

Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in the documents of regional and local authorities

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Abstract

CONTEXT – Sustainable development must be based on a systemic approach, that is to say, on the need for an integrated view of the economic, environmental and social dimensions of development, supported by accountable, effective and transparent institutions. European Union policies implemented by regional and local authorities play a key role in achieving the 17 goals of the 2030 Agenda; as the administrations closest to citizens, they are best placed to understand the needs of the population.

SCOPE - By analysing European and national legislation, this study examines how the Sustainable Development Goals have been incorporated into the internal planning documents of the Calabria Region (in southern Italy) and at the local level.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVE - The aim is to analyse the impact on the local area of the implementation of sustainable development policies adopted by local authorities.

METHODOLOGY AND DISCUSSION - The methodology adopted involves analysing data on the results achieved through funding policies and how these have contributed to making the Calabrian region 'attractive' in terms of green tourism and from a socio-economic perspective.

CONCLUSIONS - The aim of the study is to provide an overall picture of how policies aimed at the sustainable development of the region are consistent with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda and effective in achieving them, not least with a view to identifying any necessary adjustments to planning instruments.

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