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Improving Access to Socio-Cultural and Educational Services in the South-West Orvietano Inner Area

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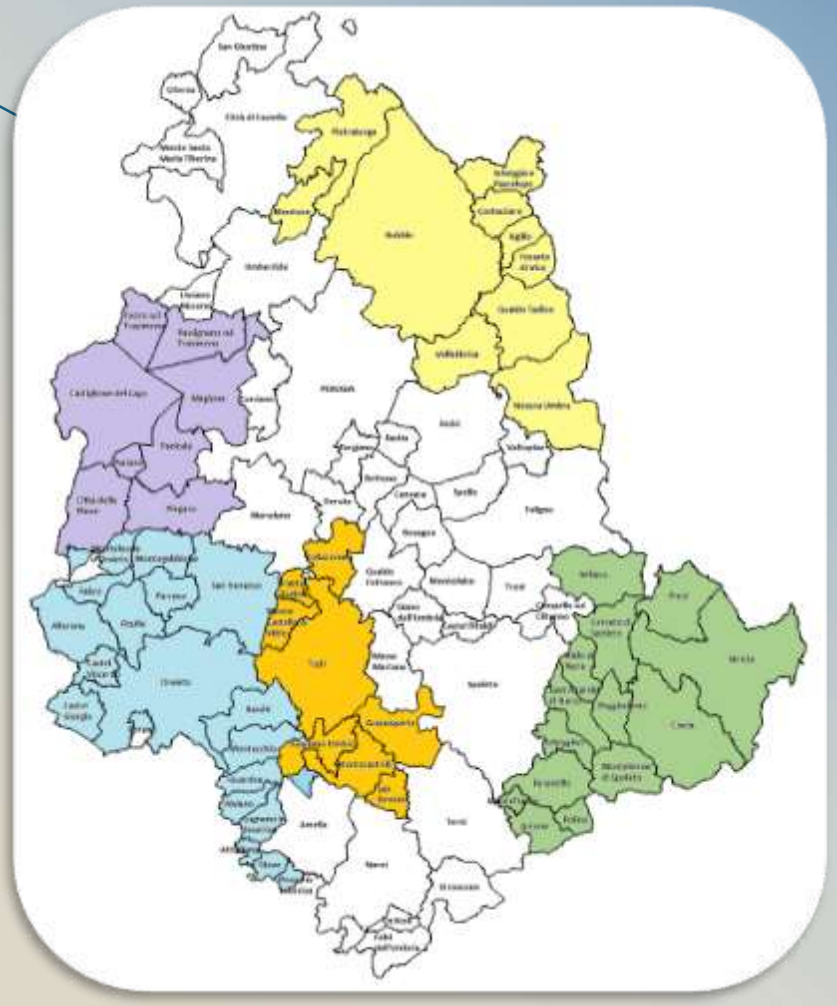

59 municipalities out of 92 are involved in Inner Areas Strategies

In Umbria Region

over € 61 million has been allocated in the 2021-2027 programming cycle to support **essential citizen services** and **local development projects**

The purpose was to **contribute to creating conditions that favor the permanence of people** in the territory, thus counteracting the depopulation phenomenon in the Inner Areas

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The Project - Access to socio-cultural-educational services as an enabling factor for the community in the South-West Orvietano Inner Area

Resources

€ 300.000 from European Social Fund 2014-2020 concerned **cultural welfare actions** in the Area

Activities

Activities ranging from the **expansion of operating hours and opening calendars for socio-educational-cultural services** and the **implementation of new opportunities for children and youth**, particularly utilizing **places of culture**, such as libraries, reading centers, small museums, parks, gardens

Evolved Project

The project was re-proposed and expanded to all 5 Inner Areas in the 2021-2027 period - **"Progetto INSIEME - Socialization and Inclusion in the Inner Areas of the Umbria Region".**
The "intergenerational" component is added to this project.
Total value of € 5.34 million – € 3 mlnn (ERDF) and € 2.34

The Project Governance

The South-West Orvietano **is very large Area** (20 municipalities) with a total surface area of more than 1000 sq km and a population of almost 60,000 inhabitants.
The territory has **very different characteristics**, ranging from a center, to small villages and hamlets in

Actors

- 20 municipalities
- **Mayors** – The **Lead Mayor** – Orvieto
- **Technical structures** of the Municipality of Orvieto
- **Third-sector entities**
- **Regional coordination office** for the Inner Areas and the **regional office of social policies**

The **close collaboration** between Region, Local Administrations, and Third-Sector Entities:

a multilevel governance that represents a winning and repeatable model for other projects too

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Stimulating themes like care, self-esteem, and self-confidence in children is like **nurturing a small seed to help it grow**

Reducing the gap in access to cultural and educational services

Preventing disparities in access to services and opportunities that often can only be used by family with economic means