



OECD and Italy strengthen their cooperation on local development and policy implementation

The OECD and the Italian government are strengthening their cooperation to ensure effective implementation of local development strategies to boost jobs, encourage entrepreneurship and increase social inclusion.

The mandate of the OECD Trento Centre for Local Development has been renewed for the period 2016-2020 and a new office established in Venice. The Centre will be working with national ministries, agencies responsible for delivering EU Structural Funds, and regional and provincial governments to increase the effectiveness of their policies and strategies.

The Trento Centre for Local Development, initially supported by the Autonomous Province of Trento, now benefits from a larger partnership, with the Autonomous Region of Trentino Alto Adige Sudtirolo, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, the Chamber of Commerce of Udine and the Foundation of Venice.

Over the next five years, the OECD Trento Centre will undertake an ambitious programme to improve effectiveness in implementing government programmes and local strategies in areas such as the support to small and medium-sized enterprises and strategies to boost employment and skills. Work has already started with the Ministry of Culture and Tourism to stimulate economic development around cultural assets.

The Steering Group of the Centre, bringing together all the partners of the Trento Centre and its Venice Office, will meet in Trento on 15 February to review the programme of work and develop new synergies.

OECD Deputy Secretary-General Stefan Kapferer, will co-chair the Steering Group with Michele Dau, the representative of the Italian Government (from CNEL).



The Trento Centre and its Venice Office are part of the OECD Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED). Since 1982, the LEED Programme advises government and communities on how to respond to economic change and tackle complex problems in a fast-changing world. Its mission is to contribute to the creation of more and better quality jobs through effective policy implementation, innovative practices, stronger capacities and integrated strategies at the local level. LEED draws on a comparative analysis of experience from the five continents in fostering economic growth, employment and inclusion.

Further information about the OECD's LEED programme can be found [here](#), and about the Trento Centre, [here](#). For further information, please contact Sylvain Giguère (sylvain.giguere@oecd.org), Head of the OECD LEED Programme.