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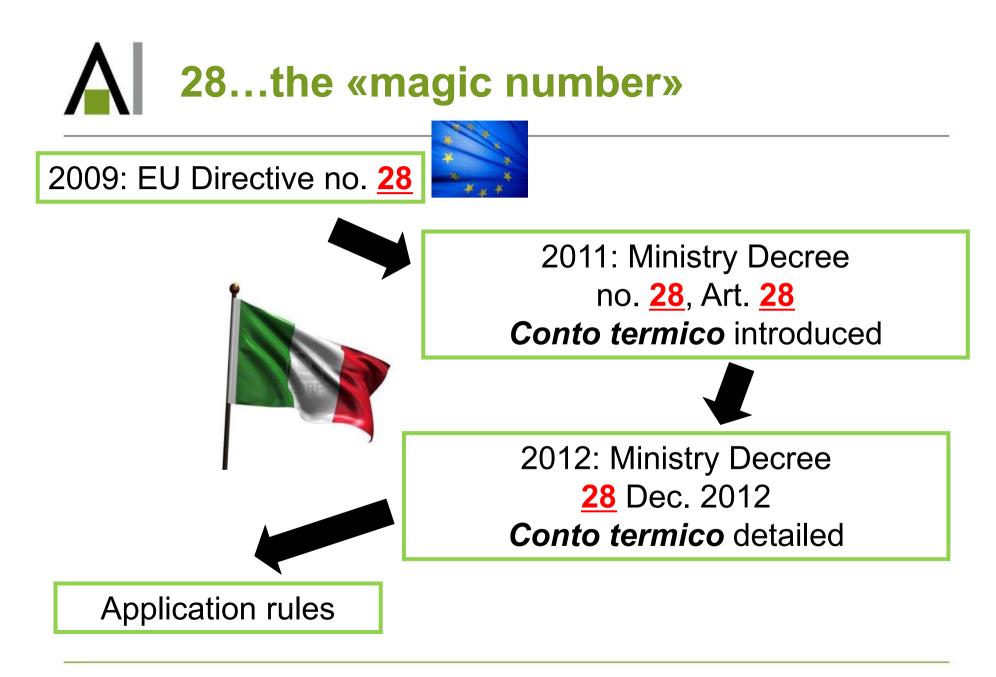


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«Conto termico» A new support scheme for solar thermal in Italy

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Technologies:

- Solar thermal
- Biomass
- Heat pumps
- Energy efficiency (insulation, windows, condensation boilers, shadowing)

Beneficiaries:

- Private (<u>700 M€</u> annual budget)
- Public (<u>200 M€</u> annual budget)
- Also through an energy service company (ESCO)





Scope of solar thermal

- <1.000 m² (gross area)
- For both private and public beneficiaries
- Applications:
 - domestic hot water
 - space heating
 - cooling
 - industrial process heat
 - district heating
- Including concentration systems
- Where? Buildings (existing or new)...and ground
- Installed after 3 January 2013





Combination with other incentives

- Not possible with national support schemes (e.g. White Certificates or tax rebate)
- Dispensation from this rule: public buildings for public use
- "Obliged" solar heat in buildings cannot be supported
- Combination is possible with:
 - Iocal incentives
 - Iow or zero interest loans
 - revolving funds







Incentive related neither to the investment nor to the yield

- Just X €/m² year (gross area); VAT is not applicable
- ► Table no. 29 (<u>28</u> + 1…)

CONTO	€/m² year (<50 m²)	€/m² year (<1.000 m²)
TERMICO	2 years	5 years
Conventional ST	170	55
Solar cooling	255	83
Concentrating ST	221	72
Concentrating solar cooling	306	100

Docs and technical requirements

- Asseveration from a professional (technical report for plants >50 m²)
- Photos of plant components
- EN 12975 or 12976 (Solar Keymark after 29 March 2013)
- Minimum yield through performance curve

 $\eta_{min} = 0, 7-7, 5 \cdot T^*_m$ $0, 01 \le T^*_m \le 0, 07$

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Factory-made: 550 (Athens) or 400 (Würzburg) kWh/m² year



- GSE is managing the support scheme
- All the applications must be submitted on line
- http://www.gse.it/it/Conto%20Termico/Pages/default.aspx



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AExamples – Small DHW plant4 m²- 5,000 €

Conto termico

- Total incentive: 170 * 2 (years) * 4 (m²) = 1,360 €
- ▶ 27%
- Annual incentive: 680 €
- Period: 2 years
- ► <u>Tax rebate</u>
- ► Total rebate: 3.250 €
- ▶ 65%
- > Annual rebate: 325 €
- Period: 10 years



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AI Examples – Large plant 1,000 m²- 450,000 €

Conto termico

- Total incentive: 55 * 5 (years) * 1,000 (m²) = 275,000 €
- ▶ 60%
- > Annual incentive: 55,000 €
- Period: 5 years
- Tax rebate: not feasible (cost cap)





Conto termico vs. tax rebate

	Conto termico	Tax rebate
Cap (single plant)	1,000 m ²	92,000 € (130÷180 m²)
Сар	700 + 200 M€	No cap, but
Beneficiaries	All	No public bodies
Incentive period	2÷5 years	10 years
Deadline	Cap reached + 60 days	Dec 2013 / Jun 2014
Bureaucracy	To be tested	Well known

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Conto termico vs. tax rebate

Calculation method:

- Conto termico:
 - ► simple
 - verifiable
 - not technically "correct"
- ► Tax rebate:
 - simple
 - "verifiable"
 - investment-related





Is there a market potential?

- Resources: 700 M€/year (only private)
- ST share: ???
 - 12% ("pragmatic", 2010 data from tax rebate shares)
 - 25% ("democratic")
- ▶ 80% small plants, 20% large plants

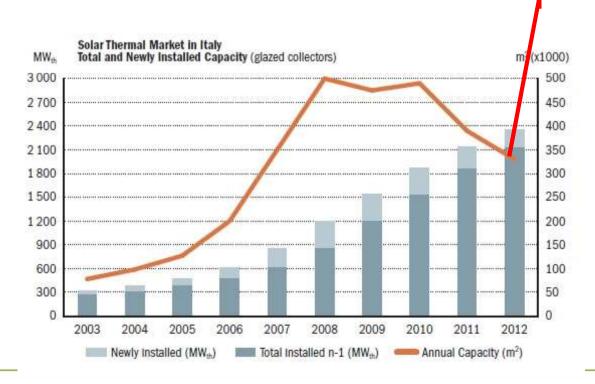




Is there a market potential?

	Pragmatic	Democratic
ST resources (M€/year)	84	175
Small plants (M€/year)	67	140
Large plants (M€/year)	17	35
Small plants (m2/year)	395.294	823.529
Large plants (m2/year)	305.455	636.364
TOTAL MARKET (m2/year)	700.749	1.459.893
Current market (m2/year)	330.000	

Is there a market potential?



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- Resources are there but...
- ...is the incentive appealing enough, e.g. for pumped systems?
- A new opportunity for medium and large plants

Would It be better to lobby for less resources and higher contribution rate?

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Thank you for your attention!

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