

# SAI - Reception and Integration System.



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SAI is the Italian national system for reception and integration, providing integrated reception services to refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied foreign minors and foreigners entrusted to the social services on reaching majority age.

The primary objective of SAI is to provide support for each individual in the reception system, through an individual programme designed to enable that person to regain a sense of independence, and thus enjoy effective involvement in life in Italy, in terms of employment, housing and access to **local services and social interaction as well as integrating minors into the Italian school system.**

## PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS

The principal characteristics of SAI are:

1. the **public nature** of the system, funded and managed by public bodies (the Ministry of the Interior; ANCI and local authorities) according to a multi-level governance model
2. the **synergies** between managing bodies (voluntary sector organisations and associations, NGOs, cooperatives) that make an essential contribution to the activities of SAI
3. the **decentralisation** of the 'integrated reception' activities throughout Italy
4. the promotion and development of stable, solid and interactive **local networks**, with the involvement of stakeholders and priority partners in order to ensure the success of the reception, protection and integration measures
5. the **voluntary participation** of local institutions in the network of reception projects
6. the **reinforcement of local services**, designed to profit the entire community, both indigenous and migrant.

Local institutions, in partnership with the voluntary sector, implement **local reception projects**, bringing together SAI's guidelines and standards with the characteristics and specific factors affecting their local area.

Local institutions can choose the type of reception services to be provided and the recipients that can be best supported, depending on the aims, capacity and expertise of local stakeholders, and taking into account the available resources (professional, structural and economic), the welfare tools and social policy strategies.

Projects may therefore be focused on individual adults and nuclear families, or on single-parent families, single pregnant women, unaccompanied foreign minors, victims of torture, individuals needing continual care or those with psychiatric problems or physical disabilities. Specific projects are available for vulnerable individuals with mental health problems.

A fundamental element of SAI's services is the **temporary nature of reception**, which is intended in all cases to promote the independence and integration of recipients.

## **2001 PNA**

### **Programma Nazionale Asilo**

#### *National Asylum Programme*

In 2001 **ANCI** (the National Association of Italian Municipalities), **UNHCR** (the UN Refugee Agency) and the Italian **Ministry of the Interior** signed a memorandum of understanding to set up the **PNA**, the National Asylum Programme.

The PNA was the first public system for the reception of asylum seekers and refugees, throughout the Italian territory and instituted the sharing of responsibilities between the Ministry of the Interior and local authorities.

## **2002 SPRAR**

### **Sistema di protezione per richiedenti asilo e rifugiati**

#### *Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees*

The Law no. 189 of 30 July 2002 institutionalized the PNA by setting up **SPRAR**, the Protection System for Asylum Seekers and Refugees.

Subsequently the Ministry of the Interior established the **Servizio Centrale**, a central co-ordination office, and appointed ANCI to manage it.

## **2018 SIPROIMI**

### **Sistema di protezione per titolari di protezione internazionale e per minori stranieri non accompagnati**

#### *Protection System for Beneficiaries of International Protection and for Unaccompanied Foreign Minors*

In 2018, SPRAR was renamed SIPROIMI (Decree-Law no.113 of 4 October 2018, enacted as Law no.132 of 1 December 2018). The legislation sets out that access to SIPROIMI's integrated reception services can also be provided to holders of a residence permit for special reasons: as victims of violence, trafficking, domestic violence, labour exploitation or calamities, or for poor health, or for acts of particular civic value.

## **2020 SAI**

### **Sistema di Accoglienza e Integrazione**

#### *Reception and Integration System*

In 2020, SIPROIMI was renamed SAI – Reception and Integration System (Decree-Law no.130 of 21 October 2020, enacted as Law no.173 of 18 December 2020).

The new legislation stipulates that access to SAI's integrated reception services can be provided to refugees, asylum seekers, unaccompanied foreign minors, foreigners entrusted to the social services on reaching majority age.

Moreover, SAI can also accommodate victims of disasters, migrants whose special civil value is recognized, holders of a residence permit for medical treatment, holders of a special- protection residence permit (recipients of social protection, victims of domestic violence, victims of labour exploitation).

## ANCI – Associazione Nazionale Comuni Italiani

ANCI, the *National Association of Italian Municipalities*, represents municipalities with Parliament, Government, the Regions, Public Administrations, Community bodies, the Committee of Regions and any other institutions exercising public functions of local interest.

Over 7000 municipalities are members of ANCI, representing over 90% of the Italian population.

On immigration and asylum, ANCI encourages innovation, develops networks and collaboration, takes part in the national debate on matters of territorial interest, such as citizenship, integration, access to services, collecting the instances of Municipalities and reporting them to the appropriate offices.

Following the principals of virtuous collaboration between central State and territories, ANCI has promoted immigration initiatives such as the SAI.



## CITTALIA – Fondazione ANCI

**Cittalia** is a foundation constituted in 2008 by **ANCI**.

Cittalia promotes the culture of reception, integration and citizenship, helping to strengthen the role of cities in the pursuit of social inclusion policies.

Until recently, Cittalia also carried out activities in the fields of the environment, public and private institutions, innovation, welfare and social inclusion.

Cittalia includes the **Servizio Centrale del SAI**, the central co-ordination office of SAI, which is the Italian system for reception and integration.

Cittalia provides municipalities with information on and services in the main European financing programmes and support for Euro-planning activities in the Foundation's main areas: **#citizenship #reception #integration**.



## SERVIZIO CENTRALE del SAI

The Servizio Centrale, *Central Service of SAI*, coordinates and monitors SAI, the Reception and Integration System, a network of local authorities that implement projects and “integrated reception” activities for refugees and unaccompanied foreign minors.

Managed by **ANCI** with operational support from **Fondazione Cittalia**, the **Servizio Centrale** also undertakes tasks involving information, promotion, consultancy and technical assistance for local authorities and it monitors the presence of applicants and beneficiaries of international protection in Italy.



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# ON THE WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA



The screenshot shows the homepage of the website [www.retesai.it](http://www.retesai.it). The browser address bar displays the URL. The page header includes the logo for 'SISTEMA ACCOGLIENZA INTEGRAZIONE' and 'MINISTERO DELL'INTERNO'. The navigation menu contains: HOME, SAI & SERVIZIO CENTRALE, I NUMERI DEL SAI, AREA DEDICATA, VAI A, LINK & CONTATTI, and a search icon. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with five categories: CONOSCERE LA RETE SAI, ADERIRE ALLA RETE SAI, RISORSE PER GLI ENTI DELLA RETE SAI, NEWS, STORIE, EDITORIA, and GALLERY. The main content area features two large promotional banners. The left banner is titled 'le iniziative per i vent'anni del sistema Sprar-Sai' and includes the text 'Vent'anni di politica sociale nazionale'. The right banner is titled 'ATLANTE SAI 2021' and 'RAPPORTO ANNUALE SAI SISTEMA DI ACCOGLIENZA E INTEGRAZIONE'.



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