Italy

	29,847	61.9 million	2:24:74	0.873 Very high	4.36	4.44	3
Flag	GDP per capita	Population	Industry structure (1st2nd:3rd)	HDI	Sustainable social index	Sustainable env. index	Geographic location



- Italy's eco-innovation capacity, supporting environment, activity and performance are high.
- Awareness of Sustainability Management (indicator no. 1.5) and Firm's Participation on Environmental Management System (indicator no. 3.2) of Italy are higher than the average score of the same development state countries.
- Implementation of Environment Regulation (indicator no. 2.2) of Italy is lower than the average score of the same development state countries.

Table 41 Eco-innovation Policy instruments of Italy

National plan and strategy	Sustainability	■ Environmental Action Strategy for Sustainable Development(EASSD) (2002)			
	Eco- innovation	Italian National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (2007) - approximately 9.6% energy savings target by 2016			
		Italian National Renewable Energy Action Plan (2010)			
		The National Plan for the Integrated Management of Water Resources (2012)			
		■ Italian National Action Plan on Green Public Procurement (2008)			
Programme and actions	National	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design scheme(LEED)			
		The Zero Energy House in Friuli Venezia-Giulia Region			
		■ Programme "Industria 2015"			
		■ ROP (Regional Operational Programme) ¹⁵³			
		■ Italia degli Innovatori- an initiative sponsored by the Agency for Innovation for the diffusion of technology innovation, in collaboration with the Department of digitization and technological innovation, which aims to bring out the best examples of innovation and Italian technological excellence			
	International				
Information		 The national network of scientific and technological parks (PSTs); a number of PSTs have areas that are focused on eco-innovation Prato¹⁵⁴ 			
		The Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development(ENEA)			

Italy established execution strategies¹⁵⁵ and national plan for sustainable development, and energy efficiency¹⁵⁶, renewable energy¹⁵⁷, and water resources¹⁵⁸, respectively. In addition, the foundation for

¹⁵³ ERDF, DISTRICT+_Component 3_Good Practice description_"Fondo Toscana Innovazione" "Fondo Toscana Innovazione", active from the 1st June 2008 with a budget of 44.4 million Euro, aims to invest in small and medium enterprises that have identified a business idea or have been recently started and that are in the so-called early stage phase (from seed to start-up), but it also aims to invest in already existing firms that want to grow up and to set up new industrial developments (expansion). Fund main activity sectors are: renewable energy, robotics, ICT, biotechnology and life sciences.

¹⁵⁴ Greenovate, (2011), Eco-innovation in cluster organizations in the chemical and textile-clothing-leather sectors Confartigianato Prato is a public organization set up to promote regional industry through support services to SMEs. Though the Confartigianato Prato does not identify environmental challenges or eco-innovative practices within its objectives or targets, the organization is aware of its Growing significance. At this point, no fundamental plans to tackle these issues have been developed but the organization hopes to implement more solid plans in the future.

¹⁵⁵ Environmental Action Strategy for Sustainable Development(EASSD) (2002)

¹⁵⁶ Italian National Energy Efficiency Action Plan (2007) – approximately 9.6% energy savings target by 2016

¹⁵⁷ Italian National Renewable Energy Action Plan (2010)

¹⁵⁸ The National Plan for the Integrated Management of Water Resources (2012)

the eco-innovation has been established through execution plans¹⁵⁹ of green public procurement.

Especially in the city planning area, the implementation of leadership in the energy and environmental design policy (LEED) ¹⁶⁰ enabled the documentation of repair history and operation of independent building energy program¹⁶¹. Italy supported the execution of system eco-innovation¹⁶² by creating an industrial complex. Supporting the industry symbiosis network, The Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Development (ENEA)¹⁶³ established local industrial symbiosis platforms through the ENEA initiative¹⁶⁴.

¹⁵⁹ Italian National Action Plan on Green Public Procurement (2008)

¹⁶⁰ Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design scheme(LEED); See: http://www.gbcitalia.org/risorse/169; Many cases of successful application of the LEED protocol in Italy can be found on the GBC website: http://www.gbcitalia.org/risorse/170

¹⁶¹ The Zero Energy House in Friuli Venezia-Giulia Region

¹⁶² The national network of scientific and technological parks (PSTs);

¹⁶³ The Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development(ENEA)

¹⁶⁴ http://www.enea.it/it