



Legislative Assembly of the
Autonomous Region of the
Azores



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GENERAL INFORMATION

About the region

State - ITALY

Region - VENETO

Location – North-east of Italy

Border regions – Friuli–Venezia Giulia; Trentino; Lombardy; Emilia-Romagna

Total Population – 4,915,123 (on 1 January 2016)

Capital City (*if applicable*) and population – Venice: 261,905

Main Cities and population – Padua: 209,829; Verona: 257,353; Vicenza: 112,198; Treviso: 83,950; Belluno: 35,704; Rovigo: 51,715

Land Area – 18,264 km²

Currency - Euro

Official Language(s) - Italian

Day of the Region – 25th March (Day of Venetian people)

Administrative Division – Region

Unemployment Rate – 6.8% (source: EUROSTAT; time: 2016; age class: 15 years or over)

Youth Unemployment Rate – 18.7% (source: EUROSTAT; time: 2016; age class: 15-24 years)

Percentage of immigrants on total population and main countries of origin – 9,88% (as 1 January 2016); Romania (24.56% on total immigrants); Morocco (9.61%); Moldova (7.25%); Albania (7.16%); China (6.95%); Ukraine (3.42%); Bangladesh (3.27%); India (3.08%); Serbia (3%). SOURCE: Veneto Region http://statistica.regione.veneto.it/banche_dati_societa_stranieri_residenti.jsp

About the Parliament/ Assembly:

Name of Parliament and logo - Consiglio regionale del Veneto (Regional Council of Veneto)



Political System - Semi-presidential representative democracy. The electoral system is proportional with variable majority premium.

President of the Parliament – Roberto Ciambetti

Date of election – 26th June 2015

Election results – CIAMBETTI: 37 votes

Number of Parliament Members - 51

Political parties and current distribution of seats in regional parliament - Liga Veneta - Lega nord (12 members); Zaia Presidente (10 members); Forza Italia (2 members); Fratelli d'Italia-Movimento per la cultura rurale (2 members); Siamo Veneto (1 member); Veneto per L'Autonomia (1 member). Partito democratico (8 members); Alessandra Moretti Presidente (2 members); Veneto Civico (1 member). Il Veneto del fare – Flavio Tosi – Noi con l'Italia (1 members); Centro destra Veneto – Autonomia e libertà (3 members); Area popolare Veneto (1 member). Movimento 5 stelle (5 members) Gruppo Misto (2 members)

Distribution by sex and average age - 11 women (21.6%); 40 men (78.4%) – average age: 49 years

Length of term - 5 years

Date of next elections – 15th May/15th June 2020

Functions / Main political competencies - Regional Council of Veneto is the organ of democratic representation of the Venetian people. It determines the political direction and administration of the Region and monitoring of its implementation. It exercises legislative power, as well as the regulatory powers not conferred by individual state laws to the Executive. It performs such other functions conferred by the Constitution, the Statute and the laws.

Governing Bodies – PRESIDENT (ROBERTO CIAMBETTI); BUREAU (The Bureau is called "Ufficio di Presidenza". It's composed by the President, two Vice Presidents and two secretaries. It shall guarantee and safeguard the prerogatives and the rights of councillors, is responsible for relations with the Councillors' Groups and performs other functions that are assigned by the Statute or by the Rules); THE PLENARY (The Plenary is composed by the 51 councillors; it exercises legislative power); COMMISSIONS (Each Commission is composed by a bureau (called "Ufficio di Presidenza") and by a variable number of members; List of Commissions: First Commission - institutional policies, including amendments to the Statute of the Region and of the Council Regulation; EU policies and international relations; budgetary policies and programming; Second Commission - local policies, including infrastructures, transports and public works, and the environment, including soil conservation, quarries, peat bogs and mines; forestry and energy policies; Third Commission - economic and labour policies, including policies for education, training, research, culture, tourism; agricultural policies and the mountain, including hunting and fishing; Fourth Commission - evaluation of public policies and the effects of the regional legislation, including inspections, the implementation of regional policy, the coherence of the acts with programming; control over the regional heritage management and regional authorities; vigilance on the destination of the allocated funds and procurement; Fifth Commission - social and health policies); GENERAL SECRETARY (Dott. Roberto Valente - The General Secretary of the Regional Council defines the general directives for the execution of political and administrative guidelines and ensures the unity of the administration. He ensures assistance to the Regional Council bodies in the exercise of their institutional functions and coordinates all of the Services. The following structures are directly under the General Secretary: External Relations Unit; Press and Communications Office; Web edit and e-democracy Unit).

The Council's administrative structure is divided into two levels: the Services constitute the first level; offices and individual management positions the second. The Services are: 1) Activities and institutional relations (SARI): The Plenary and related services, institutional acts, studies, library, document searches, Observatory of public expenditure and public policies, support to Council of local authorities. Individual management positions: 1 (Legal documentation) Offices: 1 (institutional activities). 2) General Affairs (SAG): procurements and tenders, bursar, logistics, inventory management and support offices to Guarantor of individual rights. 3) Budget and Administration (SABS): Budget and Accounting, human resource management, administration of parliamentary groups and of councillors, auxiliary services. Offices: 1 (personnel administration and services) .

4) Legal and legislative affairs (SAGL): technical and legislative assistance to the Commissions, legislative studies, drafting of draft laws and regulations, high consulting, opinions on the legitimacy of proposals of Laws, opinions on the eligibility of the amendments, legal assistance (relations with regional and state advocacy) Individual management positions: 4 (Legislative planning assistance commissions and assembly 1, 2, 3, 4). 5) Communication: support to Corecom, Observatory on society, civic culture and electoral behavior, information systems and printing. Offices: 1 (Human rights). 6) Supervision and control of the regional socio-health system.

Biography/CV of the President - Roberto Ciambetti was born on July 3rd 1965 in Sandrigo (VI) where he still lives. He is married and he has got two daughters. He is a surveyor and by working in the private sector he has developed high skills in the environmental field, major hazards and Civil protection. He is an expert in Venetian traditions, history and culture. In his legislative capacity he has been the author of regional laws on the Venetian Quality mark, on food intolerances, pediatric unblocking and lifesaving maneuvers, as well as on environmental issues, such as protection of water resources and fight against light pollution. He has been also the drafter of the law for the implementation in Veneto of Circular Economy. For his environmental commitment he has had the satisfaction to see the International Astronomical Union (IAU) at Harvard University giving his name to the asteroid 24087, that had been discovered in 1999. Between 2010 and 2015 he was a regional Minister in the Government led by Luca Zaia and he was delegated to the Budget of Veneto, European Funds, local authorities and Relationships with Banks. Since June 2015 he has been President of the regional Council of Veneto and vice President of ELISAN, the European Local Inclusion and Social Action network.

Name and date of autonomous political statute - Statuto del Veneto (Legge regionale statutaria 1/2012; 17th April 2012)

Link to English version of autonomous political statute – not available

About the Government:

President of the Government – Luca Zaia

Date of election – 15th June 2015

Political party – Liga Veneta – Lega Nord

Length of term - 5 years

Date of next elections - 15th May/15th June 2020

INFORMATION ON ECONOMY

Regional GDP - in 2015: EUR 151,634 million (GDP at current market prices) Source: EUROSTAT

Regional GDP *per capita* – in 2015: EUR 30,800 Source: EUROSTAT

Percentage of national GDP *per capita* – 113.65%

Percentage of EU GDP *per capita* – 107%

Member-State GDP – in 2015: EUR 1,645,439 million Source: EUROSTAT

Member-State's EU GDP *per capita* – EUR 27,100 (94% of EU GDP *per capita*)

Main economic sectors – (Source: EUROSTAT - Gross fixed capital formation; 2014): real estate activities (36% of all NACE activities); industry (except construction; 27%); wholesale and retail trade, transport, accommodation and food service activities (12%); public administration, defence, education, human health and social work activities (8%); agriculture, forestry and fishing (5%).

Products exported – products of agri-food sector (in particular wine, fresh food and vegetables, confectionery), general or specialized mechanics (also medical and dental instruments and supplies), products of the wood industry (in particular furniture), clothing and leather goods, eyewear, products of the chemical and the pharmaceutical industry.

Destination of exports – Germany (13.2%); France (9.8%); U.S. (8.2%); UK (6.0%); Spain (4.6%); Switzerland (3.5%); Austria (3.0%)
Source: Veneto Region http://statistica.regione.veneto.it/banche_dati_economia_commercio_estero_db.jsp

Products imported – products of manufacturing activities and products of agri-food sectors

Origin of imports - Germany (21.4%); China (9.1%); France (6.1%); Spain (5.6%); Netherlands (4.3%); Romania (3.9%); Austria (3.8%); Belgium (3.3%) Source: Veneto Region http://statistica.regione.veneto.it/banche_dati_economia_commercio_estero_db.jsp

INFORMATION ON EU FUNDING

Total of EU Funding (2014-2020) – EUR 1,215.750 million (total of EU contribution)

ERDF (2014-2020) – ERDF Contribution: EUR 300.155 million; Italy/Veneto contribution: EUR 300.155 million

ESF (2014-2020) – ESF Contribution: EUR 382.015 million; Italy/Veneto contribution: EUR 382.015 million

CF (2014-2020) -

EAFRD (2014-2020) – EAFRD Contribution: EUR 510.679 million; Italy/Veneto contribution: EUR 673.641 million

EMFF (2014-2020) – EMFF Contribution: EUR 22.899 million; Italy/Veneto contribution: EUR 22.692 million

Other (2014-2020) -

More developed / less developed / transition region – More developed region

Main evolution on EU GDP *per capita* (1989, 1994, 2000, 2007, 2013, more recent data) – 1989: data not available; 1994: data not available; 2000: EUR 25,100 (126% of EU* GDP *per capita*); 2007: EUR 30,800 (118% of EU* DGP *per capita*); 2013: EUR 29,900 (115% of EU* GDP *per capita*); 2015: EUR 30,800 (106% of EU* GDP *per capita*). * EU = European Union (28 countries) Source: EUROSTAT

Share of EU funding on regional annual investment budget – 33% (ERDF, ESF, EAFRD, EMFF Contribution; 70% considering also Italy/Veneto contribution)

Implementation rate of EU funds (2007/2013) – More than 100 %

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Membership to interregional cooperation bodies – Conferenza Stato-Regioni; Conferenza dei Presidenti delle Assemblée legislative delle Regioni e delle Province autonome; Comitato interministeriale per gli affari europei (in Italy); European Committee of the Regions; Association of the Local Democracy Agencies; Adriatic Ionian Euroregion; Multiregional Programme for the support of the relations of Italian regional territories with China (Regions – China Programme, developed by Italian Foreign Ministry); The European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission).

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (**EGTC**) – Veneto Region (as well as Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and Land Kärnten) is member of the EGTC “Euregio without Borders”

Main bilateral cooperation agreements – Veneto region has signed agreements with, among the others, the following: Nordland County Council (Norway); Minsk Region (Belarus); Voronezh Region (Russia); Odessa Region (Ukraine); Masovia Region (Poland); Moravian-Silesian Region (Czech Republic); Istria County (Croatia); Dubrovnik-Neretva Region (Croatia); Berat County (Albania); Tirana District (Albania); Kurdistan Region (Iraq); Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (China); Jiangsu Province (China); Hebei Province (China); Incheon Metropolitan City (South Korea); Gangwon Province (South Korea); Thừa Thiên-Huế Province (Vietnam).

EU's territorial cooperation transnational and cross border areas – Veneto Region is involved in the following territorial cooperation programmes: Alpine Space, Central Europe, MED, ADRION (transnational); Italy-Slovenia, Italy-Austria, Italy Croatia (interreg)

Main areas of interest in cooperation with other regional entities - Education, Vocational training and Management training; Universities and research entities, Scientific research and Technological innovation, Inter-University Exchange Programmes; Public administration, Local authorities; Economy, Productive activities, Small-medium enterprises, Manufacturing districts, Crafts, Trades, Services; Health system, Social system; Environmental protection, Land management, Water resources management, Protecting and enhancing of environmental assets and natural resources; Agriculture, Forestry and Agri-food production; Infrastructures, Transport, Transport systems and Regional mobility; Communications; Culture, Cultural institutions, Enhancement of cultural heritage; Tourism, Sports and Youth exchanges programmes; Exhibitions, Fairs and events.

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