

DEPARTMENT FOR THE SOUTH

The Department for the South is established within the Presidency of the Council of Ministers.

- It coordinates and promotes Government policies for Southern Italy.
- It oversees the promotion and coordination of strategies, policies, measures and initiatives undertaken by Ministries in the field of policies for the South.
- With regard to the Special Economic Zone for Southern Italy – the Single SEZ, it promotes and coordinates its implementation in support of investment, infrastructure and economic growth.
- It carries out coordination and implementation tasks related to the activities set out in the Strategic Plan of the Single SEZ.
- It issues the Single Authorisation measure and manages the “last-mile” works funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) falling within its remit.



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What is it ?

A Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is a geographically limited area in which business companies can benefit from special conditions for investments and development. The single Special Economic Zone (SEZ) of the Southern Italy is the largest special economic zone in Europe in terms of population.

It replaces the previous 8 SEZs, limited to back-port areas, and now includes all the municipalities in the regions of Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Marche, Molise, Puglia, Sicily, Sardinia and Umbria.



Why?

To strengthen the productive fabric of Southern Italy, exploiting its strategic position as a natural bridge between the East, North Africa and Europe.



Who?

The Department for the South, established within the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, coordinates and promotes Government policies for Southern Italy and oversees the implementation of the Single Special Economic Zone (Single SEZ).

It is responsible for the granting of the single authorisation.

It acts as the contracting authority for projects under its remit financed by the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP).

In coordination with the relevant central administrations, it promotes the attractiveness of the Single SEZ for businesses.



What strategy?

The Strategic Plan identifies 9 strategic supply chains to strengthen (Agribusiness&Agroindustry, Tourism, Electronics&ICT, Automotive, Quality Made in Italy, Chemistry&Pharmaceuticals, Naval&Coresearch, Aerospace, Railways) and 3 technologies to promote (Digital technologies, Cleantech and Biotech).



Which Tools?

The instruments offered to economic operators are of two types:

- a 'fast track' administrative process (i.e. the "Autorizzazione Unica"), managed by the SEZ Dedicated unit.
- incentive measures, such as tax credit for investments in the single SEZ, contribution relief for employment, grants and concessional financing.



What are the advantages of the "Autorizzazione Unica"?

1. Sure and reduced timeframes: the "Autorizzazione Unica" is issued in 30 days.
2. The one-stop shop ("S.U.D. ZES") is the single portal for submitting application forms and having all the information on the procedure in real time.
3. Projects are declared of public utility and, where necessary, the "Autorizzazione Unica" can include urban planning variations.

