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# Income support policies in Puglia

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## The “Reddito di Dignità” (ReD)

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- Introduced in 2016 by the Apulian government (L.R. n. 3/2016)
- Inspired by an idea of a universal income support to fight against absolute poverty
- A doubly-conditioned cash transfer:
  - socioeconomic fragility
  - commitment to take part in training activities
- Integrated or complementary to national anti-poverty policies (SIA, REI and RdC)
  - multiple revisions of ReD

The beneficiary of the policy are entitled to:

- cash transfer based on economic status
- training activity
- social support for the household

# Evolution

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- ReD 1.0
  - Possible integration with the national policy SIA (Sostegno Inclusionione Attiva)
  - September 2016 - October 2017
  - Number of application: 47.067
  - Number of beneficiaries: 28.339
  - Resources: ca. 26 mln €
- ReD 2.0
  - Alternative to the national policy REI (Reddito di Inclusionione)
  - December 2017 - March 2019
  - Number of application: 10.615
  - Number of beneficiaries: 2.300
  - Resources: ca. 10 mln €



# Requirements to access ReD

- ReD 1.0
  - Economic condition:
    - Equivalent income (ISEE)  $\leq 3.000$ ;
    - other transfers  $\leq 600$ ;
    - no unemployment benefit;
    - no new (or powerful) car.
- ReD 1.0 integrated with SIA
  - Household composition: presence of minor/disable/pregnant
  - Economic condition: as above

**Table 1:** Transfer and training

HH size	ReD 1.0		ReD 1.0 - SIA		
	€	hh/week	€- ReD	€- SIA	hh/week
1	200	12	200	80	18
2	200	12	200	160	18
3	300	18	200	240	18
4	300	18	200	320	18
$\geq 5$	400	24	200	400	18

# Requirements to access ReD

- ReD 2.0 (Applications from December 2017 to May 2018)
  - Equivalent income (ISEE)  $\leq 6.000$ ;
  - Equivalent wealth (ISRE)  $\leq 3.000$ ;  $\rightarrow 6.000$  after
  - other transfers  $\leq 1.000$ ;  $\rightarrow$  absent after
  - no REI
  - no unemployment benefit;
  - no new (or powerful) car.  $\rightarrow$  absent after

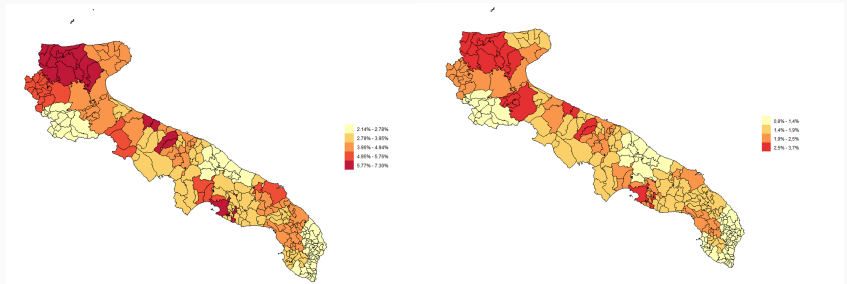
**Table 2:** Transfer and training

HH size	ReD 2.0	
	€	hh/week
1	200	12
2-3	300	18
$\geq 4$	400	24

## Descriptive statistics: applicant and beneficiaries

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# Incidence applicant and beneficiaries



(a) Applicant

(b) Beneficiaries

Figure 1: Average incidence for 1.000 residents

Legend: Applicant - **Beneficiaries**

- Gender

	Red 1.0 (%)	Red2.0 (%)
Female	53.66 - <b>55.22</b>	59.63 - <b>70.14</b>

- Age

	Red 1.0 (%)	Red2.0 (%)
Under 35	24.40 - <b>21.36</b>	19.86 - <b>23.66</b>
35-50	43.77 - <b>42.13</b>	45.57 - <b>54.35</b>
51-65	30.70 - <b>36.06</b>	31.52 - <b>20.26</b>

## Composition Beneficiaries

- Presence of minors in the household

	Red 1.0 (%)	Red2.0 (%)
Minors	57.44	74.68
No minor	42.56	25.32

- Equivalized income (ISEE)

	Red 1.0 (%)	Red2.0 (%)
0	52.46	0.30
1 - 1.000	32.03	0.53
1001 - 3000	14.72	1,74
3001 - 6000	0	92.89
6001 - 9360	0	4.54

- Share beneficiaries under training :
  - ReD 1.0: 80%
  - ReD 2.0: 66%
- Average type of entities involved in sages:
  - Public: 64%
  - Private: 31%
  - Non profit: 5%

## Evaluation strategy

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- **National and Regional Minimum Income Schemes** in Italy have been mainly evaluated by applying micro-simulation techniques (Baldini et al. 2018; Gallo 2021)
- The impact of **REI** has been evaluated in terms of poverty alleviation and inequality reduction: mild incidence in terms of reduction of poverty (Baldini et al. 2018)
- The presence of complementary regional measures (not ReD) has brought the **REI** closer to other European minimum income schemes in terms of benefit adequacy (Gallo 2021)
- **RdC** led to an expansion of the beneficiary pool compared to previous measures but tends to favor the elderly population (Gallo and Luppi 2019)

# Evaluation strategy

- **Context** ReD acts as a work activation policy;
- **Sample:** universe of applicants and beneficiaries of the ReD.
- **Outcome:** Labor income, employment opportunities and transitions, quality of jobs, job matching, job satisfaction;
- **Comparisons:** beneficiaries vs non-beneficiaries
- Among beneficiaries we compare
  - Courses
  - No activities
  - Internship
    - Private
    - Public
    - Non-profit
- **Extension:** integration with INPS, Comunicazioni Obbligatorie and INAPP data for detailed comparison with REI and RdC.

- To assess the impact of the ReD on various employment and income outcomes, we are creating an ad hoc survey.
- **People interviewed:** ReD, REI, and RDC applicants and beneficiaries
- We are developing a specific questionnaire;
- Examples of questions to ask:
  - employment status before and after receiving the dignity income;
  - type and duration of the internship
  - self perceived job satisfaction
  - improvement in the ability to make ends meet after receiving ReD