



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

SPRINT- ITALY

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Details of activity

Background to the case study	<p>Overall background</p> <p>SPRINT (<i>Sostegno alla Progettazione INtegrata Territoriale</i>) is a development policies support programme operating within the framework of structural funds (2000-2006) for Objective 1 Italian regions. Specifically, SPRINT supports the definition, implementation and management of PIT (<i>Progetti Integrati Territoriali</i>), which are <i>complex</i> development projects, encompassing a fairly wide range of priorities and operations. PIT are based on local partnership initiative within a regional programme framework.</p> <p>Rationale</p> <p>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 that 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 channelled towards improving the efficiency of public administrations and public services.</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. The general aim of SPRINT is to increase the capacities of public administrations in the field of governance, co-ordination and</p>



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	<p>implementation of territorial integrated initiatives. Local integrated initiatives aim to put into practice the principle of integrating resources for local development end employment.</p> <p>The programme stems from the needs of administrations and local partnerships in the Italian Objective 1 regions to enhance their area and increase its attractiveness, sustain employment, improve economic, social, and territorial cohesion. In this respect, SPRINT as a support programme constitutes a response to specifically identified needs. The activities performed by SPRINT are capacity building actions, training, information systems, on-line professional communities, case studies, good practices diffusion, etc.</p>
<p>Policy context within which the programme operates</p>	<p>The strategic objectives of the development policy for the Italian Mezzogiorno are strongly embedded in the territory and in local dimension. The development strategy values the principles of decentralization and subsidiarity. 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 vehicle.</p>
<p>Impact</p>	<p>At the moment, 135 PIT are under way in the Objective 1 Italian regions. The CSF' Mid-Term Evaluation and the 2007-2013 national strategy have recognised the value of PIT experience in terms of administrative advancement, better governance and capacity building. On the other hand, the evaluation of PIT's structural effects on local and regional economies is still partial. The Italian NSRF (2007-2013) confirms the integrated and territorial approach for the 2007-2013 cohesion policies, even if important improvements are marked as fundamental.</p>

