

The six pillars of the 'Mattei Plan'

Education and training: measures are aimed at supporting training and refresher courses for teachers, the updating of curricula, the launch of new vocational and training courses in line with labour market requirements, and collaboration with companies, with the particular involvement of Italian operators and drawing on the Italian 'model' of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Agriculture: measures will aim to reduce malnutrition rates, foster the development of agri-food chains and support the development of non-fossil biofuels. In this context, it is deemed fundamental to develop family farming, preserve forest heritage and fight and adapt to climate change through integrated agriculture.

Health: measures aim to strengthen health systems, improving accessibility and the quality of primary maternal and childcare services; to strengthen local capacities in terms of management, training and deployment of healthcare personnel, research and digitalisation; and, to develop strategies and systems to prevent and contain health threats, particularly pandemics and natural disasters.

Energy: the strategic goal is to make Italy an energy hub, a real bridge between Europe and Africa. Measures will centre around the climate-energy nexus, focusing on boosting energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy, with actions aimed at speeding up the transition of electrical systems, in particular for electricity generation from renewable sources and transmission and distribution infrastructure. The plan also provides for the development of energy-related technologies in the countries themselves, also by setting up innovation centres, where Italian companies will be able to select local start-ups and thus support employment and the enhancement of human capital.

Water: measures will regard the drilling of wells, powered by photovoltaic systems; maintenance of existing water points; investments in distribution networks; and, awareness-raising activities on the use of clean, drinkable water.

Infrastructure: infrastructure measures will be implemented across all the other pillars identified, with reference to both physical and digital infrastructure.