

Verso un conto del Capitale umano
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Abstract

In recent years, a growing demand for information about Human Capital (HC) has developed in Italy, mostly coming from Academic Researchers and International Organizations (OECD, UNECE) pushing for development of measures on the issue. The Italian participation to international projects focused on the topics of education and quality of learning (OECD-PISA, IALS, OECD PIAAC) shows the interest of the official statistics to the measurement of education and HC.

In the next future, researches will be more focused on HC because of its relations with the sustainable development and consequently to education, healthcare and social capital. At the present the System of national accounts does not consider education expenditure as capital formation. Satellite accounts on education and human capital are excellent opportunities to experiment new approaches.

The paper presents the main activities promoted by Istat on the issue, the analysis of the different approaches and measures on HC in order to understand well advantages and limits of each approach and, finally, a proposal for a new strategy of approach. Istat intends to set a coherent and internationally harmonized strategy that allows to produce both current measures on the HC stock and to advance to the construction of a HC satellite account.