

# Presenting the University of Ferrara and its city / region

#### **WHY FERRARA?**

Emilia-Romagna: a dynamic region from an economic, social and cultural point of view

**Transformation:** 

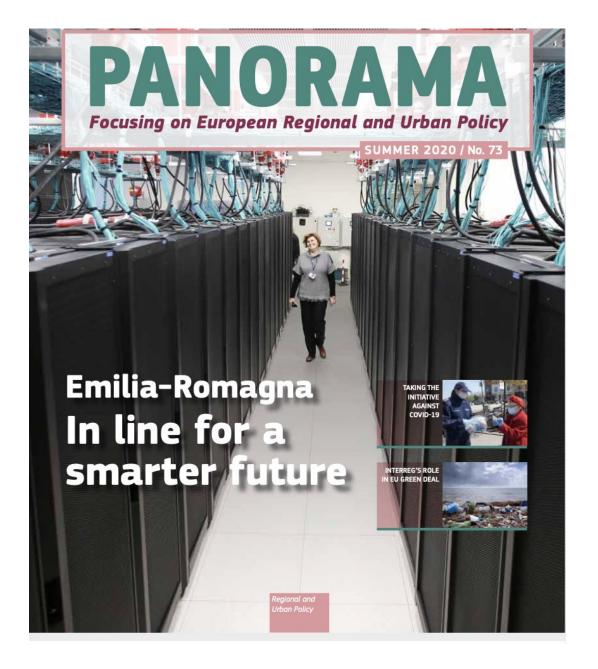
From an economy essentially based on industrial districts in traditional sectors (1980s)

TO

A regional innovation system (since end 1990s)

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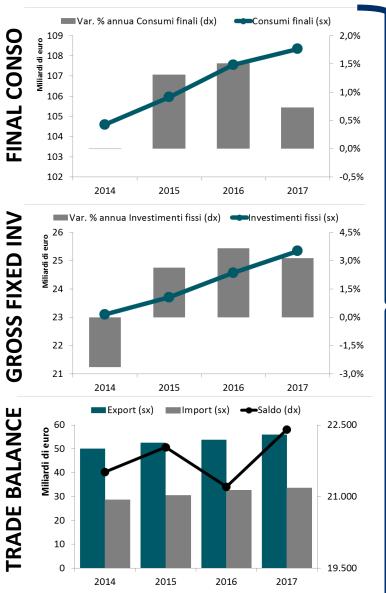
DYNAMIC REGION FROM AN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POINT OF VIEW, AS RECOGNISED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION



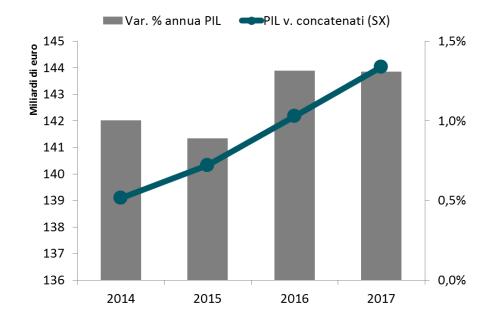


Un nuovo sviluppo per una nuova coesione sociale

#### **Emilia-Romagna: GDP GROWTH**



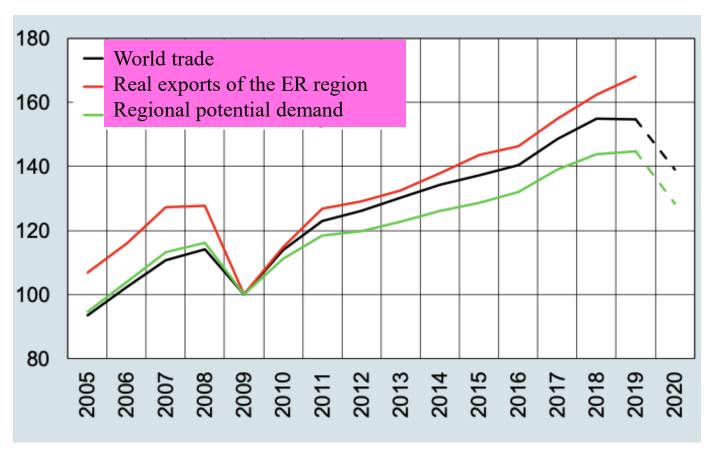




Fonte: elaborazione su dati PROMETEIA (Scenari Economie Locali, Aprile 2017)

#### FOREIGN TRADE IS IMPORTANT DRIVER

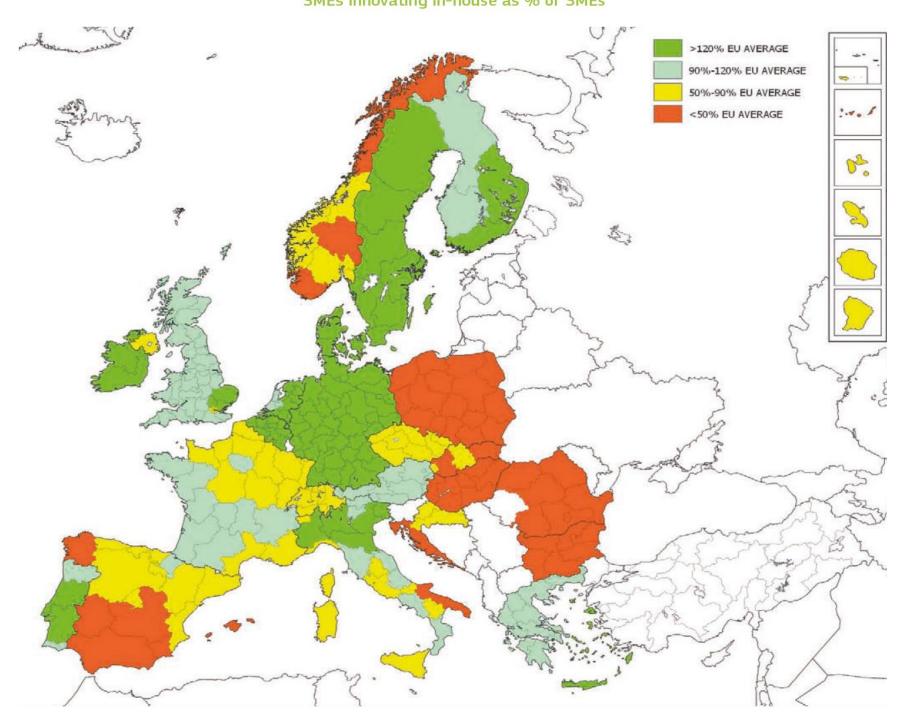
Export of goods, 2009 = 100



Source: Banca d'Italia (2020)

AND Unemployment rate falls over the period (7.7% in 2015 to 5.5% in 2019)

SMEs innovating in-house as % of SMEs



# FERRARA



### **ABOUT 132000 INHABITANTS**

#### **UNESCO PATRIMONY**





### MAIN MONUMENTS



San Giorgio Cathedral

The Family d'Este Castle





The City Theater

The Diamond Palace



# Economia

Department of Economics and Management

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# UNIFE

- Medium-large university(29,000 students) and dynamic: among top 15 Italian universities in terms of evaluation based on research and teaching results (13 / 61)
- Internationalisation is very important:
   participation in EU Framework Programmes,
   international research networks, as well as
   double degree programmes (both in Europe
   and outside, including Latin America and Asia)

# International exchanges: highlighting COMPLEMENTARITIES

- All students: putting together different (life and business) cultures (North – South); adding behavioural skills to knowledge acquisition and studies;
- Foreign students: experience in dynamic region of Southern Europe; placement in local firms (mechanical engineering, biomedical, fashion)
- Italian students: international experience key competence required by regional SMEs; capacity to adapt, openness; best practices

### Research areas of the DEM

- Green economy, sustainability and innovation
- Industrial economics and policy: strong focus on SMEs (innovation, internationalisation, clusters)
- Public Economics and management
- Business organisation and management, strategy and performance
- Urban and regional economics

## Green economy and sustainability

- The Research Centre SEEDS headed by **Professor Mazzanti** of the DEM has been supporting the **European Environmental Agency** in monitoring the
  green transition for years (last financing ETC/Circular
  economy and Resource Use 2022-26)
- Research projects on the circular economy with Horizon 2020

Example: Horizon 2020 "SUSTRACK-Supporting the identification of policy priorities and recommendations for designing a sustainable track towards circular bio-based systems"- Budget 107.125 euro

### Department of Excellence

The DEM has been classified as "Dept of Excellence" by the Italian Ministry of University and Research

2022 = 2<sup>nd</sup> Economics and Management Dept in Italy

Classification based on research achievements

### DEM: students' space...



**STUDY ROOMS** 

#### **LIBRARY**

**IT LAB** 









# Studying in the DEM...



Lectures, workshops, conferences, ...











#### Where?

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