

# Municipality of Campobasso

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#### Where are we?

The Municipality of Campobasso is located in the centre south of Italy and it is the capital of the Molise Region.

Campobasso has about 50,000 inhabitants and, during the last ten years, its population has progressively decreased.





#### History

The origins of Campobasso are still uncertain.

The most widely accepted theory maintains that the city was founded by the Lombards, approximately in the 9th century B.C., as a fortified camp, on the steep of the hill where a castle was.

The etymology of the city's name comes from "Campus Vassorum", suggesting that the city was the seat of the Vassals of the Duke of Spoleto.







#### Economy

The economy of the city is based on the tertiary sector, especially for the high presence of public offices (Region, Province, Municipality, judiciary offices, etc.), and the development of the commercial sector.

There is a small presence of food industries. The most important is the pasta factory called "La Molisana".





#### Economy

Campobasso is home of the University of Molise with the following departments: Agricultural, Environment and Food Sciences - Economics, Management, Society and Institutions – Law – Medicine and Health Sciences – Biosciences and Territory – Humanities, Educational and Social Sciences.







### Historical and Cultural heritage

The main attraction of Campobasso is the Castello Monforte, built in 1450 by the local ruler Nicola II Monforte, on Norman ruins.

The castle has Guelph merlons and lies on a commanding point, where traces of ancient settlements (including Samnite walls) have been found. The current construction is the result of later rebuilding after the earthquakes of 1456 and 1805.





#### Historical and Cultural heritage

An important intangible heritage of our community is the "Misteri" procession held on the Feast of the Corpus Christi.

The special machines, carry on the shoulders of bearers, are been conceived in 1740 by the sculptor Paolo Saverio Di Zinno, symbolizing the mysteries of Christianity.

These machines, representing angels, devils, saints and the Virgin Mary, host children and adults, that look like floating in the air, due to the fact that their ample costumes hide the support.









#### Urban Strategic Plan

The Municipality of Campobasso in 2017 has been recognised as Urban Authority based on the Article 7(4) of the ERDF. Following this recognition, the UA has defined its strategic document, titled "Strategy of Urban Development of the Urban Authority of Campobasso", in which are identified the following thematic objectives:

- Reduce the energy consumption in public buildings also with the use of renewable energy solutions;
- Increase the quote of energy needs produced with integrated distribution system (Smartgrid);
- Promote and increase the sustainable mobility and intelligent transportation system;
- Promote and valorise the natural, cultural and historical heritage;
- Support the competitiveness of the local enterprises;
- Improve the efficiency and innovation of public services;
- Increase the employment opportunity also with the creation of new businesses.





#### The Municipality of Campobasso within EXCOVER

The participation to EXCOVER will allow us to design and implement strategies and actions aimed at a wise and sustainable valorisation of some areas in the City Centre of Campobasso, as well as the Monforte Castle.











## Many thanks for your attention

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