

## 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.

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(\* 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.

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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](http://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: .....

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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**