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Who we are

Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza is the largest local entrepreneurial association in Italy and the most important association within the Confindustria system, the National Confederation of entrepreneurial associations.

Italy: perception and reality

«Made in Italy» is one of the most famous brand in the world. But Italy sets records also in less renowned fields as proved by our capacity of competing in international markets. To name a few:

the growing export performance of the manufacturing sector (over 400 billion euros in 2016);

the manufacturing trade surplus and the share of manufacturing value added, where Italy reaches the fifth and seventh position worldwide respectively

Lombardy and Milan: business structure and strengths

A solid and highly diversified economy (from industry to trade, to services, to finance) is the main feature of Lombardy and Milan: 25% of Italian exports and manufacturing is produced within a range of 60 km. Milan stands out for its international stance, the city being home to 3,600 MNCs for a total workforce of 279,000 employees and a turnover of 168 billion euros. These multinational companies are well-integrated in a dynamic system connecting small, medium and large firms, 90 of which boast a turnover of over 1 billion euro, a number higher than in Munich (61 firms) and Barcelona (39). Lombardy is also an attractive place for knowledge-intensive startups (over 12,000 between 2007 and 2014).

Innovation and qualified human capital make of Lombardy and Milan a knowledge hub. This territory is home to the main Italian research centers, 12 CNR (Italian National Research Council), 19 IRCCS (Institutes for Treatment and Research) and 13 universities attracting 270,000 students, of which almost 13,000 are foreigners

Lombardy and Milan are also leaders in the national creative industry. Thanks to its rich and blooming cultural offer, its excellences in the fashion and design industry Milan has established itself as the capital for arts, culture and design,

Italian public debt: 132.0% of GDP but only 68% of household net financial assets



Public debt as percentage of GDP - 2016

Public debt as percentage of household net financial assets (*) - 2016



(*) Financial assets held by households include: currency and deposits, securities other than shares, loans, shares and other equity, net equity of households in life insurance reserves, net equity of households in pension funds, prepayments of premiums and reserves against outstanding claims

Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Eurostat data

Italian primary surplus: the highest cumulated value

Cumulated primary balances (current values - billion euro)



Explicit and implicit debt: Italy seventh in the EU Sustainability Ranking

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EU Sustainability Ranking - 2017 (explicit and implicit debt as % of GDP)

Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Stiftung Marktwirtschaft data

Italian manufacturing export performance 2000-2016

Italian manufacturing export (billion euro)



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Istat data

Italian manufacturing in global rankings

Manufacturing trade surplus - 2016 (US billion dollar)



Share of global manufacturing value added - 2016 (% on current prices - US dollar)



The leading Italian Region: in 2016, 22% of the Italian GDP

	Lombardy	Italy	Share
Area (sq. km.)	23,864	302,073	7.9%
Population (1/1/2017)	10,019,166	60,589,445	16.5%
Workforce (thousand, 2016)	4,673,438	25,769,874	18.1%
GDP (nominal, million euro, 2016)	368,582	1,680,523	21.9%
Value Added (per capita, 2016)	32,572	24,672	-
Enterprises (2016)	815,246	5,145,995	15.8%
R&D expenditure (million euro, 2014)	4,625	22,291	20.8%
Import (million euro, 2016)	115,380	367,626	31.4%
Export (million euro, 2016)	111,961	417,264	26.8%

Gross Domestic Product % - 2016



Value Added per capita - 2016 (euro)



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Istat and Prometeia data

Lombardy, the leading Italian region in terms of manufacturing gross value added

Lombardy workforce by business sector - 2015



Manufacturing gross value added at basic prices by region - 2014 (billion euro)



250 manufacturing medium enterprises located in Milan, 1,000 located in Lombardy

Number of manufacturing medium enterprises, with 50 to 499 persons employed and a sales volume of 15 to 330 million euro (excluding subsidiaries of large corporations or those under foreign control)



* Italian medium-sized manufacturing companies account for approximately 15% of the domestic manufacturing value added and of Italian exports

90 large enterprises in Milan



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Orbis data

Milan the prime location for 3,600 multinational companies operating in Italy

Foreign multinational enterprises



Over 12,000 knowledge-intensive startups born in Lombardy (2007-2014)

12,218 knowledge-intensive startups - out of 52,927 located in Italy - born in Lombardy (2007-2014)



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza and Politecnico of Milano, Booklet Startup

Export: Lombardy vs other European regions

Export (billion euro)



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Istat, Destatis, Idescat, Douanes et droits indirects data

Export: Lombardy's main trade partners

Lombardy's main trade partners - 2016 (million euro)

		Export 2016	% change 2016-2008
1	Germany	15,172	6.2%
2	France	11,214	-8.0%
3	USA	8,043	36.8%
4	Spain	6,160	-4.8%
5	Switzerland	6,106	22.0%
6	United Kingdom	5,179	9.6%
7	China	3,601	49.9%
8	Poland	3,087	17.6%
9	Netherlands	2,701	2.9%
10	Turkey	2,587	26.8%

Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Istat data

Repositioning on extra-EU markets: the case of Milan - 2016



Openness to international trade: outdoing German regions ...

Manufacturing exporters - 2015 (% of firms)



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, The performances of European firms: a benchmark analysis

... also worth mentioning: the importance of export over total turnover

Export turnover of manufacturing firms - 2015 (% over total turnover)



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, The performances of European firms: a benchmark analysis

Business R&D investments in Lombardy: in line with German regions



R&D activity in manufacturing firms - 2013-2015 (% of firms)

Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, The performances of European firms: a benchmark analysis

Research and innovation



Highly cited scientific articles per million inhabitants

Patents per million inhabitants



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, Booklet Ricerca e Innovazione

Innovation: the role of Lombardy in Italy



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza, Booklet Ricerca e Innovazione

Strong presence of high-quality public and private research centers



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on CNR and Regione Lombardia data

Universities: high concentration (13) and international attractiveness



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Miur, OECD and Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza data

Universities: Politecnico of Milano and Bocconi examples of excellence



Social Sciences and Management: Ranking by faculty - 2017



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on QS Ranking data

Milan, a driver of Italian creativity



Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza and Comune di Milano, Milano Scoreboard 2017

Labour market: a better performance than the Italian average

Euro Area Germany Lombardy Italy 11.2 9.1 10.0 7.4 7.7 4.1 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016



Unemployment rate

Employment rate

Labour market: high female employment rate

Female employment rate



In Lombardy the female employment rate is in line with the 2010 Lisbon targets, thanks to:

- → …more opportunities for women to reach relevant positions/roles in their firms…
- → ...diffusion of part-time contracts (25% among working women)...
- → ...welfare initiatives both by large private companies and public institutions (78% of municipalities provide childcare services, such as kindergarten).

Source: Assolombarda Confindustria Milano Monza e Brianza on Istat and Eurostat data

What makes Lombardy and Milan a knowledge hub?

The fact that here you find:

- a multi-sectorial economy, with a core manufacturing sector integrated with a highly developed service sector (especially in Milan);
- a virtuos network of small and medium enterprises well integrated with large enterprises and multinational companies;
- the concentration of 13 long-standing and prestigious universities, closely connected to the entrepreneurial system;
- a strong specialization in knowledge-intensive sectors and the availability of high-skilled human capital.







Milan S.T.E.A.M. city

STEAM, the acronym of Science, Technology, Engineering & Environment, Arts, Manufacturing

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The strength of Milan originates from the unique and distinctive blend of four assets:



- dynamic and supportive social capital
- rich and diversified economic capital
- top-grade scientific capital
- widespread "aesthetic" capital, ranging from art to design and to craftsmanship

Milan S.T.E.A.M. city

STEAM - our vision: 4 enablers, 3 strategic levers and 4 innovation trajectories







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