

Your Opinion

Concerns and Priorities

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As a citizen you have the right to influence the institutions of your country, rather than just accept "what you are given". Most countries in Northern Europe recognize this, and actively seek feedback from their citizens. Even countries in the former Eastern block have by now become, under this aspect, much more advanced than the Venices*.

If you currently live or work in the Venices* - or even if you are here just temporarily for holiday or business reasons - please spare a few minutes to answer the questions below.

Your opinion is even more vital if you have lived and worked abroad. This foreign experience has in fact given you the possibility of widening your horizons and gaining a better perception of what needs to be changed in the Venices*.

Our survey gives you the chance to tell us about your concerns and priorities regarding Venetia*.

For instance, are you worried more about inefficient public services than you are about corruption in the judicial system? Or is lack of public security and personal safety your top concern? And how do you believe these issues should be tackled?

Answer as many questions as possible, but **ignore any questions you do not wish to answer**. Partially completed questionnaires are still of value to us, and we would prefer to receive your feedback with some answers missing rather than not receive it at all.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

(* For the purpose of these surveys, the words "Venices", "Venetia" and "Northeast Italy" are interchangeable, and are taken as meaning the historical Venices within Northern Italy - i.e. the current Italian regions of Venezia Tridentina-Sud Tirol/Alto Adige, Venezia Euganea, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, and the current provinces of Bergamo, Brescia, Cremona (i.e. Venezia Orobica), and Mantova.

The Venetian Institute regards your privacy as important. Your responses will be in the strictest confidence (for more information please see our Privacy Statement on www.venezie.org).

Your Concerns and Priorities Regarding Northeast Italy

1. Please tell us which, in your opinion, are the **ten most serious** problems in the Venices?:

- lack of affordable housing___, lack of green space___, lack of public libraries___, environmental pollution___, dirty streets___.
- lack of parking space___, traffic congestion___, traffic accidents___, poorly developed road network___, poorly developed rail network___, too many road works___, inefficient public transport___.
- unemployment___, low salaries___, high cost of living___, rigid labour laws___, excessive taxes___, unfair taxes___, inefficient health system___, inefficient pension system___.

- difficult access to health services for disabled people___, architectural barriers for disabled people___, difficult access to health services for elderly people___, architectural barriers for elderly people___, criminals targeting elderly people___.
- worsening educational standards___, lack of social education___, lack of ethical culture in society___.
- corrupted local councils___, corrupted local governments___, corrupted government agencies___, corrupted politicians___, inefficient police forces___, corrupted police forces___, inefficient judicial system___, corrupted judicial system___.
- street begging___, graffiti and vandalism___, prostitutes___, unlicensed street traders___, windscreen washing___, noise nuisance___.
- house burglaries___, drug dealing___, domestic violence___, safety on public transport___, illegal immigration___, street violence (e.g. theft, aggression)___, violent crimes (e.g. rape, murder)___, terrorism___, high level of criminality in general___.
- criminal laws not being enforced___, criminal sentences not harsh enough___, lack of police patrols on the streets___, lack of police patrols at night-time___,
- other(s) (*please specify in space below*)____.
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2. To what extent do you trust local governments (at city, provincial and regional level) to tackle “your chosen” ten most serious problems?

Very high trust___, High trust___, Moderate trust___, Low trust___, No trust___, Other___.

If other, please specify:

3. If you have moderate, low or no trust, what are the reasons for your low confidence?

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4. If you had the power to do anything to solve “your chosen” ten most serious problems would it be?

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5. What are your **top three dislikes** about the Venices? Try and be as specific as possible.

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6. What would you say were the **three most serious problems** in your town?

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7. Please feel free to give us your comments, opinions and suggestions on any other issue which you deem important:

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Crime is a major topic, and institutional weaknesses in the judicial area make this a much more significant problem than others. In this section we want you to tell us about your specific concerns in this area.

1. Do you consider crime to be the **top** issue afflicting the Venices? YES__, NO__, Don't know__, Other__.

If other, please specify:
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2. Have you ever been a victim of crime (e.g. vandalism, burglary, aggression)? YES__, NO__, Other__.

If other, please specify:
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3. Do you believe the main priority for tackling crime is to increase the number of police on the streets?

YES__, NO__, Don't know__, Other__. If other, please specify:
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4. Do you think there are enough police officers patrolling the streets of your town?

YES___, NO___, Don't know___, Other___. If other, please specify:
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5. Are there times when you are concerned about your personal safety? YES___, NO___.

6. If yes, please tell us when (i.e. at what times of the day or night), where and why you feel unsafe:

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7. Please feel free to give us your comments, opinions and suggestions on the issue of crime:

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To ensure we are reaching all parts of the community, we would find it of great benefit if you could also answer the following general questions.

1. Why are you presently in the Venices?

Living here___, Working here___, Studying___, Visiting___, Other___. If other please specify:

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2. Where are you currently living, working, studying, or visiting? (if you live and work/study in two different cities choose the one you feel you know best):

Belluno___, Bergamo___, Bozen/Bolzano___, Brescia___, Cremona___, Gorizia___, Mantova___,
Padova___, Pordenone___, Rovigo___, Trento___, Treviso___, Trieste___, Udine___, Venezia___,
Verona___, Vicenza___, Other___. If other city, please specify:

If you want us to contact you regarding your suggestions or questions please give us your name and e-mail address (or telephone number):

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Thank You for Completing the Survey