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The digital divide: is it over or still a crucial problem in Italy?

Unfortunately, data show that deep inequalities in Internet access and use still hold and characterize the Italian situation. Strong differences by gender, age and education within Internet users, that might be enhanced through geographic North/South cleavage over broadband or wi-fi supply. Digital divide centrality in the public agenda is highlighted when Internet uses are studied. Rich uses of the Web are still peculiar to an élite. Local and national policies are essential to a real and widespread participation into the Information society through the promotion of complete practices of e-inclusion (both towards access and use).

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