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**Title**

**The CGIL's interpretation of the Italian economic decline starting from the introduction of the Euro until the *Piano del Lavoro* (2002-2013)**

**Abstract**

This paper presents a critical review of the main diagnosis for the commonly named Italian economic decline. Moreover, it aims to analyse the proposals in order to tackle it in respects to the interpretation made by the *Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro* (CGIL) since the introduction of Euro (2002) to the *Piano del Lavoro* (2013). The hypothesis is that the main Italian trade union confederation, CGIL, was able to develop in depth criticism about the Italian economic development model, and to underline its structural weaknesses; such as labour market precarisation, wages declining, lack of investment as well as in industrial policies, etc. The CGIL's proposals were evaluated through the analysis of the *Rassegna Sindacale* (the weekly union publications), the congressional documents, and the *Piano del Lavoro* (Program for Jobs).

This work aims - through a multidisciplinary approach that covers economics, sociology, political science and statistics - to strengthen the understanding on CGIL's proposals to combat the country's economic decline.