

# THEMATIC ANALYSES BASED ON ANVUR QUALITY ASSURANCE ACTIVITIES

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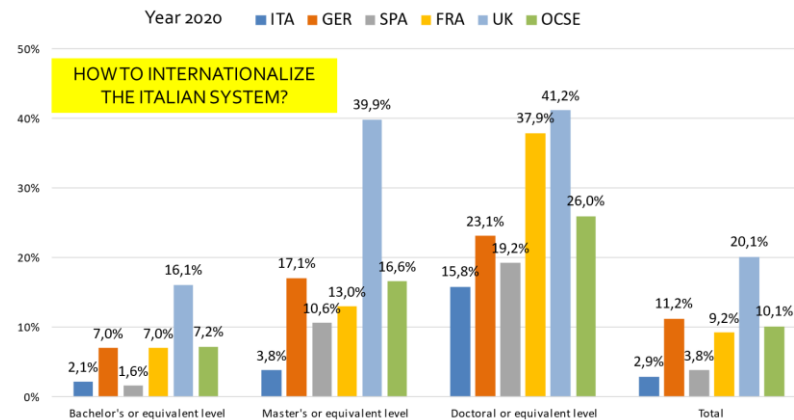
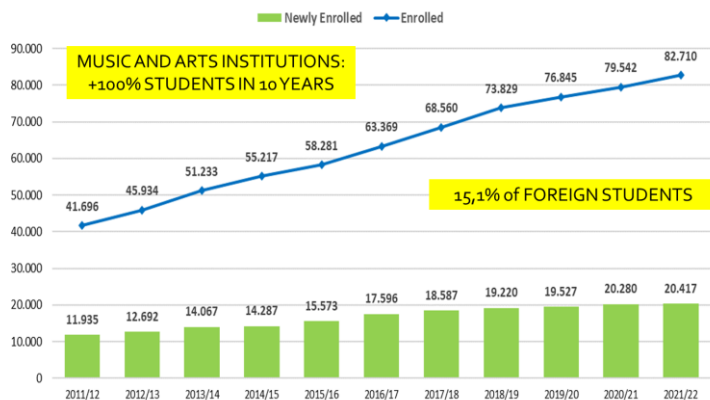
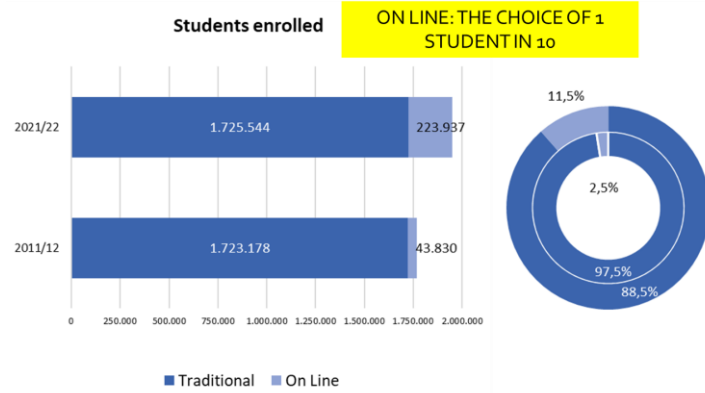
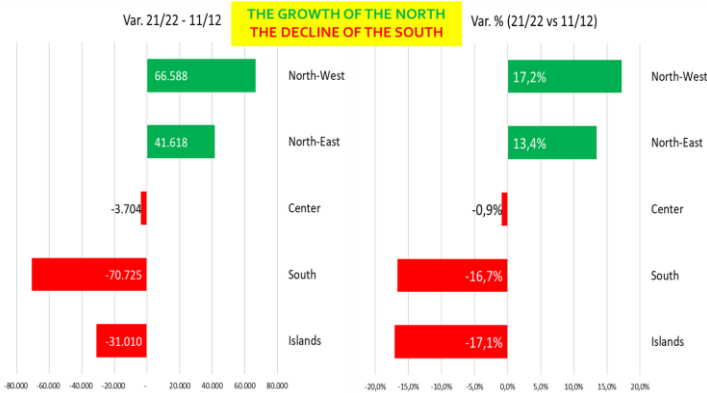
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## Overview of ANVUR's Role and Activities

1. **ANVUR** is the Italian agency responsible for the **evaluation of teaching, learning, research, and the third mission** of universities, academies of fine arts, music conservatories, and research institutions.
2. Among the tasks of the agency is also to produce every two years a **report on the state of the higher education and research system**, highlighting the main trends, indicators, and variables that characterize the System.
3. In **2023**, the **latest Report** was presented, which focused in two directions: producing an **analysis of the main changes over the last ten years** and, still ongoing, concentrating attention on certain specific themes with **dedicated focuses** and appendices to the general report.
4. The **Report** was **publicly presented** in June 2023 to the **Minister of University and Research** for its transmission to the **President of the Council and Parliament**. The Report was also sent to **all Italian institutions** evaluated by the Agency.
5. Indeed, one of the **purposes of the Report** is to **stimulate objective analysis**, possible **decisions** of the Government, Parliament, and Institutions.

# Key Insights from the 2023 ANVUR Report



- Universities in **Southern Italy** are **losing students (-105.000)** to those in **Northern Italy (+108.000)**.
- Significant **increase in enrollments at online universities** (of which there are 11 in Italy), although evaluations by the Agency indicate that these universities do not perform well in terms of the quality of education.
- There is a **significant increase in student enrollment at AFAM institutions** (Academies of Fine Arts and Music Conservatories), with a high incidence of foreign students.
- Overall, the percentage of **foreign students in Italy is still not adequate** when compared to the main European countries.

## Impact and Future Directions

The 2023 Report also includes some implications consistent with the analyses carried out. Examples:

- The reduction of enrollments in universities in the SOUTH requires **interventions not only from the universities** themselves (e.g., improving the quality of educational offerings and orientation activities), but also **from the reference territories**.
- For **online universities**, a **comprehensive intervention is needed**, in particular, to increase structured teaching, improve the quality of research (a prerequisite for quality teaching), the organization of lessons, and the modalities of examinations.
- For the **AFAM system**, the **internationalization must be further stimulated**, and it is necessary to complete with the periodic evaluation of all institutions.
- Italy must pay more attention to the **opportunities given by participation in European alliances** and collaboration with other universities for the awarding of **joint degrees**.

## Focus we are working on....

- GENDER ANALYSIS
- MEDICAL AREA TRAINING
- ONLINE UNIVERSITIES
- JOURNAL RANKING
- STUDENT COMPETENCE ASSESSMENT
- FOREIGN TEACHING STAFF RECRUITMENT
- INTERNATIONALIZATION OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
- DISABILITY AND SPECIFIC LEARNING DISORDERS