The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

The 2030 Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet, prosperity, and peace.

Signed in 2015 by the 193 Member States of the United Nations and approved by the UN General Assembly, the Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be achieved by 2030.

The 17 SDGs integrate all three pillars of sustainable development – economic, social, and environmental – and aim to end poverty, combat inequality, tackle climate change, and build peaceful societies that are respectful of human rights.

In this context, the European Union has presented a wide-ranging action programme to be implemented over the next five years to achieve the SDGs, also in line with the Paris Agreement on climate change.

The coordination instrument for implementation of the 2030 Agenda at national level is the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS).

The Territorial Cohesion Agency is committed to achieving the 17 Goals of the 2030 Agenda also through implementation of the recent Piano Sud 2030 (Plan for the South 2030), focused on the same sustainable development goals.

Piano Sud 2030
The Territorial Cohesion Agency is involved in the implementation of the Piano Sud 2030 (Plan for the South 2030) launched by the Minister for Southern Italy and Territorial Cohesion, with the task of ensuring more incisive support for development of Italy’s Mezzogiorno region through an “administrative regeneration” project ensuring Cohesion Policy quality and effectiveness.

The Plan undertakes to reduce disparities at citizen and territory level by promoting development, activating investments to foster unexpressed growth and innovation potential, and providing decent job opportunities, notably for women and young people.

The Plan for the South 2030 is aimed at 5 missions:

• A youth-oriented South
• A connected and inclusive South
• A go-green South
• An innovation-frontier South
• A South open to the world in the Mediterranean.

2014-2020 programming resources

144.8 billion EUR:
• 44.7 billion EUR – European Structural and Investment (ESI) Funds
• 1.1 billion EUR – European Territorial Cooperation (ETC)
• 0.6 billion EUR – Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD)
• 98.4 billion EUR – National resources

2014-2020 programming – Implementation progress

Expenditure certified to the EU at 30.04.2020:
• 15.3 billion EUR, equal to 28.8% of programmed resources
The Territorial Cohesion Agency
The Agency promotes economic development, cohesion and social solidarity, and undertakes actions to eradicate social and economic imbalances by enhancing Cohesion Policy programming, coordination and monitoring across Italy.

Why is Cohesion Policy important?
Cohesion Policy is the main investment policy of the European Union, and supports:
• Job creation
• Competitiveness of enterprises
• Economic growth
• Sustainable development
• Improvement of citizens’ quality of life.

Cohesion Policy action is focused on supporting lagging-behind regions and enabling them to reduce current economic, social and territorial disparities across the European Union.

... And in Italy?
Cohesion Policy is funded by EU resources (European Structural and Investment Funds – ESI Funds) and national resources (Development and Cohesion Fund – FSC).

For the 2014-2020 programming period, Cohesion Policy aims to promote smart, sustainable and inclusive growth through the implementation of national and regional Operational Programmes.

What does the Agency do?
Provides technical assistance and training to central and regional administrations in charge of managing Operational Programmes and interventions

Managing Authority of “Governance e Capacità Istituzionale 2014-2020” NOP and “Città Metropolitane 2014-2020” NOP

Improves quality, timeliness, effectiveness, and transparency of programming and implementation of interventions

Oversees implementation, and promotes acceleration of EU and National Operational Programmes implementation

Supports administrations in charge of Operational Programmes

Contributes to implementing the Plan for the South 2030

Supervises, monitors and controls Operational Programmes

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