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### *Abstract*

Italian regional development policy 2007-2013 encloses an innovative performance-based mechanism, which aims at orienting explicit targets on the provision and quality of some public services in Southern Italy. The eight regional Administration and the Ministry of Education, University and Research (only for the education objective) have to reach quantified objectives in four fields of public services (education, child and elderly care, urban waste management and water service), whose achievement is measured with eleven statistical indicators. A €3 billions performance reserve is set aside to reward the achievement of each target in 2013. At the end of 2009, a midterm assessment of the achieved progress was made on the basis of 2008 data and a share of the performance reserve was assigned. This document contains a report of the activities carried on by all Administrations involved for the implementation of the system and the 2008 update of relevant data. After an analysis of the progress recorded for each objective, details on the methodology used by the Central Technical Group for the calculation of the 642 million Euro midterm performance reward are provided. The analysis allows to identify, at least to some extent, areas where local Administrations have made remarkable improvements to produce an acceleration in raising the provision of services and could be further analysed as best practices. Similarly, this analysis points out some critical situations that the whole system should face in order to improve performances. The last annex includes methodological notes on the statistical surveys producing data for the calculation of indicators of the mechanism.

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