

CHANGING NATURE OF VET: ASSIGNMENT 2- Case Study for Italy

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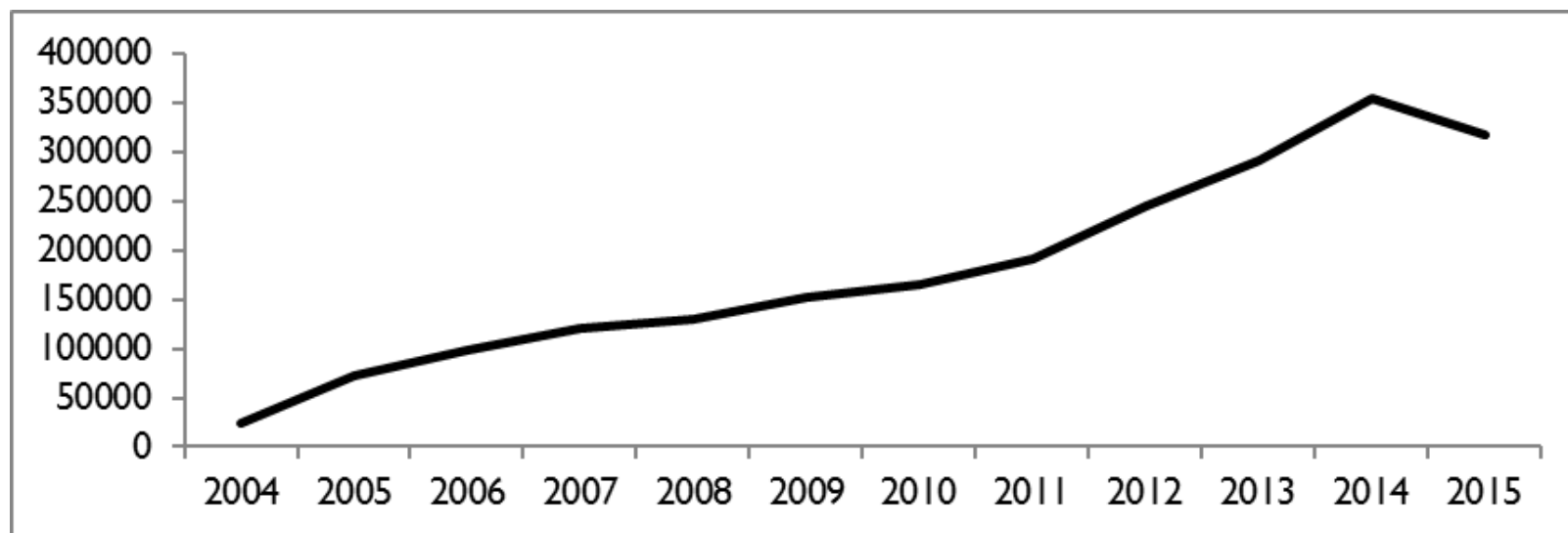


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The VET system in Italy

- 5-year technical and vocational programmes (under the remit of MoE)
- 3 and 4-year programmes (managed by Regions on the basis of national standards, leading to vocational qualifications or diploma, 14-18 y.o.)
- 1 and 2-year post-secondary technical programmes (HTSC s and HTIs) , +18 y.o.

Participation in regional VET 2004-2015



Historical development of VET

- **1950 until mid 1980s:** VET targeted at young people with low skill levels, decentralisation
- **Mid-1980s until 2000:** VET targeted at under 18s lost relative weight (ESF funding)
- **2000 to present day:** push towards positioning the regional VET under the national education system.

Challenges: inherent structural weakness

- Dualism/competition between national/regional system
- Lack of adequate and stable funding and lack of coordination between regions
- «Lower status» of the VET system, perceived as a second-chance system

Challenges: technological challenge

- Longstanding weakness in terms of dedicated funding
- Innovation takes place only informally and without strategy

Answer of the VET system:

HTSCs and HTIs

Challenges: macro-economic context

Youth unemployment (40.1% in 2016)

Answers of the VET system:

- formal inclusion of companies in organising the delivery of VET courses

Challenges: demographic challenge

Growing number of young migrants attracted by the regional VET at the upper secondary level

Answers of the VET system:

Strong investment in improving formalisation and institutionalisation (national framework of qualifications)

Scenarios

Current trajectory	Regionalisation of the VET system
<p>Even more geographically concentrated system</p> <p>Variable development of the post-secondary segment, depending on the capacity to involve companies</p>	<p>Dual scheme: fast track to employment for the low skilled (3-year path)</p> <p>Vertical path that leads to a higher VET diploma for the ones who are willing to have a quality training out of the educational system</p>

Thank you!

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