



Integrated urban actions  
for fostering and financing  
innovative economies and SMEs

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## Lazio Region

The Lazio Region is located in the centre of Italy, at the very heart of the Mediterranean trading corridor;

The Lazio Region ranks second in Italy for contribution to the national GDP, third for number of inhabitants and eight in terms of overall surface area.





## Geographical Features

Total Land Size

17,207 Km<sup>2</sup> (6,644 SqMiles)

Land size by Province:

5,352 Km<sup>2</sup> (2,066 Sq.miles) **Roma**

3,612 Km<sup>2</sup> (1,395 Sq.miles) **Viterbo**

3,244 Km<sup>2</sup> (1,250 Sq.miles) **Frosinone**

2,749 Km<sup>2</sup> (1,061 Sq.miles) **Rieti**

2,251 Km<sup>2</sup> (869 Sq.miles) **Latina**

Tyrrhenian Coast

280 Km (174 Miles)



## Demographical Features

Total Population

5.6 million

Population Density

323 ab./Km<sup>2</sup> (323 inhab./SqMile)

Population by Province:

4.0 million **Roma**

537,000 **Latina**

495,000 **Frosinone**

310,000 **Viterbo**

155,000 **Rieti**





## ***Infrastructure***

Among all the Italian regions, Lazio is one of the richest in infrastructure and can boast two international airports, over 9,000 km of roads, including 470 km of motorways (7.2% of the national total), 1,250 km of railways (7.8% of the national total) and 20 commercial and tourist ports.



## ***Universities***

The region of Lazio is a center of primary importance as far as cultural traditions and scientific research.

Its network of universities - both public and private - consists of 13 higher-learning institutions based mainly in Rome.

The region features a top level education; 27.9% of people over age 25 in Lazio are university graduates.





## **Research centres and science parks**

Lazio is home to most of Italy's public research institutes, where 7,800 researchers work (23% of the country's researchers).

Among the major institutes there are:

- CNR - Centro Nazionale Ricerche (National Research Centre) with about 50 research centres;
- ENEA - Istituto per l'Energia (Energy Institute), Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare (National Nuclear Physics Institute);
- Istituto Superiore di Sanità (Advanced Health Institute), in addition to numerous world-famous research centres.



## **Industrial districts and production systems**

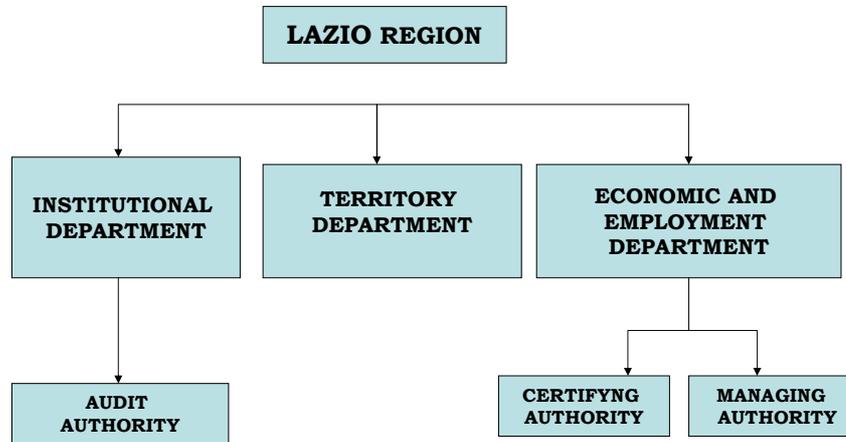
One of the Lazio Region's major strength is represented by its network of industrial districts and local production systems.

Such districts and systems are home to a large number of highly specialised small enterprises. Overall, 4 industrial districts and 6 local production systems, recognized by Regional Law n. 36 of 2001, are based in the Lazio Region.





## LAZIO REGION MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEM



## FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGING AUTHORITY (A SUMMARIZE OF) 1

- a) ensures that operations are selected for funding in accordance with the criteria applicable to the operational programme and that they comply with applicable Community and national rules
- b) verifies that the co-financed products and services are delivered and that the expenditure declared by the beneficiaries for operations has actually been incurred and complies with Community and national rules



## FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGING AUTHORITY (A SUMMARIZE OF) 2

c) ensures that there is a system for recording and stores in computerised form accounting records for each operation under the operational programme

(d) ensures that beneficiaries and other bodies involved in the implementation of operations maintain either a separate accounting system or an adequate accounting code for all transactions relating to the operation without prejudice to national accounting rules;



## FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGING AUTHORITY (A SUMMARIZE OF) 3

(e) ensures that the certifying authority receives all necessary information on the procedures and verifications carried out in relation to expenditure for the purpose of certification;

(f) guides the work of the monitoring committee and provides it with the documents required to permit the quality of the implementation of the operational programme to be monitored in the light of its specific goals;





## FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGING AUTHORITY (A SUMMARIZE OF) 4

(g) draws up and, after approval by the monitoring committee, submits to the Commission the annual and final reports on implementation;

(h) provides the Commission with information to allow it to appraise major projects;



## Lazio Region and EU programmes

Lazio Region manages EU structural funds (POR 2006/2013 "Competitività regionale e occupazione") and is directly and indirectly involved in numerous European projects.

POR 2006/2013 has a budget of € 743,5 ml. and is based on 4 main issues:





## Lazio Region and EU programmes

To achieve the main objectives Lazio Region considers essential to strengthen the cooperation with municipalities, particularly with Rome Municipality representing 76% of the regional GDP. That's why Lazio MA accepted to be part of two URBACT II projects:

- Fin-Urb-Act
- Active Age



## Rome Municipality and Lazio Region cooperation

### Fin-Urb-Act

Rome LAP is based on 4 Operational objectives

- Build a pathway to partnership between Municipality of Rome and Managing Authority (Lazio Region);
- Creating a network amongst market actors under the Municipality of Rome "*umbrella*";
- Developing a methodology to measure market actors network impact;
- Communicate results achieved by the network and measured using the developed methodology.





## Rome Municipality and Lazio Region cooperation

### Fin-Urb-Act

Build a pathway to partnership between Municipality of Rome and Managing Authority (Lazio Region);

This cooperation aims to develop a coordinated action in order to support self-employment, micro-enterprises and start-up businesses and built a network with all main public and private organizations engaged in supporting SMEs.



## Rome Municipality and Lazio Region cooperation

### Fin-Urb-Act

Build a pathway to partnership between Municipality of Rome and Managing Authority (Lazio Region);

Realized actions:

- Managing Authority in ULSG
- Training day
- Calendar of Meeting
- Managing Authority + Municipality of Rome  
+ Experts of ERDF





## Rome Municipality and Lazio Region cooperation

### Fin-Urb-Act

Build a pathway to partnership between Municipality of Rome and Managing Authority (Lazio Region);

#### Achieved results:

- Institutional Relationship enhanced
- Stronger operative relationship
- Shared LAP focused on start up and new businesses



## Rome Municipality and Lazio Region cooperation

### Fin-Urb-Act

Build a pathway to partnership between Municipality of Rome and Managing Authority (Lazio Region);

#### On coming cooperation:

Be part of "Common-Sense project" URBACT II:

The purpose of the Common-Sense project (CS) is to stimulate the use and effectiveness of European resources in the cities in order to get a better implementation of an integrated and a sustainable urban development.

In short: CS wants to make better use of the European funding which is available for the cities.





## Lazio Region and City of Rome have build a pathway of close partnership

### Fin-Urb-Act

City of Rome: partner

Lazio Region: MA and member of the LSG



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On July the 23<sup>o</sup> 2009, the Lazio Region has organised and held a seminar on the Territorial Co-operation Programme URBACT II, for the dissemination of the experiences and best practises, with the contribution and the participation of members of the City of Rome





## Lazio Region and City of Rome have build a pathway of close partnership

Lazio Region is now participating to an Urbact Thematic Working Group called "Common Sense"

Common Sense is an innovative European platform of Managing Authorities, which wants to jointly create new opportunities for cities starting from their own responsibilities.



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### Common Sense

Lazio Region: partner

City of Rome: member of the LSG





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