

## **What is RENA?**

RENA (Network for national excellence) is a dynamic and independent association which aims to put together young Italian professionals and researchers that operate with merit in the public and private sector.

RENA's members are actively committed to circulate examples of best practices, share their professional experiences and elaborate and divulge new ideas and innovative proposals to stimulate the development and growth of new locally focused public policies.

RENA also seeks to create greater awareness about young professionals and their activities throughout the private and public sector.

## **Articles by RENA?**

It is within this spirit that RENA collects and publishes articles and other contributions, both online and eventually on paper.

RENA's articles aim to critically promote original ideas and singular examples of positive public and private policies, with the final goal of transforming them into standard practices. The articles proposed by the authors should be relevant to the current local political context. This means that the piece should put forward ideas that could potentially be adopted to improve existing local policies, or take stock of others' experiences.

RENA authors are also encouraged to contribute to the debate on the role young professionals can play in contemporary societies. We seek fresh ideas, or stories based on personal experiences, which showcase the core values of RENA: merit, efficiency, fairness, quality and competitiveness.

For stories related to young professional we put great emphasis on the personal expertise of the author as a form of 'added value' from the article written.

## Why don't you tell us your RENA story?

Each piece should be between 1000 and 2000 words. However, editors will consider longer pieces on merit. RENA will also accept edited versions of articles published elsewhere, granted copyright permission.

### *Submission guidelines:*

1. If you want to write a RENA article contact our editors Pierpaolo Settembri and Costanza Hermanin at [supernovae@progetto-rena.it](mailto:supernovae@progetto-rena.it) and send them an **abstract** of what you would like to write about. Give us a broad idea of the subject, the main thrust of the piece, some examples and possibly explain why it is important for us to publish it. The abstract should be brief and to the point. If it is the first time you pitch a story to RENA please introduce yourself: tell us who you are and what you do.
2. Once we receive your abstract an editor will come back to you with some suggestions and will commission the piece. You and the editor will agree on a deadline by which a **draft article** must be presented.
3. The draft articles will then be submitted to a **peer review**. Peer reviewers will be young professionals and other experts in the field, as well as commentators with a general knowledge of the subject, so as to make an assessment of both the specific content and the accessibility to the non-specialized reader.
4. Following the review, if the article is accepted, the author will have to take on board comments and criticism put forward by peers and re-submit a **final version of the article**.
5. The article will then be **published online** on RENA's website. Best online articles will be also **published in *Supernovae***, RENA's journal (first issue set to appear in Fall 2008).
6. RENA will **translate to Italian** all articles written in foreign languages, in order to make them accessible to the wider Italian public. Both the Italian and the original version of the article will be published online.