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Presidency of the Tuscany Region - Piazza Duomo 10, Florence

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***CLICK - picture on youth policies***

Young people are nowadays a crucial resource but they are often marginalized in the social and economical life of our communities. In recent years, many steps forward have been made by governments in order to create tools and active policies able to valorize youth potential. **At European level**, thanks to the **structural funds**, many resources have been allocated to incentivate youth policies. From 2014, thanks to the **Youth Guarantee system**, specific funds have been addressed to Member States with youth unemployment rates over 25%. These funds have been used for the implementation of guidance, education and training opportunities, job placement of NEETs. These investments have been re-funded in Tuscany through POR FSE, paying specific attention to the fight against youth unemployment

**In Tuscany**, since 2011, thanks to **Giovanisì - the project promoted by Tuscany Region** to help young people become independent, the regional government have integrated the existing youth policies and created new lines of interventions. More than €690 billion have been allocated to the project since its implementation. Moreover, in this last programming period, thanks to the effective use of structural funds, Tuscany Region supports the strengthening and promotion of the opportunities related to education, transition to employment, start up of new businesses .

CLICK - picture on youth policies is part of Giovanisì activities and aims at discuss and reflect on the state of art of youth policies at European level, starting from a dynamic comparison of regional and local experiences.

**Programme**

**9,00 – 9,30 WELCOMING AND REGISTRATION**

*Chair:* Enrico Mayrhofer – EU Liason Office , Tuscany Region

*Introduction:*

Marianna D'Angelo, Active Policies, Employment and Training Direction, Ministry for Employment and Social Policies, Italy

**9,30 – 10,30 COMPARING EXPERIENCES IN “GUIDANCE AND INTERNSHIPS”**

*Moderator:* Elena Calistri, European Social Fund (ESF) managing authority, Tuscany Region

*Speakers:*

- Marcel Kreykenbohm, Ministry for Social, Youth, Gender, Integration and Sport of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Germany
- Giovanni Bocchieri - Education, Training and Employment Division, Lombardy Region, Italy
- Gabriele Grondoni, Education and Training Division, Tuscany Region, Italy

*Questions and answers*

**10,30 – 11,30 COMPARING EXPERIENCES IN “EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP”**

*Moderator:* Alessandro Mercuri, Human+ Foundation

*Speakers:*

- Eleri Lewis, Employability and EU Funding Division, Welsh Government, United Kingdom
- Paola Cicognani, Employment and Entrepreneurship Direction, Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy

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- Simonetta Baldi, Entrepreneurship and productive activities Division, Tuscany Region, Italy

*Questions and answers*

### **11,30 -12,00 Coffee Break**

### **12 – 13,30 THE EU STRATEGY AND THE ROLE OF THE REGIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN YOUTH AUTHONOMY PROCESSES: WILL YOUTH GUARANTEE HAVE A FUTURE? HOW DID IT WORK?**

*Speakers:*

- Enrico Rossi, President of the Tuscany Region, Italy
- Markku Markkula, President of the Committee of the Regions
- Albert Bore, Member of the Committee of the Regions
- Cinzia Masina, Deputy Head of Unit DG Employment, Social Affairs and inclusion of European Commission
- Giuliano Poletti, Minister of Labour and Social Policies, Italy

### **13,30 – 14,30 Networking Lunch**

### **14,30 – 15,30 COMPARING EXPERIENCES IN “YOUTH AND INSTITUTIONS”**

*Moderator:* Antonio Florida - Participative policies. Electoral Office, Tuscany Region

*Speakers:*

- Sofia Martins, ECOS – Cooperativa de Educação, Cooperação e Desenvolvimento, Algarve Region. Portugal
- Alessandro Maria Vestrelli, Social Services Division, Umbria Region, Italy
- Francesca D'Erasmus, Giovanisì -Tuscany Region, Italy

*Questions and answer*

### **15,30 – 16,30 COMPARING EXPERIENCES IN “CROSS-CUTTING YOUTH POLICIES”**

*Moderator:* Nicola Sciclone - Employment, Education and Welfare Research Area, IRPET

*Speakers:*

- Pasi Savonmäki, Kohtaamo Project manager, Ohjaamo services, Finland
- Serena Angioli, Minister for European funds. Youth policies, European Cooperation, Euro-Mediterranean basin, Campania Region, Italy
- Chiara Criscuoli, Giovanisì -Tuscany Region, Italy

*Questions and answers*

### **CLOSING SESSION**

- Cristina Grieco, Minister for Education, Training and Employment, Tuscany Region

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