



Mountain School of Lana di Gais (Bolzano, Italy)

Identification of the "Small School" Profile in Italy

Reconstruction of an Educational Phenomenon

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How Many Small Schools and Students?

Italy Small Schools distribution

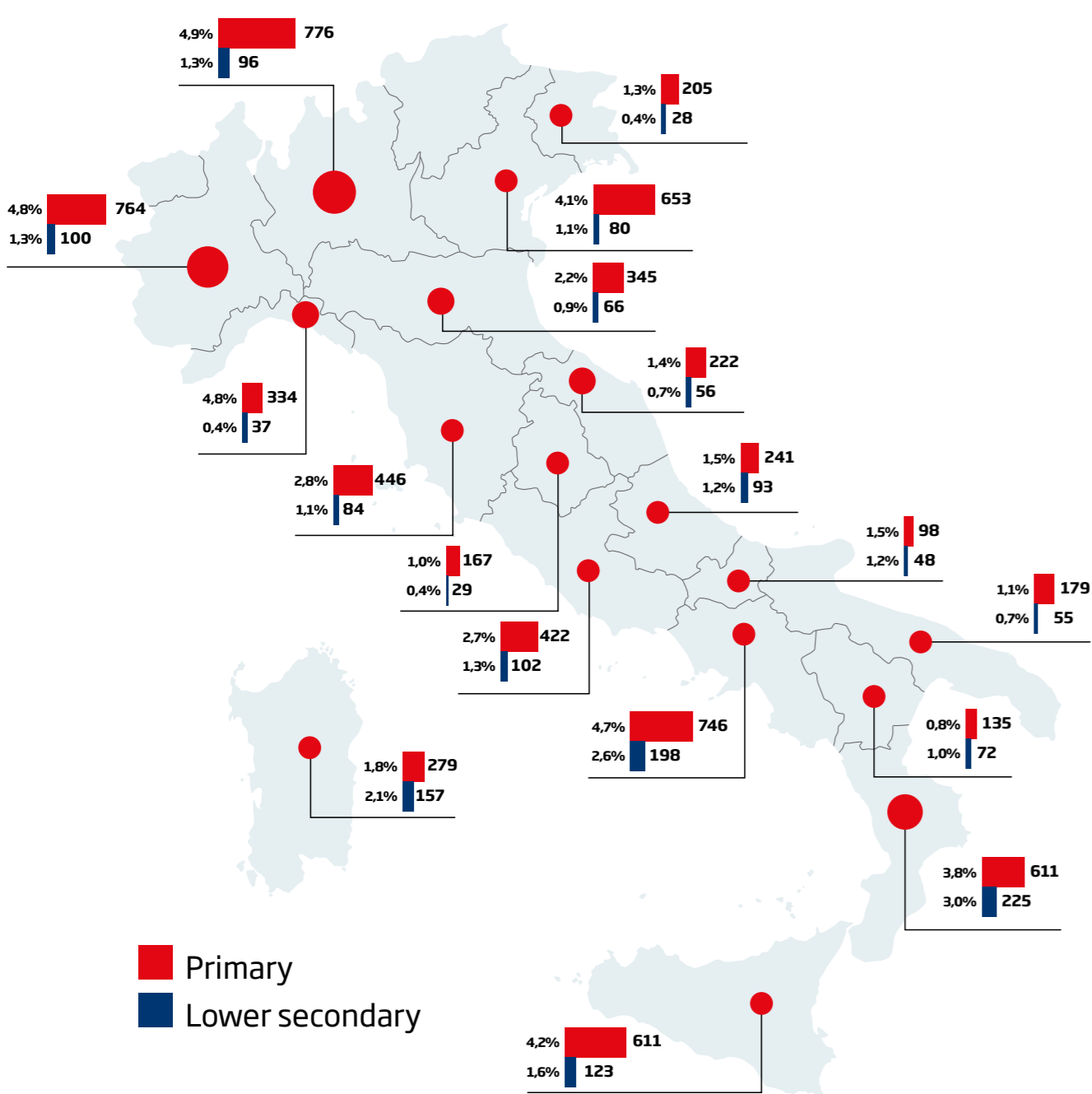
8.848 small schools in Italy:

- **7.204** primary
- **1.644** lower secondary

591.682 students

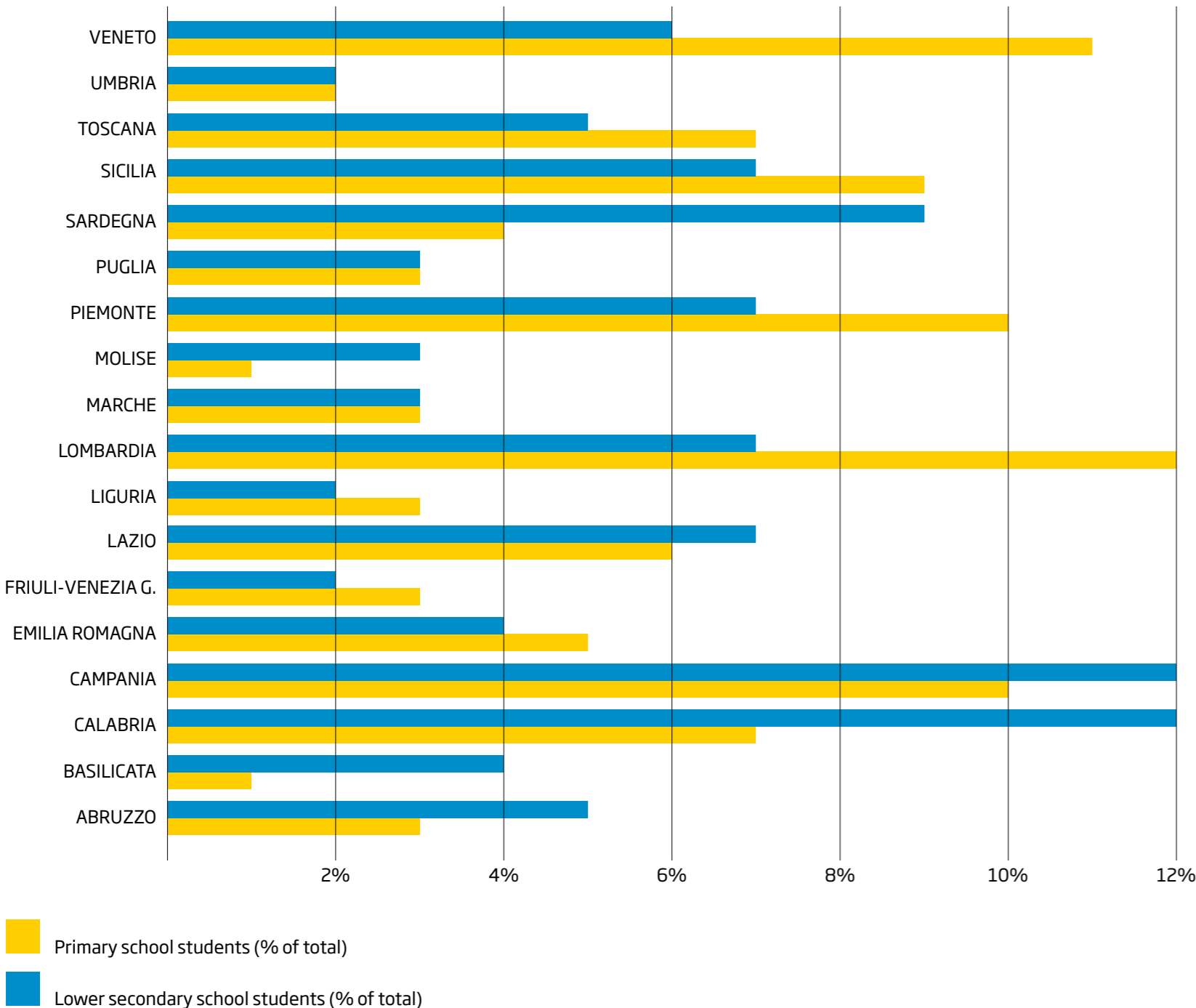
1.966 primary schools with multigrade classes
195 lower secondary schools with multigrade classes
28.919 students in multigrade classes

Small primary schools are **45.3%** of all the Italian primary schools.
Small lower secondary schools are **21.7%** of all the Italian lower secondary schools.



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Small-School Students Distribution per Region

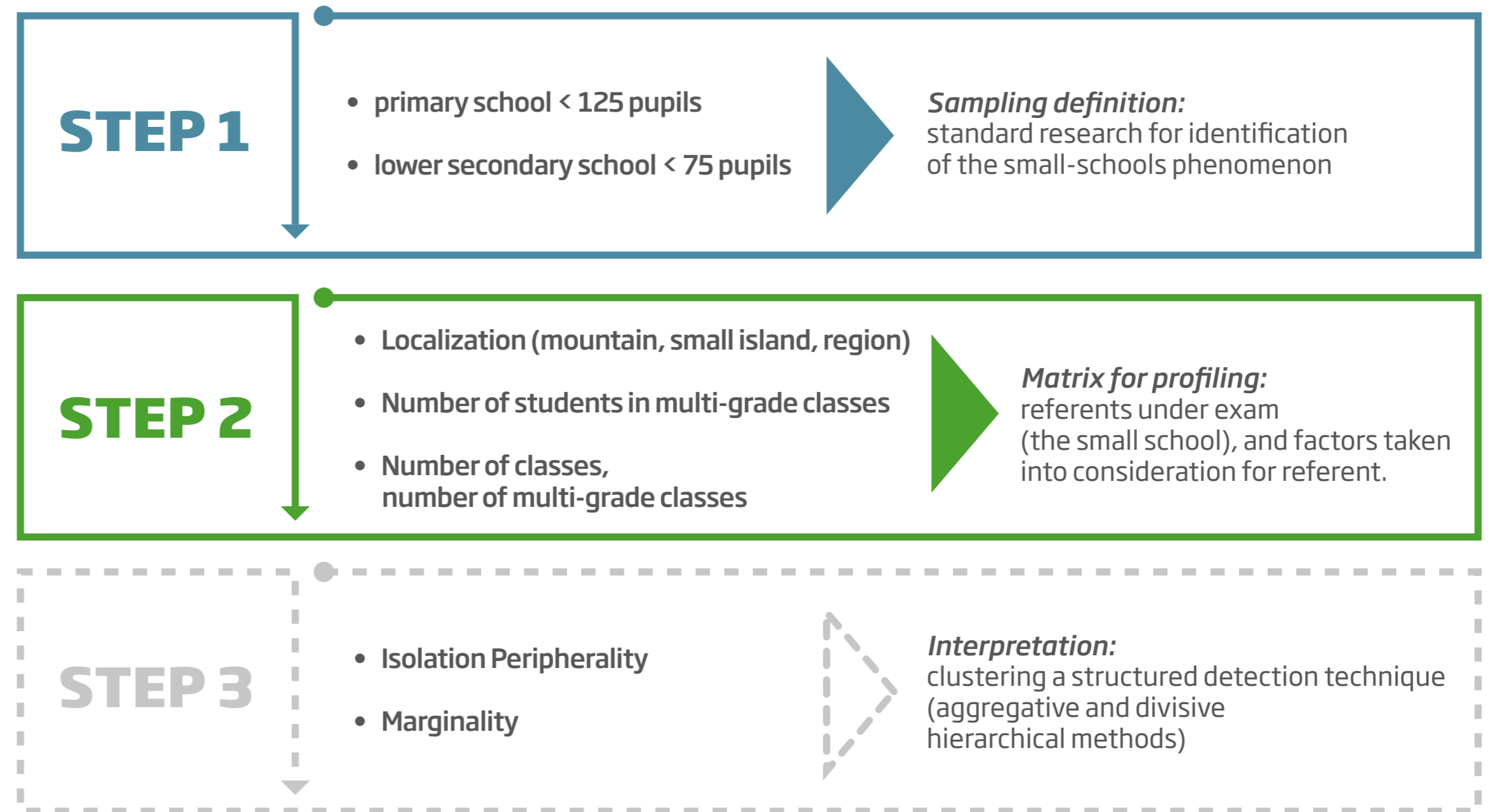


Why Small Schools Are a Topic of Interest?

The assumption that a modern country must guarantee quality education in every part of its territory becomes a challenge for INDIRE's research aiming to support a good level of educational equality, especially in isolated and boundary territories, where small schools are educational and democracy points of reference.

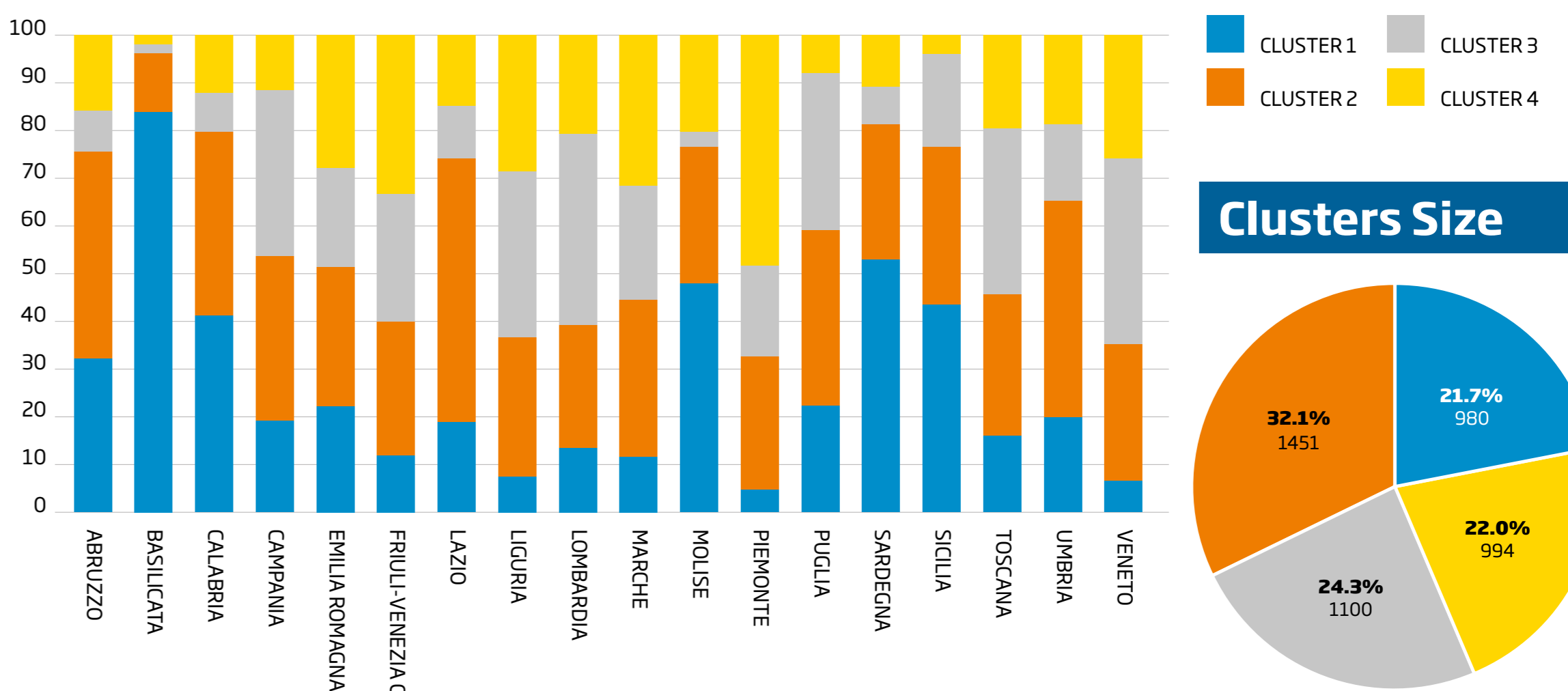
In Italy, there is neither specific regulation nor a database that defines or identifies small schools. Existing norms (Law 111/11, Art. 19, Comma 4 and DPR 81/2009) refer to "mountain schools", "small islands schools", and "linguistic minorities schools". But these definitions are inadequate to catch the whole phenomenon.

How to Identify Small Schools?

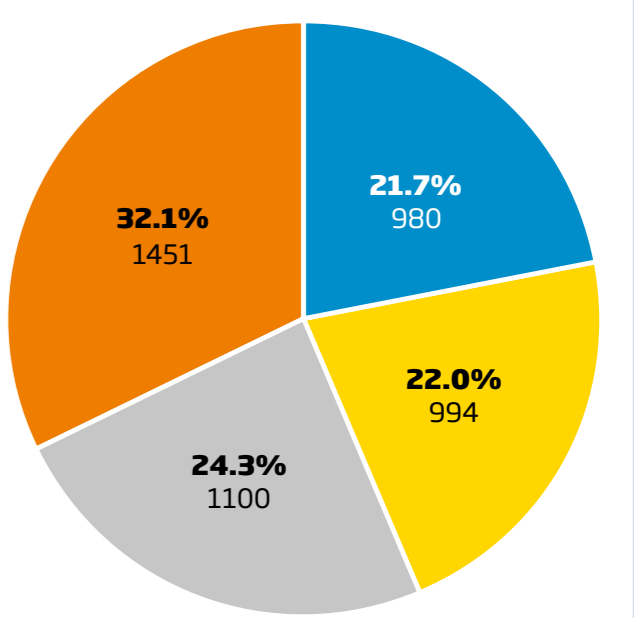


In Which Territories are Small Schools Located?

Clusters Distribution per Region



Clusters Size



4.525 SMALL SCHOOLS DISTRICTS

Territorial Indicators / Clusters

INDICATOR	CLUSTER 1	CLUSTER 2	CLUSTER 3	CLUSTER 4
Population density (number of people/km ²)	Dense (52.3)	High (144.6)	Very high (763.9)	High (126.2)
Municipality Class	Peripheral/ Ultra-peripheral	Intermediate	Belt/Hinterland	Belt
Municipality Macro-Class	Internal area	Internal area	Network of municipalities	Network of municipalities