

***Italy and innovation: a complex marriage***

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**Abstract**

Innovation is vital for any country and Italy is certainly no exception. Even more, we are in urgent need of a wide, deep, and consistent innovation strategy able to promote the growth and competitiveness of both the public sector and private companies.

Are we succeeding? If not, why? What are the major stumbling blocks that we need to remove? What are the actions and policies that we need to put in place to push the country forward?