THE VENETO REGION

Veneto is one of the 20 Italian Regions and is located in the north-east of Italy. It borders the Adriatic Sea to the east; Friuli-Venezia-Giulia to the north-east; Austria to the north; Trentino Alto-Adige to the north-west; Lombardy to the West and Emilia Romagna to the south. The territory includes numerous cities of art, such as Venice, Verona, Vicenza, Padua and Treviso, and the famous tourist resorts of the Dolomites and Cortina d'Ampezzo. It has the highest employment levels in Italy, safeguarding jobs even in the recent difficult economic times. It is responsible for 13% of the nation's exports, with an active balance amounting to about one third of the Italian trade surplus. Veneto exports involve a wide range metal engineering products (agricultural and industrial machinery, metal products, electrical materials), and the fashion sector (clothing, footwear and textiles).

The regional capital is Venice. Its territory is 57 % plains; 29% mountains; 14 % hills, with a coastline of about 150 km. Its surface area is 18,365 sq.km., while its population is around 4.5 million inhabitants: therefore, the average population density is over 283 people per sq. Km. For administrative purposes Veneto is subdivided into 7 Provinces: Belluno, Padova, Rovigo, Treviso, Venezia, Verona and Vicenza.

Municipalities are over 580.