

2.2 SPECIAL INTERVENTION, A STRUCTURING FACTOR

This first Report on Latium and Rome is built on the one that has been used as a model ever since 2000, for the series *Giorgio Rota Reports*. Using the analysis of plans, projects and policies, interview campaigns with qualified local people, and statistical data, the 'Giorgio Rota Reports' are designed to analyze and monitor developments taking place in the different areas and metropolitan regions surveyed. On the one hand, therefore, we examine the projects under construction (and those still to be undertaken), on the other we carry out an in-depth analysis of the dynamics, comparing objective "numbers" which make it possible to compare the current trends in the various cities (Italian and, if the data is available, European).

This part of the report focuses on the relationship between dynamic and productive "territories", as contexts of reception of the development process, by identifying key problematic areas in the framework through two "dominant themes." Here we propose a reading in a temporal key of the institutional trends: in the first phase, we have the *Cassa per il Mezzogiorno* (Fund for the South) for the location of the areas under study, replaced by the *Regione* which set up the local districts and production systems, supra-areas characterized by various forms of productive specialization (Regional Law 36/2001). The special intervention for the South represents a powerful factor in the structuring of long-term productive goals (fifties - eighties). The legacy of the "heroic" phase of the programming consists of extended area concentrations for industrial production, with leading businesses and satellite supporting bodies which coordinated the most important industrial areas in Latium. With the dismantling of the *Cassa per il Mezzogiorno* Fund, a different form of development support from the *Regione* took form which is aimed at certain select production areas in the local districts and systems.