



Italy: REVES member cities Pordenone and Faenza base the provision of social services to a large extent on partnership with social economy organisations and enterprises.

During the establishment of the so-called zone plans (*piani di zona*), local needs and corresponding service profiles are defined, criteria for accreditation and service management fixed. Participation of the service providers in these co-programming processes is a major pre-condition for accreditation as such. Moreover, different stakeholders at local level have not only the opportunity to shape the framework and basic rules for accreditation, but they also have their say in the selection of service providers. The system also encourages different service providers to establish network of cooperation (these networks and partnerships would also include different service providers, beneficiary organisations, families of service beneficiaries etc.).

In Faenza and Pordenone, these processes of co-programming and accreditation involve above all social economy, as it is perceived not only as a service provider, but also as an actor *proposing* specific initiatives/services and having knowledge and capacity to create links between different actors on a territory.