# The importance of networking: Leganto and the Italian community

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# ITALE Association - 1

ITALE was established in 1993 and until 2007 represented the interests of  Aleph users as "Italian Association of Ex Libris Aleph Users"

Following the IGeLU model, at the end of 2007 the association was transformed in "Italian Association of Ex Libris Users" and extended to the users of all Ex Libris Products (Alma, Aleph, Primo, Summon, Leganto...).

ITALE Association now represents 48 members among universities, research centres and other cultural institutions based in Italy and Switzerland (2 members).

# ITALE Association - 2

ITALE Association organization is defined by its statute and consists of:

- Chair
- Steering committee
- Assembly of members

In addition:

- Working groups focused on Ex Libris Products (Alma, Leganto, Alma Digital), on particular themes or workflows (Resource Sharing, Cataloguing Standards, Electronic Resources) or on specific product families (Discovery Tools)

# ITALE Leganto Working Group

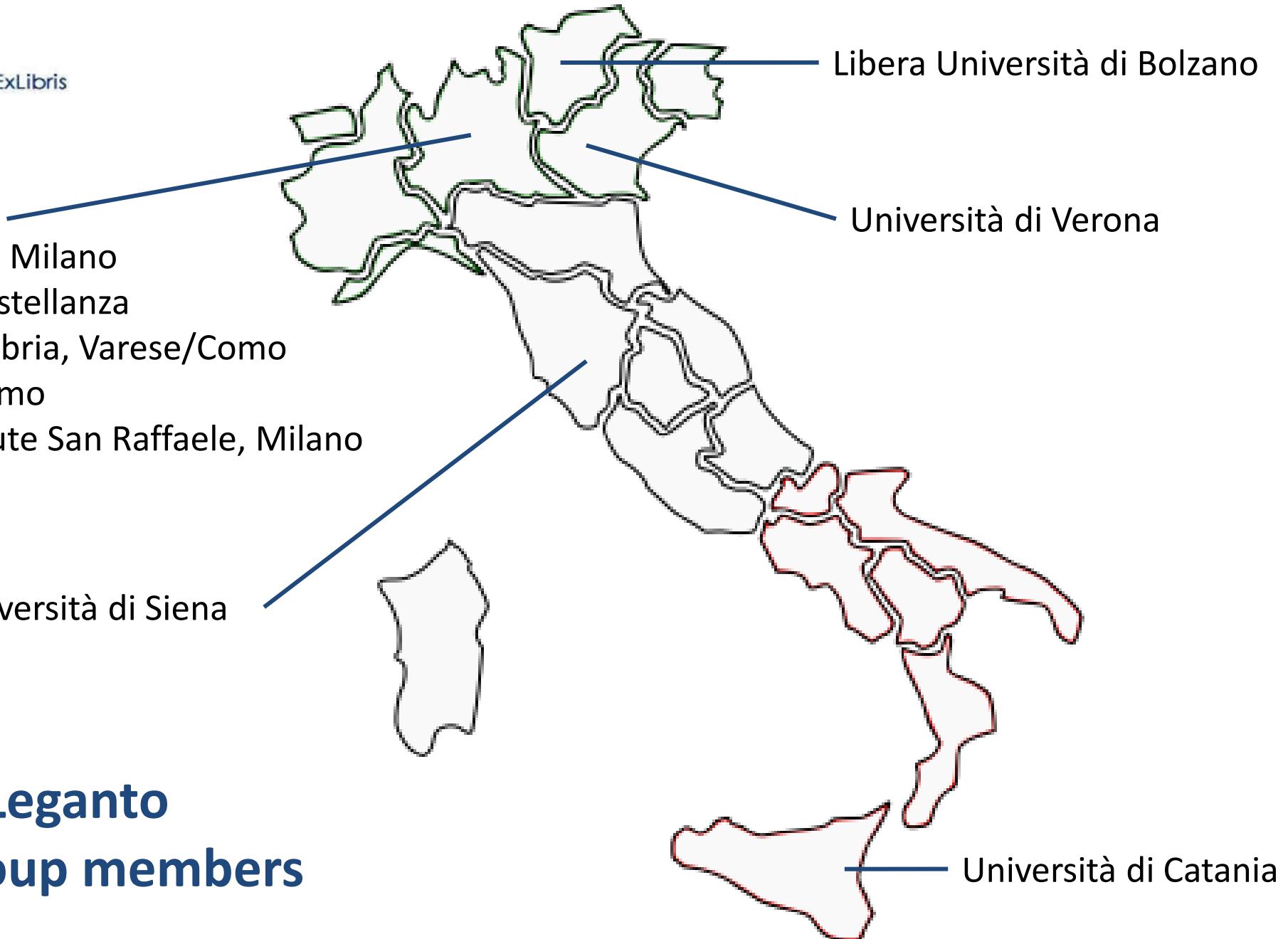The main goals of ITALE Leganto Working Group are:
- Become a reference point for the ITALE members about implementation, configuration and usage of Leganto
- Help new Leganto users
  - Sharing experiences, "Leganto tips & tricks"
- Establish a communication between the Italian Leganto community and Ex Libris

The activity of ITALE Leganto Working Group is based on the cooperation among its members to share policies, issues, experiences, solutions and workarounds.

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Università di Verona

- Università Bocconi, Milano
- Università LIUC, Castellanza
- Università dell'Insubria, Varese/Como
- Università di Bergamo
- Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele, Milano

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**ITALE Leganto Working Group members**

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Leganto configuration is very similar among Italian institutions and mirrors the study programs:

- The most common model is "1 course = 1 reading list" (one list for each course / module / partition / unit)
  - Few institutions apply the model "1 course = multiple reading lists" (the course is associated to multiple reading lists corresponding to internal didactical units)
- Guest users must be able to view published reading lists (login not required) due to national government requirements about higher education quality
- Reading lists must be visible for several years
- The prevailing publishing workflow is library-mediated

- Many institutions perform the Leganto course rollover process using the "Course loader integration profile"

  - Only a few institutions have enabled Instructors to create their lists autonomously

- Leganto is often integrated with E-learning systems (via LTI Tool) and with the University websites

- Some institutions use Leganto to create and publish lists of suggested readings about different topics

  - These kinds of lists are not linked to degree courses and are created and updated only by the librarians, possibly following the suggestions of instructors or students

# The importance of communication - 1

- We share ideas, issues and experiences via e-mail and we analyse these topics in depth during monthly meetings
  - Mutual assistance among Italian Leganto community
  - Workarounds and solutions are shared among the Working Group members
- ITALE account on Salesforce: when issues affect all or the most part of Italian Leganto community we open cases using the national ITALE Salesforce account
- Ideas Exchange: we share ideas and write together the proposals we submit on the Ex Libris Ideas Exchange portal
- CERV: we evaluate together every Leganto enhancement proposal and, if needed, we submit our proposals

# The importance of communication - 2

- Meetings with Jessie Ransom:
  - How the Italian Leganto community works together
  - Why some Leganto features are not suitable to Italian workflows (e.g. creation of reading lists from Leganto UI)
  - Issues relevant for the Italian community (e.g. general error regression, hide citations from student view…)
- Meeting with Evon Malixi before switching to the Leganto New UI:
  - Useful advice about the switch to New UI
  - We reported concerns and some issues
- Other meetings with Ex Libris during past IGeLU Conferences
  - Leganto New UI labels translation
- Dialogue with Michela Rebolino (Customer Success Manager) about our ITALE cases on Salesforce

- Leganto New UI Analysis:
  - AI generated lists (Syllabus Assistant)
  - Leganto Mobile Experience
  - Leganto New UI translation issues and labels translation
- Leganto Analytics:
  - Analysis of the most common reports used/created by Italian Leganto community
  - Submission of CERV enhancements proposals (if necessary)
- Analysis on some issues relevant for the Italian community:
  - General error regression when lists aren't published yet
  - Hide "Due date" and "Hide from student" options in citations (Idea Exchange - *completed*)
  - Book cover thumbnails issues (*solved*)

# Our Ideas (Exchange)

- General error regression when lists aren't published yet
  - [Idea Exchange 50445330](#) - *Votable*
- Copying citations between reading lists (for librarians)
  - [Idea Exchange 49377077](#) - *Votable*
- Leganto Mobile Experience improvements
  - [Idea Exchange 49369964](#) - *Votable*
- New UI - Allow institutions to hide "Hide from students/student note/due date" from all citations
  - [Idea Exchange 48511571](#) - *Completed*

# Thank you!

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