

Sistema Regionale
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Intensive Course regional experience

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1. Region Piemonte in ERIS@

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Region Piedmont has been in the network since the beginning with:

- the Inter-Regional Information Society Initiative (**IRISI**, 6 regions, 1994);
- the Regional Information Society Initiative (**RISI**, 22 regions, 1996);
- **ERIS@** established among 28 regions in 1998.



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Since the beginning **the learning dimension** has been a key element of the network, asking for a platform to **exchange experience and expertise** with:

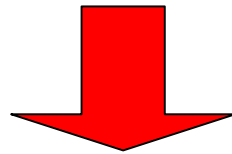
- Seminars,
- Peer reviews,
- Good practices collection.

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2. An Intensive course

However we perceived the acute **shortage** of fully **qualified personnel** at the regional level to support regional information development initiatives.



Therefore **we asked** that in the IANIS+ work programme were incorporated an **intensive residential (5-day) course** to provide further career development for regional personnel.



2. An Intensive course

The **Intensive Course** was organised at the Villa Gualino in **Torino** (Italy), October 2-6 2006.

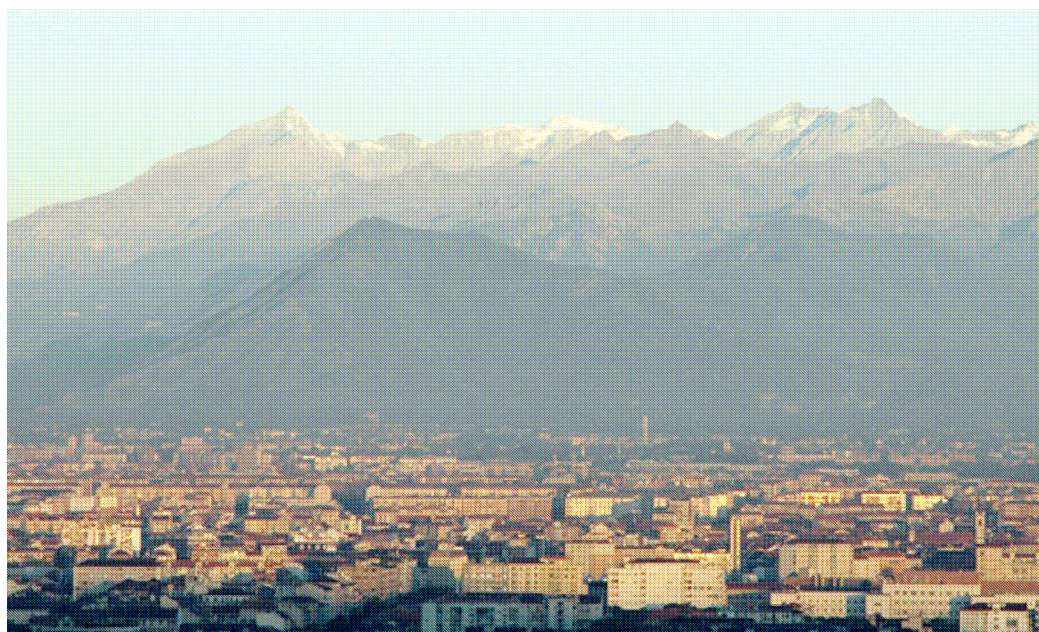


- **38** students (23 EU regions, 12 Member States)
- **21** faculty members

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The **Curriculum** for the course was composed of:

- 6 introductory **speeches**,
- 38 **presentations** & keynote addresses,
- 15 "**Review & Reflection**" sessions
- 7 good practice **case study** sessions



2. An Intensive course

Main **topics** related with:

- EU, **Regions** & Information Society
- EU Information Society **policy** & Programmes
- Developing regional **IS strategies**
- Key emerging **Technologies**

Theory and practices were **well balanced!**

All of the content of the course/materials provided by the faculty can be downloaded in the **Competence Centre** of the ERIS@ portal.



3. Conclusions

Some key conclusions were the following:

- **Learning and Networking**: there is no panacea. Knowledge is the future, we need to learn continuously and for that you need to network, to share ideas to move forward quicker.
- **Innovation is critical** and needs to be enabled and encouraged. There is but no silver bullet; it is more important to develop models and frameworks to steer regions through the years ahead.
- **Regions need to share information**: networks only work if you put something in. If you do nothing, nothing happens.



Thank you for your attention

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