

This contribution presents a reflection on the Europeanization of Italian regional policy for Mezzogiorno, that is, on the domestic impact of EU regional policy on policies and strategies of Italian state in the process of transition. The process of Europeanization of Italian regional policy in 1990s can be interpreted as a paradigmatic change, marked by three stages.

“Europeanization” is meant here as concerning the mechanisms and dynamics of national response to supranational policy inputs, with a specific attention to factors of resistance and change in Southern Italian institutions and policies. This paper also highlights the problems with the use of the concept of Europeanization.