Italy’s response to COVID-19
Trends in pandemic spread in Italy

Figure 2 - Cumulative number for 14 days of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 pop. (Source: own elaboration on Ministry of Health data)

Figure 3 - New registered daily deaths due to COVID-19 in Italy (Source: own elaboration on Ministry of Health data)
Italian unpreparedness

- NHS regionally based Vs. Central strategy
- Financial cuts to NHS + Incomplete reorganization
- Skepticism and inability to listen to experts
Three models approach

• Hospital-based model

• Territorial-based model

• Combined hospital-territorial model
Lombardy and Veneto: hospital-based vs. territorial based model

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Three lessons from the Italian case

• Importance of systematic approaches
• Learning is critical
• Proactivity and data collection are fundamental
The economic impact of Covid-19

**Labor**

- Total number of employed
- Unemployment rate

**Ind. Production Index**

- 2015 to 2020
The Decrees response

- “Cure Italy” Decree = 25 billion euro
- “Liquidità” Decree = 400 billion euro
- “Rilancio” Decreto = 55 billion euro

480 BILLION EURO
STIMULUS
The Government’s strategy

• Increasing the financial capacity of the National Health System
• Supporting employment and workers income
• Stimulating financial credit and loans + central guarantee fund
Scenario remains uncertain

• Success in job retention and financial support to workers
• Slow and insufficient response on the supply side
• Lack of pro-innovation and education measures
• Struggles within EU for solidarity
• Over-concentration of powers in the hand of Government (no democratic control)
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