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Identification, Dissemination and Exchange of good practice in
Local Employment development and promoting better governance

< Job activation in the Province of Bologna >

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Details of activity

Background to the case study and policy context	<p>Brief rationale</p> <p>In Italy, prior to 1999, public employment services did not exist. Their creation goes back to the decentralization of competencies in the field of employment services from the State to the Regions and to the Provinces both at administrative and political level. (Law 469/1997 and Regional Law 1/99.)</p> <p>ESF was therefore used at local and national level to set up the system of public employment services.</p>
Description of activity	<p>In the province of Bologna, where activity rates and employment rates were already high compared to the rest of the country, the active labour market policy strategy focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tailor-made services for users' needs• Labour market insertion activities for the workers aged over 45.• Linguistic and cultural services for immigrants• Labour market insertion activities for disabled people. <p>In parallel with this global strategy, the province of Bologna worked towards the creation of a network of employment services for the province. In addition to it, very recent the province started to work closely with municipalities, to set up public employment desk services in Bologna's municipalities.</p> <p>Two main ideas underpin this project:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring employment services very close to local communities, within logic of subsidiarity. • Improve the integration between the other services offered by the municipalities, in particular social and educational services, etc.
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Theme-Specific Questions

Which levels of government were involved, informed or consulted?	Local level, at the level of provinces and municipalities.
Sustainability	<p>What achieved / how funded?</p> <p>As mentioned before, in Bologna and in Italy, active labour market policies (ALMP) have been set up with ESF funding. ALMP will need to be redefined by rationalising resources due to the fact that in the new programming period, ESF funding will be drastically reduced.</p> <p>Against this background the province of Bologna is trying to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the network of private and public bodies willing to cooperate within the provincial system of public employment services. • Improve the efficiency of the networks established within the municipalities • Provide through employment centres those services which are considered crucial by the national and the regional legislation. A working group -made of the provinces' heads in the Emilia Romagna region- has been set up with a view to identifying all those minimal service that need to be guaranteed in the absence of community resources.

