



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

SPRINT- ITALY

General details

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Details of activity

Background to the case study	<p>Sprint is a national programme operating within the framework of the structural funds for Objective 1 regions. It supports integrated initiatives at local and regional level. From this wider programme on the ground activities have been created. What seems to be of particular interest for IDELE are the PIT, progetti integrati territoriali, territorial integrated initiatives, (perhaps something similar to an area based initiative). The idea is to invite Sprint along with a PIT to facilitate a discussion at two levels: the programme framework and the local partnership.</p> <p>Rationale This programme due to its very nature-see below- enables us to emphasize the governance aspect of local development. In fact, IDELE is also about "promoting better governance". It is probably worth underlying this aspect as one of the challenges for local administration in the New Member States is to build administrative capacity to manage structural funds. Also, the draft ESF regulation for 2007-2013 introduces a new priority which will enable ESF support to be channeled towards improving the efficiency of public administrations and public services. Perhaps building administrative capacity for LED can be an interesting issue for discussion in Budapest?</p>
Description of activity	<p>Formez, and in particular its division "Policies and instruments for local development" is responsible for the design, management and delivery of the programme. Sprint is financed by the national operative programme "technical assistance and system actions", as well as co-financed by the ESF. The general aim of Sprint is to increase the capacities of public administrations in the framework of governance, co-ordination and implementation of territorial integrated initiatives. Local integrated initiatives aims</p>



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	<p>to put into practice the principle of integrating resources for local development.</p> <p>The programme stems from the needs of administrations and local partnerships in the Mezzogiorno to value their area and competences. In this respect, sprint constitutes a response to a specifically identified need.</p>
Policy context within which the programme operates	<p>The strategic objectives of the policy to develop the mezzogiorno are strongly embedded within the territory and reflect its local dimension. The development strategy values the principles of government liability, decentralization and subsidiarity. The interaction between economy, society and territory defines the features of governance for local development and the approaches to the valorization of local resources. Within this framework, territorial integrated initiatives are intended to be an opportunity to participate in policy development at local level as well as an administrative and institutional innovation.</p>
Impact	<p>The outcomes of the programmes are numerous, but what it is probably most relevant in this context is the above mentioned PIT that have been created in several localities throughout the Mezzogiorno.</p>

