

REGIONE LOMBARDIA - ITALY

Lombardia Regional territory covers a total area of 23.861 km² (7,9% of Italy), with a resident population that at the end of '03 reaches 9,246 millions of inhabitants (16% of national population)

The 47% of regional territory is plain, and more than 40% mountain: between plain and mountain two hill areas extend: pedemontana (from Varese to Brescia) and Oltrepo (Pavia) that include 12,4% of total territory.

From the administrative point of view, Lombardia Region is divided in 12 provinces very different one from another for territorial characteristics, extension, number of inhabitants (from 55,2 inhabitants per km² of Sondrio to 1.895,8 of Milan).

Economic data

- GDP: 261.263 (millions of Euro)
- Average of rate of Growth of GDP 1995-2001=1,8%
- Weight of Lombardy in Italy (2001)=20,2% of national GDP (ISTAT)
- Weight of Lombardy in Europe (2001)=3,2% of EU GDP (DRI-WEFA)
- Employee (v.a. in milion): 4.022,3
- Employment range rate 1995-2002 (%):1,6
- Unemployment rate (%): 3,8
- Female employment rate (%):55
- Sectorial Employees composing follows the strong industrial characterization that Lombardia still maintains
- EXPORT in 2003 (thousands of Euro): 75.994.550;
- IMPORT in 2003 (thousands of Euro): 98.256.883
- Railways(km per 100 kmq of area): 9,7
- Streets (km per 100 kmq of area): 132,6. Lombardy presents a road net with extension of more than 31.000 km: 573 of highway, 3.410 of state roads, 8.497 province roads, more than 19.000 of town roads.
- 4 airports: Malpensa, Linate, Orio al Serio, Montichiari

Social data

- Industrial employees (more than 1,6 millions in 2000) represents 40,5% of total employment, 8 points higher than national average (32,2%); on the contrary, agriculture (2,1% of total, against 5,4% of Italy) and service employees have smaller importance
- Female population: 51,4%
- Families: 3.652.954
- Average component of families: 2,5
- Foreign population: 222.511
- Private and Public Hospitals: 127

Framework of Structural Funds and programmes operating in the region (

Objectives of Structural Funds:

- 1- To develop the competitiveness of the Lombardy economic system in the target areas aiming at the consolidation and the increase of the entrepreneurial presence through the support to extensive processes of spread of innovation, sustainability with a logic of environmental development and of occupational re-balance;
- 2- To increase the qualification and the equipment of the territory, valuing the potentialities, with the aims of a more elevated attractiveness and consolidation of courses of escape from the marginality, also through the implementation of the local competences;
- 3- To value the environmental resources recording them on the risk factors, healing the situations of compromising, upgrading the opportunity character that the natural and cultural heritage represents for the increase of the local communities.

The Managing Authority is responsible of the organization of the competences through a clear definition of the processes and the responsibilities. It supplies through the offices to that replaces in the within of the own organizational and extrinsic structure through a document that engages the single regional structures.

The Managing Authority of the programme coordinates the actions cofinanced by FESR, in particular evaluates the feasibility of the participations and the aspects implementing the plans to be financed in the frame of the SPD.

The guidelines of the Region for the management of the participations of the SPD are finalized: to upgrade, to improve and to perfect the administrative, organizational, technical order and work them through the strengthening of administrative simplification process of the modalities of performance, and of management of the participation at the program; to appeal, in more systematic way, to the existing instruments understandings to accelerate the decisional process, mainly in the field of the jobs publics; to favour maximum integration between the regional administration and the participants to the DocUP in order to guarantee a higher functionality of the regional administrative system; to extend, in coherent performance of the principle of subsidiarity, the process of institutional decentralization and to favour, also through the support of the activities of technical attendance, a greater involvement of the local Agencies in the phase of performance of the participations at the DocUP.

At regional level the responsible of the performance of the DocUP are the General Directorates titular of the measures of the DocUP and the Regional Environmental Authority that, therefore as will be specified in the Complement of Programming, it will operate in a cross-sectional way for all the aces of the DocUP.

The General Directorates titular of measures of the programme, coordinated by the General Directorate of Industry, Small and Medium Enterprise, Cooperation and Tourism, will be activated for: the predisposition and definition of bands of contest and the consequent actions; the selection of acceptable plans to the financing. It also stipulates contracts and conventions with the subjects actuators and reports to the advance of the realization of the plans (financial, procedural and physical control);

The Management authority is leading an experimental activity aimed to the simplification of the procedures for the presentation and selection of the projects, in particular about: the simplification and standardization of the procedures and the documentation demanded for the presentation of the plans; introduction of electronic form; information instruments of ex-ante evaluation; simplification of preliminary phase. At this purpose some meetings with economic/social and institutional parties.