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## POLICY MAPPING AND REVIEW Civic Service

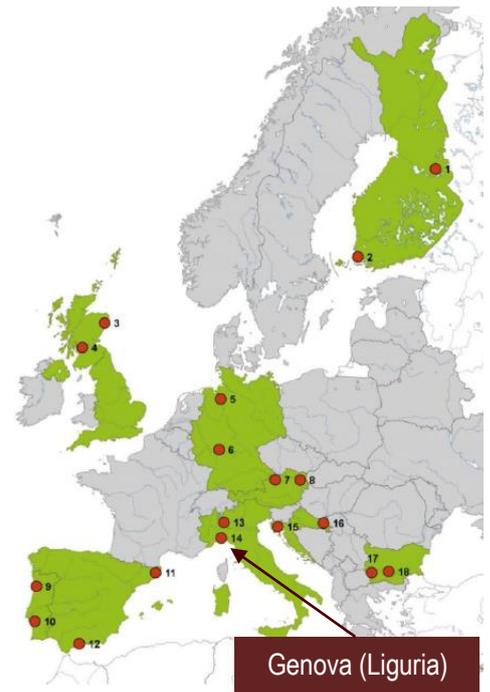
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The Civic Service aims to promote solidarity and cooperation, advocacy and protection of social rights, artistic and cultural heritage, and civil protection. Furthermore, it intends to support civic training with national or international initiatives.

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## Civic Service – What is it about?

### The challenge on site

Civic Service was established in Italy as an alternative to mandatory national military service. Nowadays, it is an opportunity given to young people from 18 to 28 years old to dedicate a year of their lives toward a solidarity commitment. Owing to voluntary civil service, youngsters are guaranteed a strong educational training path towards active citizenship. It is a precious tool for helping weaker segments of the society, contributing toward the social, cultural, and economic development of the country. A reimbursement of about €433 monthly can be expected.

### Who is the addressee of this policy?

All people who are 18 to 28 years old and have Italian citizenship. When including the Civic Service in the programme offered to young people in the Youth Guarantee scheme, Civil Service has been used as a measure to be more responsive to the labour market needs and rules, thereby promoting professional skills, competences, and social attitudes of young adults.



## What is the policy aiming at?



- **The Civic Service offers an opportunity** for personal growth and education toward active citizenship. It is a precious tool for flourishing the human potentials of the society, thus contributing toward the social, cultural, and economic development of the country.
- **The pathways implemented by the Regional civic service authorities have the overall goal** of introducing the ideas to young people to take an active role in their citizenship, to prefer the culture of peace and social solidarity, and to use the opportunities for personal growth and enrichment, for which more active civic responsibility is essential.
- **Civic service pathways with general and specific training** may be funded and activated through national as well as regional proposals.
- **Such measures, which are aimed at young people in the age group of 18 to 28 years**, are of a particular educational value. They provide the opportunity to improve knowledge on the different national civil service areas, like care giving, civil protection, environment, cultural heritage, education, and cultural promotion.
- In addition, they enhance the transversal skills useful to facilitate the entry into the labour market of the target concerned.

## How does it work?



- **The management of the Civic Service takes place** mainly in collaboration with the Department for Youth within the Presidency of the council, regions, and third sector organisations.
- **From the approved projects young people can choose** the most interesting one. After having selected the project, the young people are direct "candidates" for the funding organization of the project.
- **Following the selection, a list of most suitable candidates is compiled.** The first started to follow the Civil Service for the realization of the specific project.
- **In order to develop specific aspects of the regional frame** and to promote a wider participation in civic service activities, the Liguria Region has passed a law (regional law n.11 of 11 May 2006), which establishes and regulates the regional civic service, complementary to the national one.

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## POLICY MAPPING AND REVIEW

### Liguria Region POR (Education and LLL Axe)

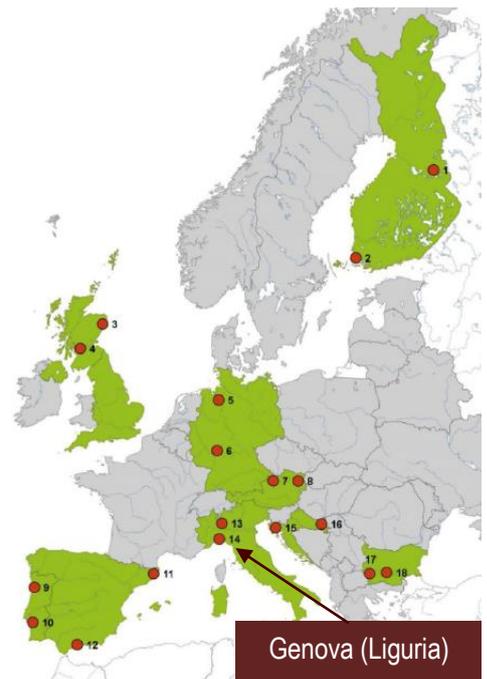
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The Regional Operational Plans' (POR Liguria) concern, in a cross perspective, all the main focuses of the YA. Specifically, the POR pays attention to NEETs and early school leavers consistently with the general purpose of supporting the job placement for diverse disadvantaged target groups.

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## Liguria Region POR (Education and LLL Axe) – What is it about?



### The challenge on site

The Regional Operational Plan (POR) tries to solve some of the main problems of the Liguria Region, such as strong unemployment and mismatch between skills supply and demand, as well as the lack of technical and professional paths. For this reason, it invests in vocational training and vocational guidance activities and in the enforcement of job placement services.

### Who is the addressee of this policy?

The target group within the Liguria Region actions are NEETs and Early School Leavers. However, it also aspires to target diverse disadvantaged groups.

## What is the policy aiming at?



REGIONE LIGURIA

- **The policy aims to shorten the distance between school and work** and strengthen the apprenticeship system. Furthermore, it focuses on the educational and training systems.
- **The policy provides interventions aimed at strengthening the qualification of the professional and technical high schools**, pursuing an improvement of their adequacy to the needs of skills emerging from the labour market analyses.
- **In the general orientation of POR, training is considered as one of the main strategies to fight unemployment.** The dimension of training in the Italian Functional Regions is relevant and there is a wide range of different implementations (i.e.: public tenders for project funding, training vouchers, school-work training paths, etc.) at the different levels (funding vocational training and postgraduate courses).

## How does it work?



REGIONE LIGURIA

- **The main actors involved in the training system programming** are the representatives of the labour demand (business organisations, third sector organisations, and public institutions) and of the labour supply, as well as the Trade Unions.
- **The Liguria POR extended the typologies of stakeholders** involved in this process, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the training system organisation.
- **The action programme by Liguria POR is a combination of an educational and labour market policy.** It should be, however, noted that it is oriented more towards the education policy sector, since VET is part of the educational system.

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## POLICY MAPPING AND REVIEW Liguria Region Youth Guarantee

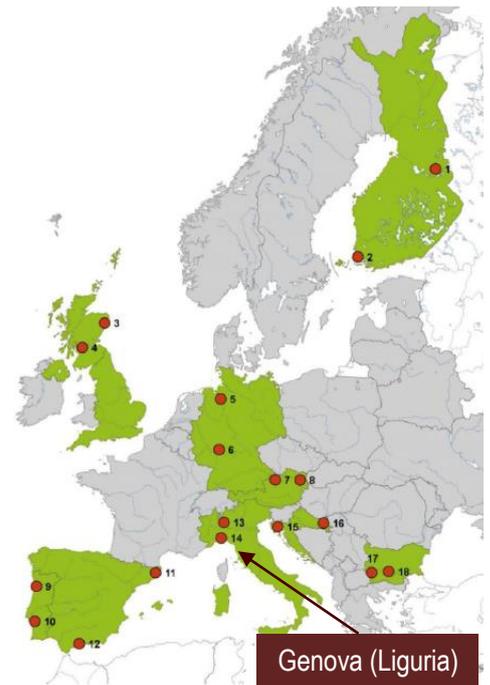
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Liguria Region Youth Guarantee is part of the European "Youth Guarantee" plan to combat youth unemployment through a series of support measures. The target group are young people who are not engaged in any job-related activity or included in a regular course of studies, secondary or high school, nor have attended a training activity.

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## Liguria Region Youth Guarantee – What is it about?



### The challenge on site

Italian authorities have taken different measures at regional levels to improve the employability of young people and to reform the VET systems. In Liguria, the Youth Guarantee is mainly used to finance the VET system but with low level of cooperation with other measures.

### Who is the addressee of this policy?

The target group foreseen by the Youth Guarantee concerns young people between 15 and 29 years of age who are residing in Italian regions and who are not engaged in a career, nor do they attend school, university, or training courses. Simultaneously, they are requested to adopt labour policy measures with the final objective of facilitating the integration of young people into the world of work.

## What is the policy aiming at?



- **The main objective is to guarantee young people** (who do not study and do not work) a valid job offer, a continuation of studies, an apprenticeship/internship, or civil service within four months of starting unemployment or leaving school.
- **Guidance and profiling of users are key activities**, which serve as an entry point for personalized paths towards occupation, but the comprehensive integration of measures may not be satisfying, especially for early participants.
- **The Youth Guarantee programme in Liguria invests a lot in professional training** and employment. They also offer further support counselling for work and extra-curricular training. The Liguria Youth Guarantee programme prefers to consider these measures only in a regional programme related to professional training.
- **The programme supports training measures**, because these are more effective in a situation, where job opportunities are scarce.
- **The introduction of the "Youth Guarantee" in Italy is a challenge** that requires a comprehensive strategy, strongly shared between state, regions, and other public and private entities. It requires territorial implementation as well as continuous monitoring and evaluation activity.
- **The success of the project is linked** to the reduction of number of NEETs.

## How does it work?



- **The Governance of the Youth Guarantee is a perfect example of rescaling social policies**, in which traditional national (or regional) policies change their territorial dimension in order to embed European multi-level governance, especially in the Italian system.
- **For the Governance of the Youth Guarantee, the Liguria Region appoints a special Steering Committee** for the institutional actors related to the measures of the programme. The Committee monitors the implementation of the initiatives and participates in the evaluation activities of the programme, formulates opinions, and defines proposals for improvement of the interventions and methods of supplying the services.
- **Taking into consideration the characteristics of the Youth Guarantee in Liguria**, the main objective is to ensure the maximum territorial coverage of services, the necessary timeliness in the provision of interventions, and a complete offer of training services available to the entire target groups.
- **The Liguria Regional Government considered implementing a model** of a Regional Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan for Liguria. This model is based on territorial networks constituted by the "Employment Centres" and Temporary Associations of public and/or private subjects operating in the field of services for work and for vocational training.

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