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### Italy's Third Sector on Consolidation Course

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Until a few years ago, the organizations belonging to the third sector were relatively unknown to a large share of the population, to the media and probably also to the legislator. This is not the case anymore; in fact, nonprofit organizations have gained wider public attention; they are playing a more significant and increasingly autonomous role in the Italian welfare state.

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