



## STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIP: AGREEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN LOMBARDY

The UN 2030 Agenda "*Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*" calls for a general reflection on sustainable development, by focusing on new implications affecting the social and productive fabric and the territory. Sustainable development is a political, economic, social and cultural revolution that will not only imply the achievement of minimum or maximum environmental values by nation, region or city, but it will also change the concept of economics and finance, boost the growth of business and market development, draw up a new welfare paradigm and influence educational and cultural models of citizens and communities.

By implementing the principle of sustainable development, and by preventing the current environmental conditions from worsening, Lombardy commits to become one of the leading region in Europe in terms of sustainable policies, biodiversity and ecosystem services conservation, circular economy, energy transition towards the development of renewable sources and decarbonisation, thus, encouraging a coherent and integrated relationship between the economic, social and environmental dimensions.

### LOMBARDY

Inhabitants: 10 million

Area: 23.844 sq. Km

GDP per capita: € 38,5000 (2018)

Companies: 800,000 (2018)

R&D: 4.8 MLD € (2017)

Exports: 127 MLD € (2018)

Unemployment rate: 6% (2018)

Extreme poverty: 4.9% (2017)

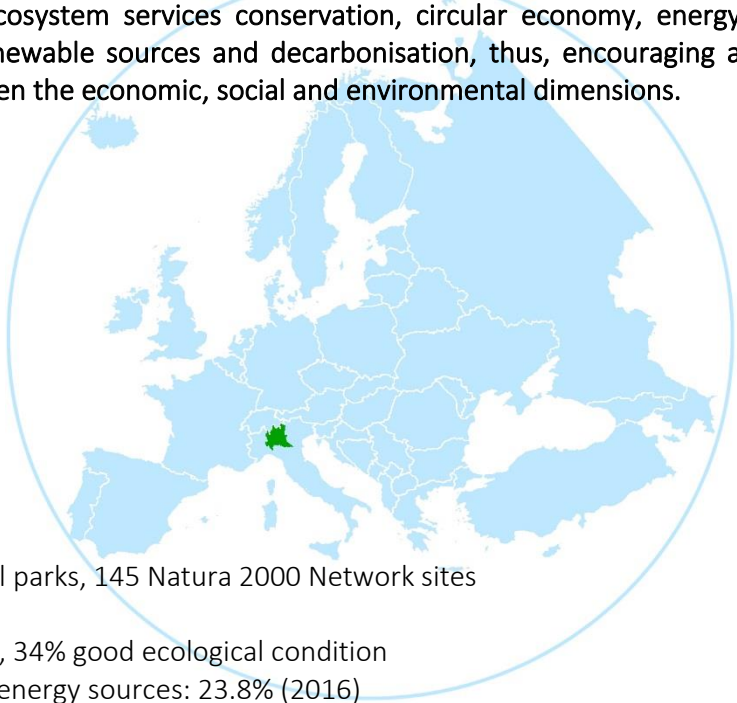
UNESCO sites: 11

Protected areas: 1 National Park, 24 regional parks, 145 Natura 2000 Network sites

Forest area: 630,000 ha

Water bodies: 80% good chemical condition, 34% good ecological condition

Energy consumption covered by renewable energy sources: 23.8% (2016)



### The agreement for sustainable development in Lombardy

The Regional Development Program (2018-2023) made *sustainability* one of the five priorities of the actions to be carried out by the Regional Government, as a "*distinctive feature of the administrative activity and an opportunity to improve the quality of life of the people living in Lombardy. This should be achieved by meeting the needs of productive growth and by involving all local stakeholders: from businesses, to citizens, from schools to public administrations*".

The national regulatory framework has adopted the principle of sustainable development and by means of the partnership agreement signed with the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Lombardy Region is committed to prepare the Regional Strategy for Sustainable Development.

The Regional Development Program also proposes the ratification of a "*Lombardy Agreement among all concerned public and private stakeholders; this agreement will stand for the regional mutual commitment*" thus, defining the priorities of the regional intervention.

## Objectives

This Agreement promotes the adoption of the principle of sustainable development – in both public and private decision-making processes - in order to **make Lombardy one of the leading region in Europe in terms of sustainable policies**, biodiversity and ecosystem services conservation, circular economy, energy transition towards the development of renewable sources and decarbonisation, thus, encouraging a coherent and integrated relationship between the economic, social and environmental dimensions.

**Reference framework:** A transition to circular and low-carbon economy; The improvement of air quality; The improvement of the accessibility and quality of the transport system; The development of the regional green infrastructure; The protection of water resources, aquatic ecosystems and local fish biodiversity and the strengthening of territorial safety; The reduction of land consumption; The promotion of the green public procurement; The transition towards a fully sustainable agricultural sector and fishing industry and towards the development of dynamic rural areas; Actions to boost inclusion and social cohesion, to tackle all forms of inequality.

**Instruments:** The Regional Strategy for Sustainable Development; The definition of long-term scenarios; Technological innovation and research; Information, communication and dissemination actions, environmental education and involvement of the school system; Regional Forum for sustainable development; The share of a catalogue of good practises for Sustainable Development

## Commitments of the subscribers

The Region provides for:

- the definition of the Regional Strategy for Sustainable Development by 2020
- the assessment and monitoring of the regional planning in terms of sustainability and
- a catalogue of good practises and enhancement of dissemination and promotion actions

The subscribers commit to:

- implement the principle of sustainable development within its own scope of activity
- contribute to the creation of the Regional Strategy for Sustainable Development
- contribute to the implementation of the Strategy

**Each subscriber defines, independently and according to its own nature, organisation and purpose, its own commitment schedule and their implementation time, of which it is directly and fully responsible** each subscriber commits to: - provide information about the progress in implementing the program, at least at the Annual Sustainable Development Forum - review and update the program, at least once a year.

## Subscription

The Agreement was signed by 54 representatives of main institutions, associations and university in Lombardy. Milan - Palazzo Pirelli, September 18th 2019

Subsequent accessions are welcome with the aim to extend and enforce partnership for sustainable development