

1. Youth Policy Governance

In Italy, youth policies are developed at various levels. There are many national laws in favour of young people in different fields, such as education, employment, health, culture, etc. The organizational system is a multilevel governance, with it being a democratic form of government in which decisions arise from the collaboration of many actors that influence each other.

At the central level, the [Department for Youth Policies and the Universal Civic Service](#) of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers deals with the promotion and connection of the Government actions aimed at ensuring the implementation of youth policies, while also managing the [Universal civic service programme](#).

Youth policies are based on the principles of concurrent jurisdiction and subsidiarity. Therefore, the central Government, the Regions, and the Autonomous Provinces concur in drafting youth legislation, while local authorities, the Third Sector and youth organizations are actively involved in both its bottom-up design and implementation.

The “Unified Conference” (Conferenza Unificata), that includes the National Government, the Regions, the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano, the [National Association of the Italian Municipalities](#) (Associazione Nazionale dei Comuni Italiani - ANCI) and the [Union of the Italian Provinces](#) (Unione delle Province d'Italia - UPI), allows for a dialogue on youth among the different policy making actors.