

National statistical system for VET

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 ITALY

Timeline



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Background

The development of a statistical system for VET at national level which is compatible with the latest technological developments and takes advantage of ICT tools was necessary for monitoring the VET funding schemes handled by the Regions and autonomous provinces and the results of training programmes-both for optimal use of funds but also for the quality assurance of the learning provision.

Objectives

The aim of the system is to ensure interoperability between public information tools and databases, to allow the evaluation of public funds in VET, and to feed the 'electronic worker folder' on issues concerning the assessment of competences acquired in formal, non-formal and informal learning.

Description

Amongst the main reforms of the labour market outlined in the Jobs Act, the legislative Decree No 150/2015 provided the management of a unique information system on active policies whose one main branch is represented by the National statistical system for VET (SIU Formazione). It represents the unique informative source of data for monitoring VET funding schemes and programmes which are carried out and managed by the Regions and autonomous provinces. According to the constitutional provisions, these are considered responsible for the implementation of public resources coming from the national side and from European Social Fund, aimed at funding VET learning pathways in compulsory education (IVET) and also continuing vocational training programmes (CVET) managed by inter-professional funds. This informative system on VET is designed and operates on the basis of interoperability with other databases managed by public authorities.

2015 Implementation

In 2015, the national statistical system on VET had been set up and was expected to be further developed through a European Social Fund (ESF) project (2014-20) carried out and coordinated by ANPAL (the National agency for active employment policies). A national VET monitoring report was in place to survey the employability of VET graduates and was implemented to become an open infrastructure aimed at connecting the informative systems used by the regions and other public authorities of the network of active policies, SIU Formazione.

2016 Implementation

No major development

2017 Implementation

No major development

2018 Implementation

No major development

2019 Implementation

Activities in 2019 focused on the definition and the implementation of the data model: the informative system (*SIU Formazione*), *planned to be* implemented on a regional basis, according to the existing IT systems of the territories even if these systems were used for other purposes (such as the classifications used by the national accounting system for expenses, the national statistics taxonomies and those used within the education and training system), but on shared standards and a common data model (designed to link different structured tables (by means of common index and codes), with different but complementary information about the learners/beneficiary (such as the characteristics of the learner and the target group to whom he/she belongs, the nature of the intervention, the main information about the learning provider).

2020 Implementation

In 2020, activities focused on piloting initiatives with the aim of providing data for two regions, to complete in detail the shared data model specifications and to adopt a protocol of interoperability. This phase was also necessary for defining the set of synthesis indicators to be used for the descriptive statistics and for assessing the quality of collected data.

2021 Implementation

In 2021, activities focused on the revision of some classifications adopted in the system, also in consideration of their connection with what is used in the Employability guarantee programme (the so-called GOL - Garanzia Occupabilità dei Lavoratori). In addition, discussions continued with the regions that had not yet adopted the protocols for the provision of statistical data on training.

2022 Implementation

In 2022, the updating of the informative system (SIU Formazione), regarding monitoring of training activities continued. Emphasis was given on reviewing citizen's professional data sheet as a means for monitoring the implementation of the GOL programme. In particular, the review concerned both the typologies of titles, qualifications and certifications awarded and from a technical perspective to the descriptive elements of the Atlas of work and qualifications (starting from the units of competences as expected outcomes).

2023 Implementation

The 'Employment Decree 2023' introduced new measures aimed at promoting social and employment inclusion. This legislation introduced tools such as the 'Support for Training and Labour' (SFL) and the 'Inclusion Allowance' (AdI). Additionally, the 'Social and Employment Inclusion Information System' (SIISL) was set up within the labour ministry. Activities related to training, professional qualification and re-qualification, as well as career guidance and job placement conducted by SFL beneficiaries, are recorded by the entities providing these services on the 'Unified Information System' (SIU Formazione) platform for SFL and AdI beneficiaries. The SIU Formazione is an integral part of the SIISL and encompasses various components, including an information system for recipients of social welfare benefits, a digital archive of mandatory communications, and data on the management of employment services and active labour market policies. This includes the Declaration of Immediate Availability for Work (DID) and the Personal and Professional Profile (SAP).

2024 Implementation

The Social and Employment Inclusion Information System (SIISL) was officially activated on the National Institute of Social Security (INPS) platform starting from 24 November 2024. SIISL enables interoperability amongst various digital platforms used by accredited service providers. It also facilitates access for beneficiaries of social programs, such as the Inclusion Allowance (AdI) and Support for Training and Labour (SFL), as well as the New Social Insurance for Employment (NASPI) and Unemployment Benefit for coordinated and continuous workers (DIS-COLL) beneficiaries, by providing personalised services tailored to their needs. Furthermore, the SIISL promotes independent skill enhancement and job searching and identifying relevant training activities, thereby improving employability and professional development.

The labour ministry has won the ComoLake Awards 2024 for the SIISL platform, created in collaboration with INPS. This award recognises companies, institutions, startups, and individuals active in the field of digital transformation, honouring those who have developed services and technological advancements that meet labour market demands in a constantly evolving environment, effectively turning progress into new opportunities.

2025 Implementation

In September 2025, AppLI, a generative artificial intelligence (AI) multi-agent virtual assistant, developed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies in cooperation with the Istituto Nazionale della Previdenza Sociale (National Institute of Social Security, INPS), became available. The service is accessible free of charge on a continuous basis through the ministry's digital platform and the INPS youth portal and targets citizens aged 18 to 35, subject to digital identity authentication. AppLI enables interaction in natural language, the creation of personalised user profiles and the identification of pathways in guidance, training and employment. The tool is fully integrated with SIISL, supporting coordination between active labour market policies and income support measures and facilitating access to training and labour market reintegration pathways. The assistant was developed through a co-creation process involving young users, regions and sector experts and is subject to ongoing updates.

Also, in early 2025, the single digital gateway also became operational, providing a unified online access point to institutional services for citizens, families and enterprises.

In September 2025, Law No 132 of 23 September 2025, Provisions and delegations to the Government on artificial intelligence, was published in the Official Gazette. Article 12 of the law established the Observatory on the adoption of artificial intelligence systems in the world of work at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies. The Observatory is tasked with defining strategies for the use of artificial intelligence, monitoring its impact on the labour market and identifying the sectors most affected. It also promotes training initiatives for workers and employers in relation to the use of artificial intelligence technologies.

On 1 January 2025, the new ATECO 2025 classification of economic activities entered

into force. It became operational on 1 April 2025 for statistical, fiscal and administrative purposes. The classification was developed by Istat in cooperation with other institutions and implements Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/137. It is consistent with NACE Rev. 2.1. The revision supports improved consistency between economic activity classifications and education and training statistics. This facilitates better alignment between training pathways, skills demand and economic sectors and strengthens the monitoring of skills mismatch and labour market developments.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Labour and Social Policies
- Regions and autonomous provinces

Target group

Entities providing VET

Companies
Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
VET providers (all kinds)

Other stakeholders

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)
National, regional and local authorities

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Optimising VET funding
Further developing national quality assurance systems
Establishing and developing skills intelligence systems

European priorities in VET

Osnabrück Declaration

Establishing a new lifelong learning culture - relevance of continuing VET and digitalisation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Unitary Information System](#)

[Decree No 150 of 14 September 2015-Provisions for the reorganisation of the legislation on employment services and active policies](#)

[Employment Decree Decree-Law of May 4, 2023, No. 48 \(published in the Official Gazette - General Series - No. 103 of May 4, 2023\), coordinated with the conversion law of July 3, 2023, No. 85 \(in the same Official Gazette, on p. 53\), concerning:"Urgent me](#)

Ministerial Decree No. 108 of August 8, 2023. Implementation procedures for the launch and operationalization of the "Support for Training and Labour" measure, effective from September 1, 2023.

INPS Circular No. 77 of August 29, 2023, containing the initial guidelines on the "Support for Training and Labour" measure.

Ministerial Decree No. 154 of December 13, 2023, clarifies the essential elements and implementation procedures of the Inclusion Allowance (ADI)

Guidelines on the fundamental elements of care and the personalized plan for individuals in disadvantaged situations Ministerial Decree No. 104 of June 24, 2024.

Law of July 4, 2024, No. 95, Conversion into law, with amendments, of Decree-Law of May 7, 2024, No. 60, containing further urgent provisions regarding cohesion policies. (24G00113) (Official Gazette General Series No. 157 of July 6, 2024)

Ministerial Decree 21 November 2024, No. 174 (Official Gazette on 16 January 2025)

Ministry of Labour and Social Policies - generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) multi-agent virtual assistant

INPS Youth Portal

Single digital gateway

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