

ECM in Italy

ECM has been ministering in Italy since the 1950s, initially in Florence and then focusing on Ravenna and the North East. Church planting forms the core of the work, with other ministries supporting this central aim, including a multimedia and a radio ministry. The work has continued to develop and now includes ministries which stretch from the very north to the south of Italy. For more information in Italian, see the ECM-Italy website. Trentino

ECMI started working in the province of Trentino in the 1960's, and as a result of its ministry saw the first evangelical church in the area planted at Trento, the main city of the province - the Chiesa Evangelica di Trento . In 2001 the church became officially independent of the mission, but instead of separating from each other, it was decided that the church and the mission should work in partnership. In the rest of the province 350,000 people live, mostly without an evangelical witness in their own town. In fact, the church is already working towards the planting of second generation churches with bible study groups in three of the nearby valleys and towns. The prayer is that one day these groups will grow into independent churches witnessing in their own area. Brescia

In the province of Brescia, another couple is working together with a church at Desenzano with the aim of planting a new church in the town of Montichiari. Multimedia

Building on our experience of radio broadcasting over many years (both in the Brianza area near Milan and at Ravenna) and now evangelism with Internet (see for example the site of the Italian Bible) and through the arts, ECM facilitated the collaborative working of many evangelical Christian media agencies in Italy to produce high quality evangelical multimedia products for the family. There is now an independent organisation committed to the bringing about of the vision called Creactio , and ECM partners with it to bring about our common vision of planting new churches.