LTC IN ITALY AFTER COVID-19:
FROM ABANDONED CASTLES* TO WHAT?


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Agenda

— 2nd wave in Italy, focus on nursing homes and vaccination campaign
— Care providers point of view
— What’s next
New cases by weeks

October 2020 – June 2021

Source: Istituto Superiore di Sanità, 2021, SORVEGLIANZA STRUTTURE RESIDENZIALI SOCIO-SANITARIE NELL’EMERGENZA COVID-19
% of nursing homes with new cases by weeks
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Care providers point of view

— **Which criticalities persist in the LTC sector in 2021? (spring)**

- Reaching break even
- Managing nurses and care professionals
- Administrative burden
- Information collection
- Managing new admissions
- Managing new technologies
- Managing PPE acquisition and COVID-19 procedures

Source: Observatory on Long Term Care, CERGAS SDA BOCCONI, 2021
Challenges for LTC Sector

1. The economic sustainability of LTC providers;
2. The mission of LTC services;
3. The update of public reimbursement mechanisms;
4. The link between residential services and the other LTC services;
5. The coordination between healthcare facilities and LTC settings;
6. The private market and public services relationship;
7. HR management and motivation;
8. The creation of adequate IT systems to map the LTC need, users and the services in place.

Source: Observatory on Long Term Care, CERGAS SDA BOCCONI, 2021
What’s next: commisions activities

— At the end of 2020, 3 different «commissions» on the future of nursing homes have been established
  • Parliamentary investigation commission on Covid-19 death in nursing homes (Commissione Parlamentare di Inchiesta)
  • Specialized commission promoted by the Ministry of health (Commissione Monsignor Paglia)
  • Specialized commission promoted by the National Agency for Excellence in Health Care Services (AGENAS)
— Focus on nursing homes (no reference to LTC, ageing etc)
— Poor experts involvement
— No objectives – no results
What’s next: PNRR

— PNRR: National Recovery Plan for Resilience
— Mention of investments in home care, community care
— No specific mention to ageing and LTC
— Great expectations
— No mention of key actors to be involved
— No mention of implementation plans

— BUT: resources have already been allocated to National Fund for LTC (Fondo Nazionale Non Autosufficienza); Dementia interventions; social care and non profit sector for innovative initiatives
THANKS.