



THE DUAL SYSTEM IN ITALY

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The Dual System in Italy



Why improve the integration between the educational system and the labour market?

- to cope with young people unemployment
- to increase the level of qualification
- to boost growth and competitiveness of the economy

Two main forms of dual system in Italy:

- **▶** Legislative Decree no. 107/2015 **«School-Work Alternance»**
- ➤ Legislative Decree no. 81/2015 Apprenticeship



School-Work Alternance Sapere utile



- The Italian **«school-work alternance»** has been introduced with the aim of improving young learners work-related skills
- ➤ It starts with an agreement between school and companies; young applicants are **students**, not employees, and the school is responsible for the entire learning process
- ➤ The Legislative Decree 107/2015 has reformed school-work alternance in secondary education, making it mandatory









Apprenticeship



- The Italian Apprenticeship is a **labour and training contract** with a specific supporting legislation; it is located mainly in the labour market, with limited connections with the education system
- ➤ Italian apprentices are **paid workers**, who participate to training courses/experiences in order to acquire different kinds of qualifications
- Three different forms of apprenticeship: 1st level, 2nd level and 3rd level; the **first level** one is similar to the German dual system, the **second level** one is the least connected with the education system
- Target group: young people from 15 to 29 when entering; it can last up to
 3 years according to collective bargaining



Strenghts and Best Practices Sapere utile



- Reduced cost of new entrants and training opportunities
- Work-related capabilities of young employees (learning-by-doing)
- Opportunity to test new entrants through on-the-job training

Best practice: Ducati Motor Holding S.p.A. (Project DESI)

DESI (Dual Education System Italy) is a programme aimed to bring the young back to school and, at the same time, include them in a project work inside the company training centre

Timing: 3 months at school + 3 months inside the company

Target: young people between 18 and 25 years old, having a three-year qualification (EQF3)



Areas of Improvement



- SMEs mindset towards the value of training, both practical and theoretical
- > SMEs tend to underestimate the school curriculum value, as they are not well aware of the role they can play in schooling/training system
- Companies are intensively looking for new skills linked with the new manufacturing (industry 4.0)
- > Key role of in-company tutors and supervisors (pedagogical support and guidance)
- Visibility for companies that engage in apprenticeship and dual system
- Agreements and improvement of collaboration between stakeholders







Thank you!

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