





"Promoting the modernization and strengthening of institutional and financial autonomy in Southern Neighbouring Area higher education institutions"

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### The Italian University System. Public funding to State Universities

#### THE FUNDING CHANNELS

The state funding to Universities, previously subdivided in different sources of the public budget, is now gathered in three different chapters of the state budget:

- University Ordinary Financing Fund (FFO);
- Building Fund;
- University system planning Fund



#### **FFO**

The FFO is relative to the cost for University functioning and institutional activities (the staff costs constitute the largest budget item, in addition to that there are also the expenses for the ordinary maintenance of structures and for scientific research, excluding the amount allocated to research projects of relevant national interest — called PRIN - and those for sports-related activities).



# BUILDING FUND AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEM PLANNING FUND

The <u>Building Fund</u> is related to investment in infrastructure building and great scientific equipment, including funds for the construction of sports facilities.

The <u>University system planning fund</u> focuses on specific initiatives, activities and projects, including the experimentation of new teaching methods.

#### FFO - VARIABLE AMOUNT

Law 1/2009 states that at least 7% of the total amount of FFO is to be distributed taking exclusively in account quality indicators. The same law states that the afore mentioned amount will be allocated according to:

- 1. training quality and educational processes result;
- 2. scientific research quality
- 3. quality, effectiveness and efficiency of the teaching facilities

In first implementation, the resources are allocated on the basis of the first and second points, without taking into account the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of teaching facilities.



#### FFO – VARIABLE AMOUNT

Quality of the educational processes and outcomes of training 34% + Qualità of scientific research 66% VARIABLE AMOUNT 100%

For 2010

Quality of the educational processes and outcomes of training 244,80 + Quality of scientific research 475,20 VARIABLE AMOUNT 720,00

This € 720.000.000 amount - about 10% of global funds - are distributed according to performance indicators



## Quality of the teaching offer and outcomes of the training processes 2010

#### QUALITY OF THE TEACHING OFFER AND OUTCOMES OF THE TRAINING PROCESSES

TEACHING OFFER DEMAND (WEIGHT 50%)

- Indicator A1: Students regularly enrolledin the academic year 2008/09, with at least 5 credits awarded in 2009, divided by course group and weighted with a specific factor. To this indicator three correctives are applied: a) sustainability of the teaching offer; b) the territorial context; c) strategic relevance of the course (not applied in 2010).

#### OUTCOMES OF THE TRAINING PROCESSES (WEIGHT 50%)

- Indicator A2: Ratio between CFU effectively acquired in 2009 and CFU expected for the students enrolled in the academic year 2008/09, divided in groups for each course. For the calculation of the indicator the specific value is to be compared with the average value of the reference group.
- Indicator A3: Percentage of graduates employed three years after graduating (not applied in 2010)
- Indicator A4: Indicator of teaching quality, assessed by students (not applied in 2010).



### Quality of Scientific Research 2010

#### **QUALITY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH**

- B1 Indicator with a weight of 35%: percentage of academics and researchers present in PRIN 2005-2008 projects which have been positively evaluated, weighted according to the success factor of the scientific area they belong to.
- B2 Indicator with a weight of 15%: weighted mean of the participation rates to FIRB projects in the frame of "Futuro e Ricerca« programme, weighted according to their success rates, calculated on both lines of credit and normalized with respect to the system values
- B3 Indicator with a weight of 30%: repartition coefficient of resources destined to VTR 2001-03 CIVR areas.
- B4 Indicator with a weight of 30%: mean of percentages of 1) funding and success acquired by universities in the frame of VII PQ Unione Europea CORDIS projects 2) funding from European Union 3) funding from other foreign public institutions



### THE FFO – VARIABLE AMOUNT FOR UNIVERSITY OF GENOA

	QUALITY OF DIDACTICS			RESEARCH	TOTAL
	DEMAND	RESULTS	TOTAL	RESEARCH	TOTAL
GENOVA	€ 2.810.952	€ 2.719.023	€ 5.529.975	€ 15.135.112	€ 20.665.087
SYSTEM	€ 122.400.000	€ 122.400.000	€ 244.800.000	€ 475.200.000	€ 720.000.000
WEIGTH OF GENOVA	2,30%	2,22%	2,26%	3,18%	2,87%



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