### A 3 tier system

Primary education 6-11

Lower secondary education 11-14

Upper secondary education 14-16 (ISCED 2) 16-19

### **Upper education**

Licei (general education)

Technical/Vocational Institutes

**Regional Vocational/Training Courses** 

# Higher dropout rates

- First two years of upper education
- Vocational Institutes
- Boys
- Foreign students
- Southern regions
- Deprived urban areas

## Causes for leaving education

Socio-economic reasons:

home environment, irrelevance of education

Personal causes:

lack of motivation, low self esteem

**Education factors:** 

poor quality teaching, limited funding

## National bodies

Ministry of Education

Regions

Provinces

## National policies

Tuscan experimentation

Regional Students' Register Integration with vocational agencies Contacts with companies

# Strategies

#### 10 experiences from different locations

- Enhancement of basic knowledge
- Listening centres
- Mini placements
- Guided visits in the area
- Renwed guidance
- Practical activities
- E-learning

## **Training initiatives**

National level

**Regional Level** 

**Povincial Level** 

## A teacher should have

- Sound knowledge of rules and regulations
- Ability to understand individual needs
- Ability to interact with internal/external resources
- Guidance competences
- Relationship skills
- Multicultural competences
- Skills to identify, assess and certificate students' competences

### **Best practices**

Internal organization

Integration with the area

Teaching tools

Teachers' training

### **Case studies**

### Variety of cases sharing family problems long stories of discomfort lack of basic skills in fundamental subjects

## Conclusions

- Higher levels of education
- Need of networking of Local Councils, Regions and Ministry of Education
- Improvement of external support
- Integration between schools and vocational agencies
- Teachers' key competences