Piano di Zona is a strategic planning tool which aims to realize an integrated systems of measures and social services into Lodi area. Its authorities are constituted by 62 municipalities of the Province of Lodi, Azienda Speciale Consortile del Lodigiano per i servizi alla persona (consortium of Municipalities) has been appointed as lead body. In particular, Piano di Zona has functions like organization, coordination and assessment, in the field of educational and social services. These duties are practiced through:
- system services and economic planning
- development of technical proposal to create social services network
- introduction of a social quality approach

Planning functions are headed up by political bodies, **Mayor Assembly** and **Piano di Zona Institutional group**, with technical support of **Ufficio di Piano** and **Technical Group**.

**Mayor Assembly** is composed by the mayors of all municipalities of Lodi province and it has the following tasks:
- Appointing 3 Districts Presidents
- Monitoring the achievement of Piano di zona objectives
- Updating annual priorities coherently with the triennial plan and the available resources
- Ratifying economic and financial plan

**Piano di Zona Institutional group** is constituted by: Mayor of Lodi, 3 Districts Presidents, one mayor for each District, Province president, Presidents of Aziende Speciali (affiliated companies), Caritas Director, a delegate of Third sector, a representative of Lodi School District.
It carries out specific functions:
- Coordinating management and organizational decisions on the political level
- Monitoring the implementation of measures
- Evaluating technical proposals of Ufficio di Piano

**Technical Group** is the operating arm of political bodies above mentioned and it has the task of microplanning. Technical group is coordinated by Ufficio di Piano Manager who works side by side with Social Services Directors.

Finally, **Ufficio di Piano** plans and coordinate the implementation of social care measures and it develops proposals which have to be evaluated by political bodies.