



Youth policies in the Region of Campania

The Region of Campania has deemed it necessary to alter the way youth policies are implemented and move away from the usual sectorial approach towards a more transversal one, by defining the main interdisciplinary fields of interests.

Transversal policies are:

- Horizontal - targeted towards creating bridges between the various sectorial policies in order to enhance the effectiveness of youth policies
- Vertical - based on the principle of multi-level governance between stakeholders from the various different institutional and regional government levels.

One of the policy's priorities is to abolish the obstacles that young people face in obtaining credit, in order to promote autonomy and entrepreneurship.

The Region has shown its commitment to the question of youth policy, something which cannot be said for all regional administrations in Italy. Indeed the 2014-2020 plan includes several multidimensional youth policy initiatives, which draw on said plan as they partly rely on European resources and partly follow the plan's political orientation which is adapted to the Region's specificities and sectorial diversity.

The initiatives aim to empower the younger generations, so that they can become a driving force for development and improve the Region of Campania in general. Increasing the autonomy and independence of young people, enabling them to achieve a high-level of self-awareness, to get involved in civil society, increasing civic participation and sense of community in young people, promoting productive, social and economic innovation, all constitute lines of actions designed to achieve more social cohesion in general.

Territorial development is part of the youth policy strategy, both urban and rural. In rural areas, there is a higher number of disadvantaged young people, at risk of social and educational exclusion, notably due to the rural exodus and lack of opportunity. The lack of a sound network of services and opportunities, becomes a major factor in young people's inability to achieve social wellbeing and inclusion and improve their quality of life. In order to change this around, the Region has defined the following lines of intervention:

The framework bill entitled "Building the future. New youth policies" is currently under close examination by the Regional Council. The bill is designed to promote regional policies for empowering young people and allowing them to become autonomous on a meritocratic basis, as well as encouraging the socialization of young people and easing the passage to adulthood.

The Triennial youth policy Plan for 2016-2018, in consistency with the objectives of the European 2020 Strategy, will ensure the various youth policy initiatives are rationally managed in order to avoid duplication, misuse and waste of resources, with the aim to improve quality of life and program effectiveness as well as undertake the implementation of transversal policies designed to improve conditions and increase opportunities, as well as ensuring good governance practices on the part of all of the institutional stakeholders involved.

The Region of Campania's main lines of intervention in 2017 will be:
Entrepreneurship, generational turnover and innovation in SMEs.

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