

# HEMP IN ITALY

LEGAL SINCE 1997, REGULATED IN 2017

In recent years, Italy has witnessed a strong acceleration in hemp business, many start-ups, companies and associations have embarked on this path by entering into a pioneering sector without real government support.

Only recently, the Italian Government expressed a

new law of January 2017, in which potent applications of hemp are officially formalized, provided public incentives and clarity on the legality of cultivation and control methods.

In fact, industrial hemp cultivation is legal since 1997 for European law. However,

without proper regulation, postponed for twenty years, coupled with the lack of effective national coordination, Italy is nowadays to play a marginal role with a cultivated area of 3,000 hectares in 2017 (less than 10% of European cultivation) when in the '40s were more than 80,000 hectares.

Only in the last 5 years there has been a real interest and a substantial evolution of the sector, with the emergence of several realities especially in the seed processing sector for human consumption and in the second transformation such as bio-building and bio-plastic products.



## Coordination, information and technical support

The Hemp Nation Federation was born as a need to represent, protect and coordinate the many initiatives spread across Italy towards the Government, regional administrations and other industrial sectors. The federation was founded on February 20, 2016, the founding members are companies, experts and associations working for a long time in the world of hemp.

Membership is open to all those who believe in the need to jointly address the common good of hemp, allowing the harmonious and

non-competitive development of this sector with a vision of social and environmental sustainability.

One of Federcanapa's key activities is the promotion of scientific research in all areas that industrial hemp includes, providing valuable information on cultivation, processing, transformation and potential applications. This work provides a solid foundation of knowledge from which all members can draw, accelerating the growth and growth of the industry.



## South Hemp Tecno Industrial First Processing Plant in South Italy

The company was founded in June 2013 by Rachele Invernizzi represents the first plant for the primary transformation of hemp straws in South Italy. It aims to revive the agricultural and industrial chain of hemp, crea-

ting a great opportunity for farmers and entrepreneurs. The company aims to create more processing centers distributed on Italian territory by encouraging short chains and enhancing productive diversity.

## SICILY

### Excellent production in rapid development

The exclusive climate of these territories allows to harvest the fruits of the earth in advance, aiming at obtaining organic products of excellence, the hemp first. The agricultural vocation of many territories, combined with the tradition of the old and the young people's innovation, create an ideal combination for the development of industrial hemp.

**Kanesis** is a young start-up who has developed the first bio-plastic hemp designed by Giovanni Milazzo, a young Sicilian engineer who developed HempBioPlastic (HBP), a thermoplastic filament used in 3D printing.



## Trionfi Honorati Agrarian Company

It is a historic and virtuous example of excellence in farming, breeding and food production. The company is located in the Marche region (central Italy) and it is a model of energy self-suf-

ficiency, good agricultural practices and respect for the environment and animals. In the recent years it has integrated the cultivation of hemp and produces a variety of hemp-based products.