitiveness and

Employment and European Territorial Cooperation objectives.

Italy will add some €31.6 billion of investments to the European funding. There will also be a further €64.4 billion worth of resources allocated by Italy to the 'nationally financed'

These national objectives are to be achieved through four macro-objectives: developing knowledge circuits; improving living standards, security and social inclusion; fostering clusters, services and competition; internationalising and modernising the economy.

These macro-objectives include 10 cohesion priorities:

- human resources improvement and enhancement;
- research and innovation promotion for competitiveness;
- sustainable and efficient use of environmental resources for development;
- social inclusion, services for quality of life and territorial attractiveness;
- promotion of natural and cultural resources to enhance attractiveness and development, mainly in relation to diversifying tourism and extending the tourist season;
- transport networks and links, with particular emphasis on Trans-European Network corridors;
- competitiveness of production systems and employment, notably to provide financial engineering schemes supporting small and medium-sized enterprises;
- competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and urban areas;
- internationalisation and investments, consumption and resource attractiveness;
- governance, institutional capacity and effective markets and competition.

The expected impact of the new Cohesion Policy

Italy has set a number of targets for the end of the period and its strategy aim is to achieve an average yearly GDP growth rate in Convergence regions of between 2.4% and 3.1% throughout the period. Furthermore, by June 2008, the impact of Cohesion policy at national level on reducing greenhouse gas emissions will be quantified. Among the different specific targets, it should be pointed out that the percentage of GDP invested in Research and Development will more than double and that there will be an increase from 8% to 40% for urban waste subject to separate collection in the Convergence regions.

A minimum portion of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) resources (set at 8% for the Convergence regions and 12% for the Regional Competitiveness and Employment regions) is specifically allocated to investments in energy, namely in energy efficient and renewable energy sources. In an effort to promote a shift towards sustainable transport, Italy will set aside a minimum 70% of ERDF resources for investing in transport networks and sustainable transport modes (rail and waterways).

An investment for growth and jobs

Italy has earmarked a significant amount of resources that will contribute directly to implementing the renewed Lisbon agenda for growth and jobs: 68% of the total resources available for the Convergence objective and 80% of those allocated to the Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective.

Operational programmes

The objectives of the NSRF are to be achieved through **66 operational programmes (OPs)**. The breakdown by objective is as follows:

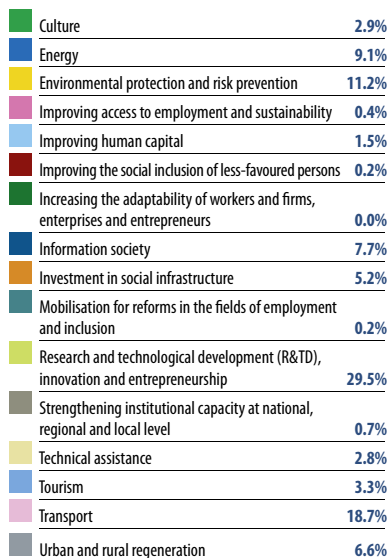
- 19 operational programmes under the Convergence objective (10 Regionally managed OPs – ROP; 7 Nationally managed OPs – NOP; 2 National Interregional Operational Programmes – NIOP), including the Phasing-out region Basilicata.
- 33 operational programmes under the Regional Competitiveness and Employment objective (32 Regionally managed OPs and one Nationally managed OP), including the Phasing-in region Sardinia.
- 14 operational programmes under the European Territorial Cooperation objective.

NSRF Financial Table

Breakdown by theme as proposed by Italy in its draft operational programmes

Operational Programme	Fund	Total
Convergence Objective	Community Contribution	
ROP Campania	ESF	559 000 000
ROP Calabria	ESF	430 249 377
ROP Sicilia	ESF	1 049 619 576
ROP Basilicata	ESF	128 946 235
ROP Puglia	ESF	639 600 000
NOP Governance	ESF	207 143 108
NOP Education	ESF	742 964 746
NIOP Cultural and Natural attractors and Tourism	ERDF	515 575 907
NIOP Renewable Energy and Energy saving	ERDF	803 893 176
NOP Governance and Technical assistance	ERDF	138 095 405
NOP Education	ERDF	247 654 915
NOP Networks and Mobility	ERDF	1 374 728 891
NOP Research and Competitiveness	ERDF	3 102 696 821
NOP Security	ERDF	579 040 437
ROP Calabria	ERDF	1 499 120 026
ROP Campania	ERDF	3 432 397 599
ROP Puglia	ERDF	2 619 021 978
ROP Sicilia	ERDF	3 269 802 550
ROP Basilicata	ERDF	300 874 549
Total	ERDF	17 882 902 254
Total	ESF	3 757 523 042
Total	Funds	21 640 425 296
Regional Competitiveness	Community Contribution	
ROP Abruzzo	ESF	127 719 591
ROP Emilia Romagna	ESF	295 929 210
ROP Friuli-Venezia Giulia	ESF	120 355 589
ROP Lazio	ESF	368 038 775
ROP Liguria	ESF	147 619 048
ROP Lombardia	ESF	338 017 613
ROP Marche	ESF	111 554 330
ROP Molise	ESF	37 665 371
ROP P.A. Bolzano	ESF	60 745 159
ROP P.A. Trento	ESF	61 198 969
ROP Piemonte	ESF	397 283 869
ROP Toscana	ESF	313 045 574
ROP Umbria	ESF	98 984 087
ROP Valle d'Aosta	ESF	32 911 544
ROP Veneto	ESF	349 019 589
ROP Sardegna Phl	ESF	291 716 470
NOP Azioni di sistema	ESF	28 680 066
ROP Abruzzo	ERDF	139 760 495
ROP Emilia Romagna	ERDF	128 107 883
ROP Friuli-Venezia Giulia	ERDF	74 069 674
ROP Lazio	ERDF	371 756 338
ROP Liguria	ERDF	168 145 488
ROP Lombardia	ERDF	210 887 281
ROP Marche	ERDF	112 906 728
ROP Molise	ERDF	70 765 241
ROP P.A. Bolzano	ERDF	26 021 981
ROP P.A. Trento	ERDF	19 286 428
ROP Piemonte	ERDF	426 119 322
ROP Toscana	ERDF	338 466 574
ROP Umbria	ERDF	149 975 890
ROP Valle d'Aosta	ERDF	19 524 245
ROP Veneto	ERDF	207 939 920
ROP Sardegna	ERDF	680 671 765
Total	ERDF	3 144 405 253
Total	ESF	3 180 484 854
Total NSRF 2007-13	Funds	6 324 890 107
European Territorial Cooperation	Community Contribution	
OP Alpine Space	ERDF	36 148 288
OP Italy-France (maritime border)	ERDF	94 928 391
OP Italia-France Alps (ALCOTRA)	ERDF	87 419 616
OP Italy-Switzerland	ERDF	68 811 858
OP Italy-Slovenia	ERDF	92 430 163
OP Italy-Malta	ERDF	19 106 204
OP CTE MED - Méditerranée	ERDF	97 660 512
OP Italy-Austria	ERDF	37 684 265
OP Italy-Greece	ERDF	57 538 575
OP Central Europe	ERDF	32 946 071
Total	ERDF	624 673 943

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