



IS1102 – SO.S. COHESION. Social services, welfare state and places WG2 Case study profile

WG2 Thematic group	WG2.2. Children and childcare
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Title of case study	Early Childhood Education and Care services in the former Italian industrial triangle. Milan, Turin, Genova: three divergent governance developments?
Country/region/place investigated	Northern Italy: Turin, Milan, Genoa
Social service sector(s) investigated • Children/Childcare	A comparative analysis of how the three most important industrial cities in Italy have responded to new care needs emerged with the shift to service-based economy and the increase in women's employment. The focus is on Early child education and care services, on which the three cities have quite a tradition, but about which they have undertaken different development paths and timing in the last two decades.
Category of case study ('what' is investigated) • policy (meso-level) • Actor(s) • Place (s) • Other	The development of Early child education and care services will be analysed looking at the trends in coverage level, the evolution in the share of public/private/third sector providers, the share of public management vs outsourcing, the changes in the type of governance, the costs for families, the access criteria. The role of political majorities governing the cities and of families' networks and ECEC workers' unions will be also considered. The three local cases will be compared among them, but also placed in the national context and against the European framework.
Time frame considered (<i>from when to when</i>)	Last two decades.
Five 'perspectives' • Cost efficiency/quality/user satisfaction • Governance • Gender	The paper will consider 3 perspectives: - the 'user satisfaction' in terms of analysing the relation between local demand and supply; - the 'governance', analysing how the relations among stakeholders from different sectors have changed; - the 'gender' perspective in terms of the connections with the work-life balance issues.
Three processes in restructuring + crisis • management reforms • <i>Vertical</i> subsidiarity • <i>Horizontal</i> subsidiarity	The analysis will tackle in particular management reforms and horizontal subsidiarity. Nevertheless, also vertical subsidiarity will be considered, in terms of the relation between the urban context and the provincial, national, but especially regional scale.
Specific questions/focus	The main question is: do the three cities show different types and different timing of ECEC welfare mix development and can these be related to the different path and timing of deindustrialization and rise of service-based economy on the one hand, and on different local political majorities on the other?
Local Stakeholder Network (LSN)	<i>Do you intend to set up a LSN:</i> NO