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What is it ?

A Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is a geographically limited area in which business companies can benefit from special conditions for investments and development. The single Special Economic Zone (SEZ) of the Southern Italy is the largest special economic zone in Europe in terms of population. It replaces the previous 10 SEZs, limited to back-port areas, and now includes all the municipalities in the regions of Abruzzo, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Marche, Molise, Puglia, Sicily, Sardinia and Umbria.



Why?

To strengthen the productive fabric of Southern Italy, exploiting its strategic position as a natural bridge between the East, North Africa and Europe.



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What strategy?

The Strategic Plan identifies 9 strategic supply chains to strengthen (Agribusiness&Agroindustry, Tourism, Electronics&ICT, Automotive, Quality Made in Italy, Chemistry&Pharmaceuticals, Naval&Coresearch, Aerospace, Railways) and 3 technologies to promote (Digital technologies, Cleantech and Biotech).



Which Tools?

The instruments offered to economic operators are of two types:

- a 'fast track' administrative process (i.e. the "Autorizzazione Unica"), managed by the SEZ Dedicated unit.
- incentive measures, such as tax credit for investments in the single SEZ, contribution relief for employment, grants and concessional financing.



What are the advantages of the "Autorizzazione Unica"?

1. Clear and reduced timeframes: the single authorisation is issued promptly.
2. The one-stop shop ("S.U.D. ZES") is the single portal for submitting application forms and having all the information on the procedure in real time.
3. Projects are declared of public utility and, where necessary, the "Autorizzazione Unica" can include urban planning variations.

