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Context of national youth policy

The programme of the Minister of youth

The main objectives of the Minister's programme, as expressed during her interview with the Parliamentary Commission of Social Affairs, are the following: promote "the right to have a future", disseminate positive models and develop the concept of active citizenship.

"Young people's right to have a future" is to be intended as the right to get a job, a financial credit, housing, as well as to form a family. The programme envisages many integrated measures aimed at supporting young people in accessing the labour market, through a better co-ordination between education/vocational training and labour market, between labour demand and supply.

The programme outlines also a plan for the recruiting, on the basis of personal skills, of a group of young people that will get a specific training and a job in local, national and international Public Administrations.

Furthermore, there is the intention to promote entrepreneurship among young people, by conveying the culture of the enterprise in high schools and universities and supporting them in the start-up phase with ad hoc advice, tax relief and easy access to credit. Access to credit will be supported also for study purposes, both improving the existing tools and creating new ones. As regards "the right to form a family" the programme envisages measures aimed at granting housing to young couples, as well as, actions for reconciling work and family life.

Positive models regarding young people will be spread using media and Internet network. The dissemination of values such as solidarity, respect of others and active participation to civil society will be promoted among children since the primary school. A particular attention is drawn also to the dissemination of healthy life styles (food, alcohol, drugs). Access to information will be developed, in order to increase the participation of young people in public life and facilitate their self fulfilment as active, responsible citizens. Participation in society will be strengthened through the promotion of youth communities and the active involvement of young people and their organisations both in ministerial activities and in the policy actions affecting them. A draft law on youth communities was approved by the Council of Ministers on the 1st August 2008. In particular, this draft law is aimed at recognising the social value of such communities, promoting the creation of new youth communities and supporting the existing ones, also through mutual exchanges and projects with other national and international bodies.

1. Statistics on young people

Total number of young people from the ages of 13 and 30: 11.724.959 (Source: ISTAT, January 2007)

AGE	No. men and women	No. men	No. women
13	565.774	290.336	275.438
14	587.937	301.900	286.037
15	586.904	301.810	285.094
16	592.760	304.502	288.258
17	586.577	301.597	284.980
18	595.551	306.904	288.647
19	579.441	298.199	281.242
20	583.823	299.578	284.245
21	604.776	307.732	297.044
22	618.968	315.201	303.767
23	637.373	324.521	312.852
24	664.813	336.571	328.242
25	676.401	342.119	334.282
26	697.084	352.852	344.232
27	727.745	368.358	359.387
28	772.786	391.769	381.017
29	802.277	405.493	396.784
30	843.969	426.978	416.991
TOTAL	11.724.959	5.976.420	5.748.539

Percentage of young people from the ages of 13 and 30: 19,83 % of the total population.

Percentage of young women: 9,72; Percentage of young men: 10,11% (Source: ISTAT, January 2007)

AGE	%	% men	% women
13	0,96	0,49	0,47
14	0,99	0,51	0,48
15	0,99	0,51	0,48
16	1,00	0,51	0,49
17	0,99	0,51	0,48
18	1,01	0,52	0,49
19	0,98	0,50	0,48
20	0,99	0,51	0,48
21	1,02	0,52	0,50
22	1,05	0,53	0,51
23	1,08	0,55	0,53
24	1,12	0,57	0,56
25	1,14	0,58	0,57
26	1,18	0,60	0,58
27	1,23	0,62	0,61
28	1,31	0,66	0,64
29	1,36	0,69	0,67
30	1,43	0,72	0,71
TOTAL	19,83	10,11	9,72

2. Actors and Structures

2.1 Public authorities

2.1.1 National public authorities:

Ministry in charge of youth

- The Ministry

After political elections in April 2008, the structure of the Ministry for Youth Policies and Sports was modified, as it became Ministry of Youth, meanwhile a new Office for Sports was set up in the Prime Minister's Office.

Under Prime Ministerial Decree (DPCM) of 8 May 2008 Mrs Giorgia Meloni was nominated Minister without portfolio of youth.

Web site: www.gioventu.it

- Duration of mandate

The official number of months on the legislation period is 60.

Youth Department in the Ministry

- Main tasks of the Youth department

Under Prime Ministerial Decree (DPCM) of 13 June 2008 the “policy-making functions and the coordination of all initiatives, including legislation and regulation, on matters relating to Youth were delegated to the Minister without portfolio of youth – Mrs Giorgia Meloni.

More specifically, with regard to youth policies, and without prejudice to the statutory powers vested in individual ministers, the Minister is responsible for:

a) promoting and coordinating government activities to guarantee the implementation of policies for youth in every area, including economics, taxation, work, education and culture, also by coordinating programmes financed by the European Union;

b) coordinating government action in the matter of international youth exchange schemes;

c) promoting and coordinating the functions in the matter of fight and treatment of the youth deviance and discomfort in every area, economics, taxation, work, education and culture;

d) performing the functions foreseen in art. 46, comma 1 let.c, of the Legislative Decree 30 July 1999, n. 300 in the matter of youth generations' policies;

e)) performing the policy-making functions and oversight of the Italian National Agency for the Community Youth Programme." The Minister also chairs the National Youth Forum.

f) performing the functions foreseen in art. 1, comma 556, of the law n.266/2005, in matter of awareness and prevention of dependence;

g) performing the functions foreseen in art. 1, commas 72, 73, 74 of the law 247/2007 regarding the financing of initiatives to support young people make access in the labour market and the youth entrepreneurship;

f) performing the functions foreseen in art. 19, comma 2, of the law No 248 of 4 August 2006, regarding the National Fund for Youth Policies.

Together with the Minister's Cabinet, in early July 2008, the Department of Youth began its work, under a Head of Department and two Directors-General responsible, respectively, for Youth Policies,

and for Resources and Organisation. The aim is to build up a light, streamlined and versatile coordination structure adequate to its tasks.

Number of people who work in this ministry in the youth department

The number of people who actually work in this ministry is 40 (including the two General Directors and the Head of Department)

- Director responsible for Youth in the Ministry

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Other national public bodies who are directly involved in youth policies

- Other Ministries

Various other ministries have responsibilities in the youth field: Ministry for Labour, Health and Social policies, Ministry of Education, University and Research, Office for Sports, Ministry of Family, Ministry for equal opportunities, EU Affairs Ministry.

Parliament commission in charge of youth issues

- Chamber of Deputies (www.camera.it) : Social affairs Commission. The Commission is chaired by Mr Giuseppe Palumbo

- Chamber of Deputies (www.camera.it): Culture, science and education Commission. The Commission is chaired by Mrs Valentina Aprea.

2.1.2 Regional public authorities with competencies in the youth field

- Region **Abruzzo**: Direction of Life's Quality, Sector of Social Services, Office for the Implementation of Youth Policies (person responsible: Gian Luca Caruso, Viale Bovio, 425, Pescara, phone +39 0862 364446, Fax +39 085 7672143).

- Region **Basilicata**: Department of Education, Job and Culture, Office for the Cultural and Sport Promotion and Youth Policies (person responsible: Rocco Frontuto, C.so Umberto I°, 28 - 85100 Potenza, phone: +39 0971 668054, Fax: +39 0971 668086, E-mail: rofrontu@it).
- Region **Calabria**: Department n. 12 Tourism, Cultural Goods, Sport and Show, Youth Policies (person responsible: Giancarlo Perani, Via S. Nicola, 8 - 88100 Catanzaro, phone: +39 0961-792723-726645- 721998, Fax: +39 0961.856885).
- Region **Campania**: Area n. 17 Learning, Education, Professional Training and Youth Policies (person responsible: Francesco Girardi, Directional Centre, Island A 6 - 80143 Naples, phone: +39 081 796450 Fax: +39 081 7966454). Inside the Regional council there is the Special Commission on Youth Policies.
- Region **Emilia-Romagna**: Social Policies Department, Office of the Social and Educative Policies Promotion for the Childhood and Youth, of Immigration Policies and Voluntarism, Associations and Third Sector (person responsible: Anna Maria Dapporto, Viale Aldo Moro 21 - 40127 Bologna, phone: +39 051-6397156-7-8, Fax +39 051-639705, E-mail: politichesociali@regione.emilia-romagna.it).
- Region **Friuli Venezia Giulia**, Central Direction of Education, Culture, Sport and Peace, Service for Recreational and Sport Activities and Youth Policies (person responsible: Rosella Bianca Longallo, Trieste - Via Del Lavatoio 1, phone: +39 040 3773422, fax +39 040 3773416, e-mail s.sport@regione.fvg.it).
- Region **Lazio**: Social Department, Direction of Job, Peer Opportunities and Youth Policies (person responsible: Vicario Bruna Bruni, Tel +39 06 51683621, E-mail: bbruni@regione.lazio.it).
- Region **Liguria**: Department of Research, Innovation, Education, Training and Youth Policies, Culture and Tourism, Service Youth Policies and Cooperation for Development (person responsible: Marcello Carli, via D'Annunzio 64, phone: +39 010.548.5862, Fax: +39 010.548.4722, E-mail: marcello.carli@regione.liguria.it)
- Region **Lombardy**: General Direction of Youth, Sport and Tourist Activity Promotion (persons responsible: Pier Gianni Prosperini, Rosangela Morana, Via Rosellini, 17 - 20124 Milano email: giovani@postacert.regione.lombardia.it)
- Region **Marche**: Social Policies Service, Area Policies for Family and Social Inclusion, Sub-area Childhood, Family and Youth Policies (person responsible: Paolo Mannucci, Via Gentile da Fabriano, 3 60125 Ancona AN, phone: +39 071806-4048, Fax: +39 071.806.4041, email: servizio.politichesociali@regione.marche.it).
- Region **Molise**: Service of Planning, Social Policies and Coordination Activities in the Third Sector (Via Toscana, 51 - 86100 Campobasso, phone: +39 0874/424376, Fax +39 0874/424369, E-mail:

osservatoriofenomenisociali@regione.molise.it), **Regional Observatory on Childhood** and Youth Condition and Regional Observatory on **Social Phenomenon**.

- Region **Piemonte**: Regional Direction of Social Policies, Programmatic Sector for the support of Person, Family that deals with the youth issue (person responsible: Giampaolo Albini, C.so Stati Uniti, 1-Torino, phone: +39 011.4321543, fax +39 011.432.5647).

- Region **Puglia**: Department Transparency and Active Citizenship, Sector Youth Policies and Sport Activities (person responsible: Del Sordo Maria Teresa, Corso Sonnino, 177 – Bari, phone: +39 0805404734, +39 0881706633, Fax :0805406998, Email: settore.giovaniesport@regione.puglia.it).

- Region **Sardinia**: Department of Public Education, Cultural Goods, Information and Sport deals with the youth issue (person responsible: Maria Antonietta Mongiu, Viale Trieste, 186 - 09123 Cagliari, phone: +39 070/6067004, fax +39 070/6064900 e-mail: pi.assessore@regione.sardegna.it).

- Region **Sicily**: Department of Family, Social policies and Local autonomies (*person* responsible: Grazia Genduso, Via Trinacria, 34-36 90100 Palermo; phone:+39 0917074581; e-mail: famiglia.servizio13@regione.sicilia.it; graziagenduso@regione.sicilia.it

- Region **Toscana**: Department of *Social Policies and Sport* (*person* responsible: Gianni Salvadori, Via Di Novoli 26, 50127 Firenze, phone: +39 0554385098, E-mail: gianni.salvadori@regione.toscana.it).

- Region **Trentino Alto Adige**: Autonomy Province of Trento, Department of Education and Youth Policies (person responsible: Roberto Ceccato , Via Gilli, 3, 38100 – Trento, phone: +39 0461.497218, Fax: +39 0461.497216, E-mail: serv.istruzione@provincia.tn.it), Autonomy Province of Bolzano, Department Education and School and Department Youth, Family and Old Person).

- Region **Umbria**: Direction of Health and Social Services, Service of Childhood Rights, Teens and Youth (person responsible: Favaroni Maria Speranza, phone: +39 0755045312, e-mail: socioinfanzia@regione.umbria.it).

- Region **Valle D’Aosta**: Department of Health, Welfare and Social Policies, Direction of Social Policies, Service Family and Youth Policies (person responsible: Scaglia Patrizia, P.zza Deffeyes, 1 - 11100 Aosta, phone: +39 0165 52.7005, e-mail p.scaglia@regione.vda.it).

- Region **Veneto**: Regional Assessor for Social Policies with competence on Youth Policies (person responsible: Stefano Valdegamberi, Building Balbi - Dorsoduro 3901, 30123 Venice, phone: +39 041 2792881 - +39 041 2792882, fax: +39 041 2792883, E-Mail: ass.politichesociali@regione.veneto.it).

2.1.3 Local public authorities with competencies in the youth field

At a local level, each Municipality (8.100) has an office in charge of youth affairs.

2.2 Youth welfare services (comprising public and/or non public actors)

Youth Information Centres (Informagiovani)

The Informagiovani centres are public (mainly municipal) services for young people that provide information of all kinds, on subjects of interest to young people. The service is free and the information is reliable and varied.

In Italy, since 1981, over 1.200 Informagiovani centres have opened in all the large cities and in many smaller ones and towns as well.

2.3 Non-public actors/structures & youth services with competencies in the youth field

2.3.1 Youth councils

In 2002 the Minister for Education created the **National Forum of the Students' Associations**. It aims at favoring the dialogue between the Ministry and the students' associations, representing needs and formulating proposals, providing advice about initiatives taken by the Minister.

In December 2006 the Ministry of Youth Policies and the Ministry of Home Affairs established together a **Youth Consultation for Religious and Cultural Pluralism**. The purpose of this Consultation is to encourage young people to play a leading role in building up models of dialogue and tolerance between Italy's different religions, faiths and cultures.

The **National Council of University Students** is an advisory body, representing the students who attend. It offers advice and proposals to the Minister of Education, University and Research and elects eight students' representatives in the National University Council.

A part from the national level, Youth Councils exist in many Italian Municipalities and in some Regions with the aim to promote the dialogue among young people and represent their needs, proposals and opinions to the administrative and political authorities.

2.3.2 Youth NGOs

FORUM NAZIONALE GIOVANI (<http://www.forumnazionalegiovani.it/home>)

INFORMAGIOVANI (<http://www.informagiovani.it>)

Eurodesk (www.eurodesk.it)

Rete GAI - Associazione per il Circuito dei Giovani Artisti Italiani (<http://gai.informadove.it>)

Centro Turistico Giovanile (www.ctg.it)

Erasmus Student Network (www.esn.it)

Servizio Civile Internazionale (www.sci-italia.it)

MO.DA.VI. Onlus (www.modavi.it)

AMESCI (www.amesci.org)

Movimento Giovanile Missionario (MGM) (www.mgmoperemissionarie.com/)

AFSAI - Associazione per la Formazione, gli Scambi e le Attività Interculturali (www.afsai.it)

AGESCI (www.agesci.org)

C.N.G.E.I (www.cngei.it)

Unione Italiana Sport per Tutti (UISP) (www.uisp.it)

Associazione Giovani Italiani nel mondo (www.giovaninelmondo.com)

Coordinamento Nazionale Comunità di Accoglienza (www.cnca.it)

Federazione Italiana Comunità Terapeutiche (www.fict.it)

2.4 Other structures

Some research institutes or associations (public and private) or University:

- Ufficio nazionale per il servizio civile (www.serviziocivile.it)
- Istituto nazionale di statistica (ISTAT) (www.istat.it);
- Istituto per lo sviluppo della formazione dei lavoratori (ISFOL) (www.isfol.it)
- Centro Studi sulle politiche giovanili del CNEL; (www.portalecnel.it)
- Centro Nazionale di Documentazione e analisi per l'infanzia e l'adolescenza (<http://www.minori.it/index.htm>);
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (CNR) – Institute for research on population and social policies (www.cnr.it/istituti/Istituti_eng.html)
- University of Rome “La Sapienza” - Faculty of Statistical Sciences (<http://w3.uniroma1.it/scidemo/dsdfront.htm>)
- AlmaLaurea (www.almalaurea.it)
- Istituto IARD (www.istitutoiard.it)
- CENSIS (www.censis.it)
- EURISPES (www.eurispes.it)
- Vedogiovane (www.vedogiovane.it)
- Doxa (www.doxa.it)
- Youth Marketing Forum (<http://www.iir-italy.it/youth>)

3. Legislation

The Ministry for Youth Policies and Sport was instituted for the first time in May 2006.

After political elections in April 2008, the structure of the Ministry for Youth Policies and Sports was modified, as it became Ministry of Youth, meanwhile a new Office for Sports was set up in the Prime Minister's Office.

Under Prime Ministerial Decree (DPCM) of 13 June 2008 the "policy-making functions and the coordination of all initiatives, including legislation and regulation, on matters relating to Youth were delegated to the Minister without portfolio of youth – Mrs Giorgia Meloni.

Even though this is a Ministry without Portfolio, there are several ways of funding to perform its institutional activities and tasks.

For further information on the duties of the Ministry of Youth please see point 2.1.1.

The Title V - Art. 117 of the Italian Constitution, as modified by the Constitutional Law n. 3/2001, gives to the Regions legislative and executive powers in all subject matters that are not expressly covered by State legislation, such as youth policies and more in general social policies. In matter of social policies the State has exclusive legislative powers only for the determination of the basic level of benefits relating to civil and social entitlements to be guaranteed throughout the national territory. The Italian Constitutional Court (www.cortecostituzionale.it) established that the strong link existing between the determination of the basic level of benefits and the concrete implementation of the actions always needs a previous agreement between the State and the Regions. For this reason there are many regional laws regarding youth topic and many agreements between the Ministry of Youth and the local authorities (Regions, Provinces and Municipalities) for the interventions to be carried out on the territory.

For further information please see point "Guidelines or principles concerning youth policy if there is no special legislation on this field" and point 5.

Articles of the constitution concerning youth explicitly

Art. 31. - The Republic [...] protects maternity, childhood and youth [...].

Guidelines or Principles concerning youth policy if there is no special legislation on this field

On 29 of October 2008 the Minister of Youth approved and signed a Decree on the use of the National Fund for Youth Policies for 2008 (funding will be concretely used in 2009) at national, regional and

local level, identifying the main actions and interventions to be carried out in the different territorial areas.

4. National Programmes on youth

The National Youth Policy aims in particular at reaffirming the central position of young people in Italian national growth policies. The achievement of these objectives is very closely linked to the specific local situations of the areas concerned in terms of social services, infrastructures, economic and occupational development. To guarantee the same opportunities to young people in the whole country it is necessary to exploit the value of the youth resources present in the less developed areas. Here there is a more serious gap between young people and employment opportunities, and so public intervention must narrow it improving both the services for young people and the systems for the labour demand/supply match.

The main lines of action planned are the following ones:

- “Young people’s right to have a future” aiming at promoting actions to support the access of young people to the labour, entrepreneurial opportunities, housing and credit, with particular attention to atypical workers.
- “Youth self promotion” to develop the youth representative’s forms and the participation of young people towards political, social and economical life, especially promoting actions to help people play an active role in the voluntary activities and in the civil society.
- The “Best Youth” aiming at diffusing positive experiences of young people and good examples of behaviour to oppose to youth expressions of deviance.
- The “Revolution of the merit” aiming at assuring the same educational and working starting conditions and removing the main obstacles that prevent the quality and excellence from coming to light.
- The “Youth Expo” aiming at creating an exposition of young people activities, with a particular focus on the best talents.

More specifically, the implementation of the above priorities will be based on the following approaches, methods and instruments:

- the development of a structured dialogue with young people and their organisations, researchers in the youth field and policy-makers;

- "awareness-building and discussion panels" with institutional parties at the various national, regional and local levels, to jointly identify synergistic courses of action to be implemented in a wide-ranging and systematic manner;
- identification of the best projects, national and international, for gradual implementation, that are able to pursue the broader European cohesion objectives, drawing on the potential of the younger generations;
- actions to strengthen and enhance the design capacity and cross-cutting systemic assistance and support activities for the benefit of the Regional and Municipal authorities, and the other institutions involved in planning and implementing the Framework Programme Agreements regarding youth and policies.
- international, national and local co-operation on youth policy development, with particular focus on setting standards and supporting their implementation.

5. Budget / Public expenditure allocated to youth

National level

Amounts allocated to youth policies or to actions in the youth field on national level.

Law No 248 of 4 August 2006 enacting "Urgent measures for economic recovery" instituted the National Fund for Youth Policies to promote culture, vocational training and social integration and support the access to credit. The initial capital endowment of this Fund has been integrated for the three-year period 2007-2009 under the law n. 296 of 27 December 2006 (Financial Law) as follows:

- 130,000,000.00 € per year (for year 2008 55,000,000.00 will finance national actions, meanwhile 75,000,000.00 will finance regional and local projects – see point "Regional level").

This fund has been assigned to the Ministry of Youth by the Decree-Law No 85 of 16 May 2008, enacted as Law No. 121 of 14 July 2008.

Law No 266/2005, as modified by the Law n. 296 of 27 December 2006, instituted the National Fund for youth communities of 5,000,000.000 per year from 2006 to 2009. This fund has been assigned to the Ministry of Youth by the Decree-Law No 85 of 16 May 2008, enacted as Law No. 121 of 14 July 2008.

Law No. 247 of 24 December 2007 instituted a National Fund to support young people to make access in the labour market, to credit and create new enterprises of 150,000,000.00 for 2008.

This fund has been assigned to the Ministry of Youth by the Decree-Law No 85 of 16 May 2008, enacted as Law No. 121 of 14 July 2008.

Law No 133 of 6 June 2008 instituted a National Guaranty Fund of 4,000,000.00 € for 2008, of 10,000,000.00 € for each for the years 2009 and 2010 to support young families (young couples and singles with children under age) in the purchase of their first house.

Regional level

Framework Programme Agreements (APQs) have been defined with the Regional governments of all the Regions, including the two autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano. The different APQs aim at promoting many initiatives: to increase the participation of young people in public life and facilitate their self fulfilment as active, responsible citizens and develop the structured dialogue; to promote the inter-culture dialogue, the development of cultural, creative, and entrepreneurial activities and etc. Moreover, agreements to promote local projects for young people have been defined by the Ministry of Youth with the Provincial (UPI - www.upinet.it) and Municipal Authorities (ANCI - www.anci.it).

6. European Dimension of youth policy

6.1 Council of Europe programmes or activities implemented

CoE Programmes (PoA and VC) - Project Youth policy development – The Inter-agency training course “Building effective youth investment programs: issues for project design” was convened in Turin (International Training Center of the ILO), Italy from 6 to 10 October 2008.

Joint Programme EC/CoE - Multilateral: Framework Partnership Agreement in the field of Youth 2007-2009 Project: 1 - Understanding and respect for cultural diversity promoted Specific Objective: 1.2 - European citizenship and human rights education developed and promoted in Europe. A short-term training course on youth participation and democratic citizenship has been organized in Palermo, Italy, from 4 to 10 of February 2008 by the Partnership, in co-operation with Italian National Agency of the Youth in Action programme and the SALTO Training and Cooperation RC.

CoE Programmes (PoA and VC) - Project Youth policy development – An intercultural language course has been organized in Trento (Italy) from 30 to 18 of July, by the Council of Europe and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Autonomous Province of Trento.

6.2 European Union programmes

YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

One of the main objectives of the Youth in Action Programme is to promote active citizenship among young people through five specific actions: youth for Europe, European voluntary service, youth in the world, youth support systems, and support for European co-operation in the youth sector. The Ministry
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of youth is the National Authority in charge for this programme, which is implemented by the National Agency for the Youth in Action Programme. Under a special provision adopted in December 2006, this National Agency for the Youth in Action Programme was instituted, as an autonomous body, to implement the Decision 1719/2006/CE of the European Parliament and the Council of Eu Ministers. The Agency plays a vital role in supporting the beneficiaries of the Youth in Action Programme during the preparation, implementation, evaluation and management of the project. Information and counseling activities on the "Youth in Action" Programme are performed by the Agency together with the National EURODESK office. EURODESK is the European network responsible for the dissemination of European Union information and for the provision of telephone enquiry services for young people and other actors in the youth field. Policy-making and oversight functions over the Agency are performed by the Ministry of Youth.

During the EU Youth week from 2 to 9 November 2008 the National Agency, together with EURODESK carried out many activities such as seminars and conferences at local, regional and national level. In many towns such as, Catania, Firenze, Reggio Calabria, Trieste and Viterbo, the Agency organized many events such as meetings with students, seminars, aiming at disseminating information on the EU Programmes "Youth in action", "Leonardo" and "Socrates", defining the future lines of action of the youth policies, promoting the structured dialogue

The Conference "L'importante è PARTECIPARE. Protagonismo giovanile e futuro in Europa dopo venti anni di programmi per la gioventù" was the final event of the Youth Week, organized in Rome the 8 November 2008, by the National Agency, together with the Ministry of Youth and the Municipality of Rome.

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Other EU programmes implemented in an important way for youth purposes

LIFE LONG LEARNING – in Italy the programme is carried out by the Ministry of Education, University and Research and the Ministry of Labour, Health and Social policies.

PROGRESS – in Italy the programme is carried out by Ministry of Labour, Health and Social policies.

EUROPASS – The Italian Europass Center is carried out by Isfol (Istituto per lo Sviluppo della Formazione Professionale dei Lavoratori)