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General Data	
Name of instrument:	Unions According to the Regional Law 1/2006 "Unioni di Comuni"
Country / region:	IT
Spatial level:	regional
Type:	Laws and regulations
Subtype:	Laws
Description:	Foreseen by Regional Law no. 1/2006 (see instrument), Unions of municipalities (Unioni di Comuni) represent proper local bodies made up of neighbouring municipalities, conceived to manage in common at least 4 from the following sectors: Finance & Accounting, Taxes, Trade and Production, Spatial Planning, Technical Services, Personnel, Municipal Police. Duration cannot be shorter than 6 years; their establishment (Memorandum of Partnership and Statute) has to be approved by Municipal Councils. The structures of the Union, their responsibilities, operational procedures, location and financial regulations are determined by Statute, which also regulates procedures for possible dissolution or partial withdrawal. The Secretary of the Union acts also as Secretary for the municipalities included into the Union. These define by Council decision, the annual amount to be granted the Union to carry out the common functions. Unions have to ask the Regional Administration for incentives provided for local bodies. Income deriving from taxation on services directly managed by it goes to the Union.
General objectives:	The aim of this rationalization is to make local bodies' actions more efficient and effective. The topics on which the "union" can decide are: finance and accountancy, local taxes, spatial planning, local police. Unions can decide to become ASTERs (see instrument)
General Objectives keywords:	coordination, subsidiarity, planning ;
Responsible:	Local authority/Municipal council
Stakeholder Involved:	Local authority/Municipal council
Stakeholder Involved:	Regional authority
Reference:	http://lexview-int.regione.fvg.it/Lex/Dettaglio.jsp?ANN=2006&LEX=0001&ART=000&AG1=00&AG2=00&AL=0&IND=0&DBA=DB1&PA
General assessment of strength and weakness:	Strength: application of subsidiarity principle at local level ; Weakness: the instrument is not mandatory, for this reason the time for unions constitution is not well defined.
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Implementation	
Legal status:	not-mandatory
Extension:	frequent (<50% and >25%)
Type of monitoring:	Mixture of quantitative and qualitative reporting
Assessment	
Relevance	
Status:	strong direct relevance
Ranking:	4
Acceptance	
Status:	Municipal administration, local economy, municipal residents, environmental NGOs, superordinate administrations
Ranking:	4
Implementation	
Status:	between 25 and 50% of all municipalities
Ranking:	4
Feasibility	
Status:	staff, legislation, know-how, political will
Ranking:	2
Effectiveness	
Ranking:	0
Remark:	Instrument is too recent to be judged