

# PADIMA

Policies Against Depopulation in Mountain Areas



## Regional Agency for mountain settlements

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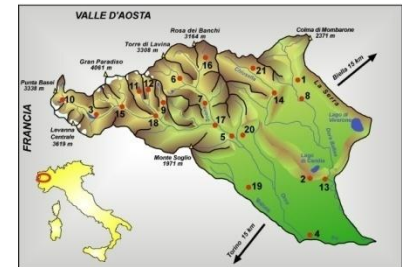
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# Territory of good practice

The good practice has been applied in the territory of Piedmont Region with a Pilot Office in mountain area : Canavese area (located in Province of Turin)

Some features of pilot area:

- Close to Turin metropolitan area
- Precious** natural environment
- Good presence of activities of economic primary sector
- Good social capital
- Rural Villages with potentialities to implement local development

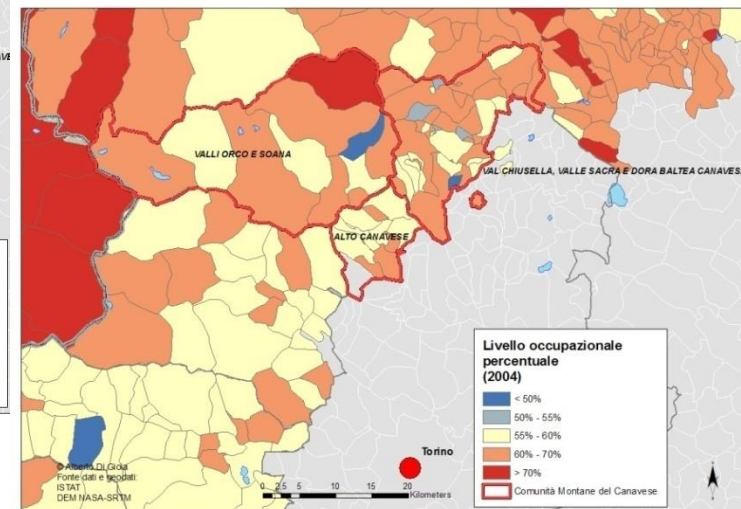
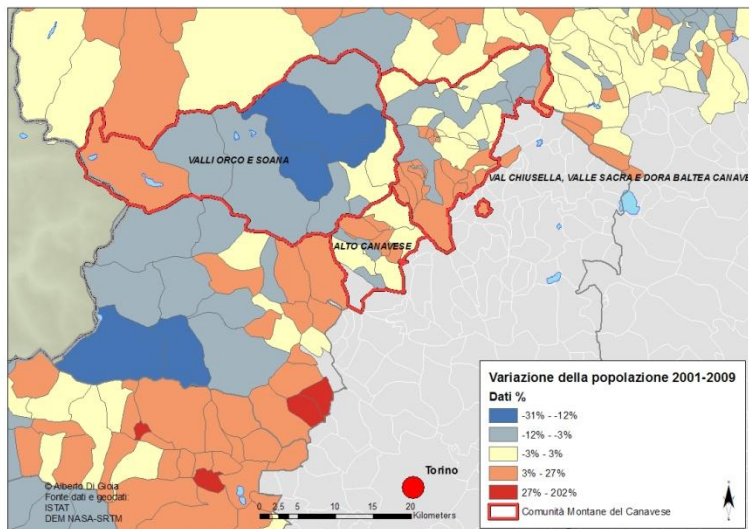


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# What were the problems?

Some problems of pilot area:

- General depopulation with the exception of municipalities nearest to the lowland
- Medium level of occupation



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# What is the good practice about?

Regional Agency for mountain settlements is a project **aiming at** implementing social and economic development

Focus:

- To sustain the creation of new enterprises
- To attract **resources** towards marginal areas
- To **increase** the number of enterprises that operate in mountain context

# How long dit it take?

First Phase as experimental phase

- The project has been developed during the period 2005-2007 (Leader)

News!!! There is a **second** phase

- In these months a second phase (2011-2013) is started due to the funds of PAC (Leader)

# Who got involved?



## Subjects involved:

- Piedmont Region (**sponsors**)
- Province of Turin (**sponsors**)
- Groups of local action with the collaboration of Mountain Communities (pivot)
- Local municipalities (partners)
- Local economic actors (**beneficiary**)
- New enterprises (**beneficiary**)

# How did we do?



Regional Agency is articulated in a Central Office in Turin with functions of coordination of the entrepreneurial initiatives and Local Offices on the regional territories with specific task.

The pilot experiences of Local Office are located in Mongioie area (Province of Cuneo) and in [Canavese area \(Province of Turin\)](#)

Regional Agency supplies two main services:

- Support to new enterprises (localization, action plan, relationship with public subjects and start up of the initiative)
- Specific services by local offices (management of the initiative)

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# Problems?

## Problems:

- Limited funds
- Too much bureaucracy
- Weak integration with other territorial policies
- Difficulties to put on networks different institutional levels involved in local territorial development



# Results and costs



<i>Denominazione bando</i>	<i>Numero di imprese di nuova costituzione finanziate</i>		<i>Investimento totale (euro)</i>	<i>Autofinanziamento delle imprese (euro)</i>	<i>Contributo pubblico erogato (euro)</i>
<b>CREAZIONE DI IMPRESA</b>	Turistico-ricettivo	8	710.338,80	426.203,28	284.135,52
	Servizi	2	38.442,04	23.065,22	15.376,81
	Artigianato	1	20.582	12.349	8.233
	<b>Totale</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>769.362,84</b>	<b>461.617,70</b>	<b>307.745,13</b>

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# Single initiative



The good practice represents a single territorial initiative to favour new enterprises in mountain area and consequently new inhabitants.

In Italy there is a more general problem to create a framework of welcoming policies to integrate at least three fundamental aspects to fight depopulation in mountain area: work, house and territorial services.

Nevertheless, most part of Italian local experience in this direction has been financed by Leader **measure**.

# Transferability to other areas



The good practice could be transferred **in another** territorial context, but it is important to:

- define the element of success necessary to the implementation of good practice
- take into account different territorial contexts