

TROVA IL TUO SPAZIO

The graphic features the text 'TROVA IL TUO SPAZIO' in large, white, sans-serif capital letters. The letter 'O' in 'TROVA' is replaced by a stylized eye with a blue iris and a black pupil, set against a green and red background. The letter 'O' in 'IL TUO' is replaced by a 3D pie chart with red, green, and pink segments. The letter 'I' in 'SPAZIO' is replaced by three white wavy lines representing water. The background is a solid blue color with a light blue wavy pattern at the bottom.

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Youth Policy Strategy – Find Your Space

Introduction & Context

- Three Youth Policy Offices:
Ladin, German, Italian
- Multilingual identity & territorial distribution
- Urban (Italian) – Rural/Inner areas (German & Ladin)
- A dynamic system allowing multiple approaches



Regulatory Framework & Infrastructure

- Provincial Law No. 13/1983 – oldest in Italy
- Foundation of a unique and articulated model
- Italian Youth Policy Office:
 - **39 youth associations,**
 - **41 youth centres,**
 - **80+ youth workers**



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**1983 – 2023
LA STORIA DELLE
POLITICHE GIOVANILI
IN ALTO ADIGE,
ATTRAVERSO IL
SUO ARCHIVIO.**



The new strategy

- 2023: 40 years of the law
- Retrospective analysis with data journalism
- Key insight: short-term responses are not enough



The vision

- Multiple crises (environmental, social, geopolitical)
- Crisis of imagination (Mulgan)
- Youth policy enabling new imaginaries
- Co-design with associations, youth workers, institutions

Three Strategic Pillars

- **Accessibility & Pluralism** – ensuring that every young person can access cultural and educational opportunities.
- **Exploration & Critical Inquiry** – creating spaces for lifewide learning and civic competences.
- **Experimentation** – enabling young people to prototype ideas and test new technologies.



Territorial Educational Hubs

- **New social and educational infrastructure** – built on co-design agreements between schools and youth centres.
- **Campus model** – from the school bell to youth centres, creating one continuous learning environment.
- **Year-round activities** – educational, cultural and social opportunities inside and outside school time.
- **Integration of schools, youth centres and communities** – shared spaces, shared responsibilities, shared impact.



Youth workers build bridges between formal and non-formal education

- Youth workers inside schools
- Pedagogical and relational continuity
- Integrated learning ecosystem
- Reaching youth at the margins



Volunteering & Yellow Day

- Volunteers become junior youth workers
- Peer-to-peer education network
- Volunteering deepens citizenship competences
- Yellow Day: annual celebration of youth participation



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Experimentation & Agency

- From access to agency
- Small budgets & direct access to spaces and resources
- Tabula Rasa: 11 youth-led initiatives
- Find their space – imagine and build the world as it could be



European Connection & Conclusion

- European Youth Strategy 2019–2027
- Green Deal & New European Bauhaus
- Youth worker as bridge between formal and non-formal education
- Youth work as civic infrastructure

Thank you for your
attention!

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