

Work & Economy: Discussion Questions

1. Look up the terms below. Write a definition of each term.

a) The Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)-

b) Gross Domestic Product (GDP)-

c) European Union (EU)-

d) European Monetary Union (EMU)-

2. Summarize the demographic changes listed in ISTAT's 2018 Annual Report. What are the trends? (pp. 3-4). What impact do you think these demographic changes/ trends could have on work and the economy in Italy? Write a minimum of 7-10 sentences.

3. Summarize Italy's current economic landscape and labor market (GDP & productivity growth, purchasing power & disposable income, investments, public debt, employment vs. unemployment). How do these conditions compare to other major European countries? (pp. 4-7 in ISTAT's 2018 Annual Report & the 2020 European Semester Country Report- Italy). What recommendations would you propose to improve Italy's economy and labor market? Write a minimum of 10-12 sentences.