

### 3.6.1 Lombardy

Lombardy, Italy's fourth largest region whose main centre is Milan, accounts for close to a quarter of the country's industrial production. The region accounts for one third of the active corporations in Italy, import-export volume and foreign investments. This is due to the high productivity of capital invested in the region, where about 21% of the GNP is generated with a share of investments slightly over 17%.

The labour force in Lombardy is about 3,678,000 which is equal to 41% of the regions population and about 18% of the total national labour force. Industry employs 1,626,000 of which 1,295,000 work in manufacturing, they constitute 44.2% of the regional labour force. Some 45% of the region's labour force lives in the Province of Milan.

Lombardy accounts for approx 31% of Italian outlays for R&D state companies, while for privately owned firms the figure nears 40%.

We find installed in Lombardy 31.4% of the largest main frame computers while Milan alone accounts for 25% of the data processing centres, 10% of the industrial robots and 15% of the CAD/CAM systems operating in the country.

Milan can also boast of the highest concentration of private and public post graduate educational centres as well as the major non university research centres such as Cise (applied physics) Mario Negri Institute (pharmaceutical and biology) Assoreni (chemistry, applied engineering) IRB (new materials) ISMES (civil engineering) and Donegani Institute (chemicals), ISPRA (EEC - designated research centre for nuclear energy).

### TECHNOLOGY TRENDS / STRENGTHS

The Lombardy region has a presence in all the product areas and in all industries. There is a *greater concentration* than the national average in the high value added industries such as metalworking, petrochemical, plastics, papermaking (see Italy Section 3.6).

### KEY ORGANIZATIONS/SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- as per Italy Section 3.6

### CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

- as per Italy Section 3.6

### TECHNOLOGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CANADIANS

- as per Italy Section 3.6

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