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A Strategy for «Inner Areas» in Italy

Fostering Growth through «Inner Areas» development

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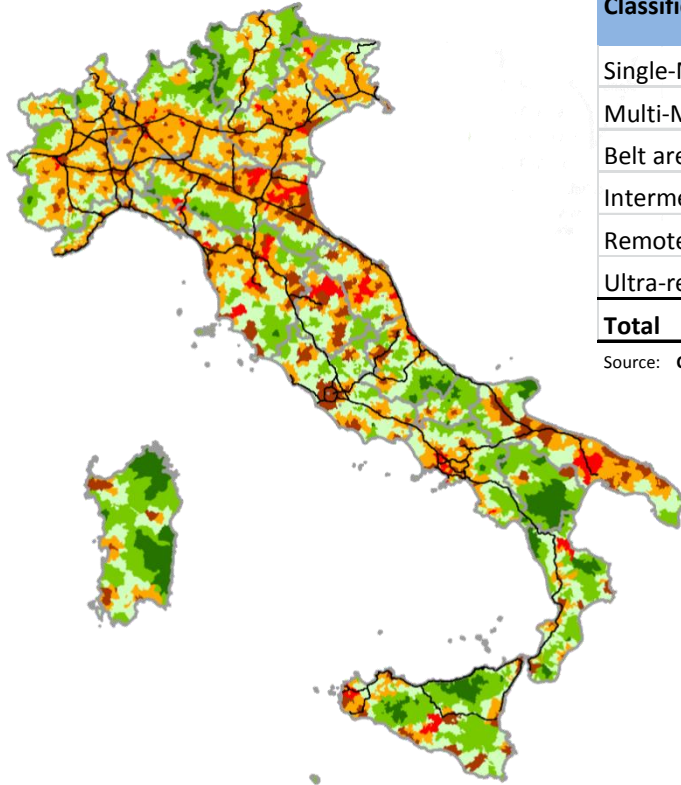
Inner Area: what does it mean?

Inner Areas are those territories characterized by:

- ❖ a NOT adequate offer of/access to essential services to assure citizen's rights;
- ❖ being rich in natural assets (water resources, agricultural systems, forests, natural landscapes) and cultural resources (archaeological settlements, abbeys, small museums, craft centres);
- ❖ low population density;
- ❖ often: high seismic risk.

In Italy inner areas cover almost 60% of the whole national territory embracing about 23% of its total population and more than 4,000 municipalities








Italy's Inner Areas



Classification of Municipalities	N.	%	Average Altitude	Population	%	KM ²	%
Single-Municipality Service Centre	217	2.7	148	20,993,647	35.3	28,987	9.6
Multi-Municipality Service Centre	123	1.5	195	3,008,676	5.1	8,736	2.9
Belt areas	3,571	44.1	219	22,150,877	37.3	84,235	27.9
Intermediate areas	2,371	29.3	399	8,773,390	14.8	88,461	29.3
Remote area	1,520	18.8	601	3,869,379	6.5	72,541	24.0
Ultra-remote areas	290	3.6	666	637,765	1.1	19,113	6.3
Total	8,092	100	358	59,433,734	100	302,073	100.0

Source: CTAI elaboration Istat - Census 2011

Inner
Areas

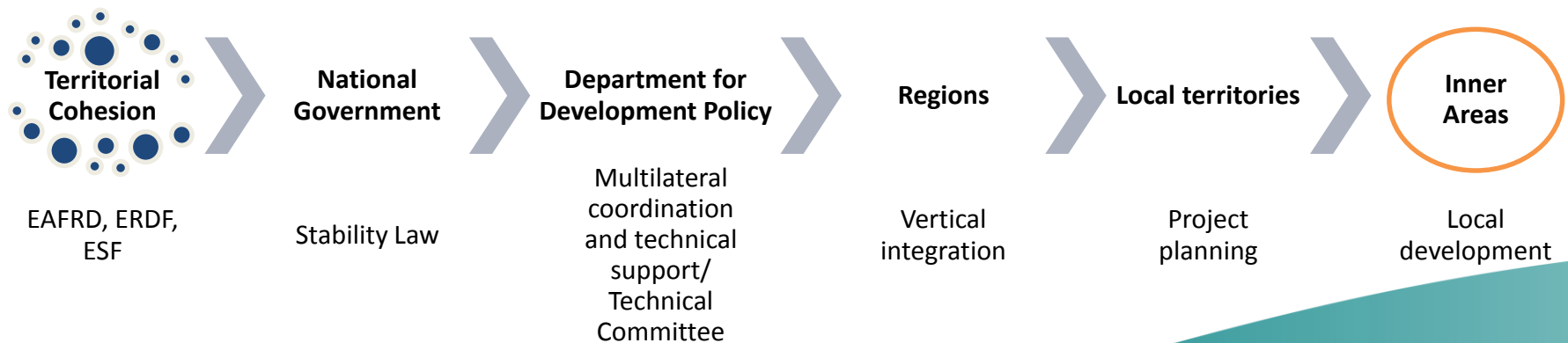
-  Single-municipality service center
-  Multi-municipality service center
-  Belt ($t < 20'$)
-  Intermediate areas ($20' < t < 40'$)
-  Remote areas ($40' < t < 75'$)
-  Ultra-remote areas ($t > 75'$)
-  Motorways

Source: UVAL-UVER-ISTAT elaboration on data from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and RFI (Italian Railway Network)

Why a National Strategy for Inner Areas? Territorial Cohesion Objective

- ❖ To give true content to the EU Cohesion Policy Territorial Objective;
- ❖ To overcome the rural- urban dichotomy;
- ❖ To empower territories and people to restore growth and well-being over marginalised areas, recognising their **diversity**;
- ❖ To recover not enhanced natural and cultural assets, reducing territories' depopulation and consequent abandonment costs.

Ultimate Goal: Reinforce Inner Areas demographic structure



Inner Areas Strategy INNOVATION

5 main innovations

- ❖ National dimension and multilevel governance (Centres – Regions – municipalities and inter municipalities cooperation)
- ❖ In the project areas - **at the same time** - services improvements (mainly through national policy) and investments in selected development factors (energy; agriculture; crafts; cultural heritage; **regional policy**)
- ❖ Multi-fund attitude (EAFRD, ERDF, ESF and National Funds)
- ❖ Participatory approach to local development
- ❖ Municipalities Associations and Mayors attention to **Policy Results** (accountability)

Inner Areas National Strategy Method

The Technical Committee along with Regions analyse Inner Areas through a desk-analysis and a field-analysis process



Quantitative data and qualitative information are used to identify and select weakest Inner Areas



Each selected area define its local development strategy



A local development strategy is an integrated path aimed at development and growth



It is based on local essential services improvements and local development projects support

Selected project areas

At the current stage, selected areas within the Strategy are:

- ❖ **72** project areas with about 2mln. total residents and **1,077** municipalities;
- ❖ on average: **15** municipalities and **29,000** residents per project area;
- ❖ about **3%** of Italian population and **16.7%** of Italian territory;
- ❖ **55%** of those 2 mln. live in remote and ultra-remote areas;
- ❖ **4.4%** population drop among selected areas between 2001 and 2011, and **2.3%** between 2011 and 2016.



**Source: Inner Area Strategy*

Development project proposals

- ❖ **Tourism** at times perceived as «*panacea*» and not always as a support to other sectors or based on a precise idea of the relevant segment and demand;
- ❖ **Agriculture** conceived as local produce enhancement; forest management and enhancement; «Land Use» and dismissed areas recovery;
- ❖ **Cultural heritage assets** enhancement is not sufficiently exploited for market promotion; difficult identification of possible «management» solutions; still weak focus on innovation and creativity;
- ❖ Entrepreneurship and start-up focus but no consciousness on **creating enterprises in Inner Areas**. Therefore «traditional» solutions are favoured. Weak focus on **innovation & high technology**;
- ❖ **Humal capital and training demand** is not encouraging. It is expressed vaguely and linked to old programming systems.
- ❖ IMPROVEMENT OF BASIC SERVICES PROJECTS (EDUCATION HEALTH AND TRANSPORTS)

FINANCIAL COVERAGE OF INNER AREAS STRATEGIES

MACRO REGION	Inner Area	Stability Laws	Structural and Investment Funds					Other public Funds	Private Funds	Total
				ERDF	ESF	EAFRD	EMFF			
NORTH	Alta Carnia	3.690.000	4.614.000	2.114.000	1.000.000	1.500.000	-	-	1.251.000	9.555.000
	Alta Valtellina	3.011.895	15.400.000	9.600.000	2.969.000	2.831.000	-	1.045.000	-	19.456.895
	Alto Lago di Como e valli del Lario	3.739.980	15.211.000	9.830.000	2.550.000	2.831.000	-	1.474.760	-	20.425.740
	Antola Tigullio	3.740.000	2.185.000	725.000	200.000	1.160.000	100.000	96.800	460.000	6.481.800
	Appennino Emiliano	3.740.000	17.241.022	2.671.000	330.000	14.240.022	-	1.159.000	6.367.000	28.507.022
	Appennino Lombardo e Alto Oltrepò Pavese	3.740.000	15.975.000	9.500.000	3.644.000	2.831.000	-	1.284.160	63.000	21.062.160
	Appennino Piacentino Parmense	3.740.000	10.298.842	2.682.318	240.000	7.376.524	-	655.400	290.000	14.984.242
	Bassa Valle	3.740.000	8.116.063	1.893.084	800.000	5.422.979	-	3.058.000	-	14.914.063
	Basso Ferrarese	3.740.000	7.198.630	3.453.567	1.500.000	2.245.063	-	400.000	180.000	11.518.630
	Beigua Sol	3.740.000	5.121.100	2.450.000	200.000	2.471.100	-	180.715	45.000	9.086.815
	Comelico	3.740.000	4.784.000	2.500.000	284.000	2.000.000	-	902.366	10.000	9.436.366
	Grand Paradis	3.740.000	3.436.042	500.000	100.000	2.836.042	-	1.731.317	18.000	8.925.359
	Spettabile Reggenza	3.553.000	4.172.500	1.500.000	672.500	2.000.000	-	-	3.660.000	11.385.500
	Tesino	3.740.000	3.412.000	1.860.000	810.000	742.000	-	2.601.735	2.382.000	12.135.735
	Val di Sole	3.740.000	6.967.549	2.387.549	580.000	4.000.000	-	74.946	11.640.000	22.422.495
	Valchiavenna	3.740.000	15.771.860	9.500.000	3.440.860	2.831.000	-	2.140.000	-	21.651.860
	Valli Maira e Grana	3.740.000	6.250.000	3.300.000	450.000	2.500.000	-	255.000	695.000	10.940.000
Valli Ossola	3.740.000	6.850.000	4.000.000	450.000	2.400.000	-	700.000	200.000	11.490.000	
Total	66.354.875	153.004.608	70.466.518	20.220.360	62.217.730	100.000	17.759.199	27.261.000	264.379.682	
	% TOTAL	25,1	57,9	26,7	7,6	23,5	0,0	6,7	10,3	100,0
CENTER	Appennino basso pesarese e anconetano	3.740.000	6.009.000	2.753.000	1.254.000	2.002.000	-	2.997.684	25.000	12.771.684
	Ascoli Piceno	3.739.000	4.841.000	2.148.000	1.044.000	1.649.000	-	-	-	8.580.000
	Casentino Valtiberina	3.740.000	3.740.000	545.000	1.754.437	1.440.563	-	764.800	2.169.062	10.413.862
	Garfagnana	3.740.000	3.740.000	795.000	120.000	2.673.000	152.000	1.190.000	973.000	9.643.000
	Nord Est	3.740.000	8.053.740	2.561.887	1.471.853	4.020.000	-	-	-	11.793.740
	Sud Ovest Orvietano	3.740.000	8.122.923	1.866.300	1.421.623	4.835.000	-	-	-	11.862.923
	Valle del Comino	3.740.000	2.661.092	531.278	-	2.129.814	-	6.534.200	-	12.935.292
	Alto Maceratese	3.740.000	4.791.940	2.098.940	1.044.000	1.649.000	-	-	1.015.784	9.547.724
Total	29.919.000	41.959.696	13.299.405	8.109.914	20.398.377	152.000	11.486.684	4.182.846	87.548.226	
	% TOTAL	34,2	47,9	15,2	9,3	23,3	0,2	13,1	4,8	100,0
SOUTH AND ISLANDS	Alta Irpinia	3.740.000	15.286.482	2.879.482	1.707.000	10.700.000	-	7.000.000	-	26.026.482
	Alta Marmilla	3.740.000	4.773.000	2.950.000	1.140.000	683.000	-	-	-	8.513.000
	Basso Sangro	3.740.000	4.539.540	2.539.540	1.400.000	600.000	-	2.000.000	1.000.000	11.279.540
	Fortore	3.741.420	3.717.139	2.730.027	637.112	350.000	-	-	-	7.458.559
	Gennargentu Mandrolisai	3.740.000	4.655.300	2.275.300	850.000	1.530.000	-	570.000	-	8.965.300
	Madonie	3.740.000	33.331.650	30.999.650	1.312.000	1.020.000	-	35.000	1.004.040	38.110.690
	Matese	3.740.000	3.018.000	2.212.000	506.000	300.000	-	-	20.000	6.778.000
	Montagna materana	3.740.000	17.751.377	11.234.515	2.606.105	3.910.757	-	-	1.487.157	22.978.534
	Monti Dauni	3.740.000	60.000.000	41.000.000	2.000.000	17.000.000	-	-	12.800.000	76.540.000
	Reventino Savuto	3.735.000	8.255.000	6.150.000	1.330.000	775.000	-	1.500.000	-	13.490.000
	Val Simeto	3.700.000	28.290.544	26.519.193	1.311.351	460.000	-	-	-	31.990.544
	Vallo di Diano	3.720.320	13.963.049	9.333.000	930.049	3.700.000	-	-	-	17.683.369
Valfino Vestina	3.740.000	1.750.000	-	1.150.000	600.000	-	2.000.000	-	7.490.000	
Total	48.556.740	199.331.081	140.822.707	16.879.617	41.628.757	-	13.105.000	16.311.197	277.304.018	
	% TOTAL	17,5	71,9	50,8	6,1	15,0	-	4,7	5,9	100,0
Italy	Total	144.830.615	394.295.385	224.588.630	45.209.891	124.244.864	252.000	42.350.883	47.755.043	629.231.926
	% TOTAL	23,0	62,7	35,7	7,2	19,7	0,0	6,7	7,6	100,0

Thematic Funding I

	Euro	Percentage
Transport	€ 90.551.131	14,4%
Healthcare	€ 75.957.664	12,1%
Education	€ 67.001.474	10,6%
ESSENTIAL SERVICES - TOTAL	€ 233.510.270	37,1%
Agriculture	€ 68.956.472	11,0%
Forestry Management	€ 15.199.563	2,4%
Public Administration efficiency	€ 10.259.887	1,6%
Energy	€ 48.349.274	7,7%
Enterprises	€ 60.429.358	9,6%
Digital Services	€ 37.864.086	6,0%
Jobs and Training	€ 18.835.449	3,0%
Environment, Culture, Tourism	€ 120.537.649	19,2%
Territorial Security	€ 15.289.919	2,4%
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT - TOTAL	€ 395.721.656	62,9%
TOTAL	€ 629.231.926	100,0%

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