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## Varese to merge with Como, Lecco and Monza

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**Varese with Como, Lecco and Monza.** This is the proposal of the **Council for Local Autonomies (CLA)**, which is chaired by the President of Milan Province, **Guido Podestà**, and which is made up of all of the presidents of the other provinces in Lombardy. As Podestà stated in an article published today, Wednesday 26 September, in the newspaper **Corriere della Sera**, the proposal has been drawn up by the council, and is a suggestion of how Lombardy might be divided up, following the parameters based on a government law: at least 350,000 inhabitants and an area of 2500 km<sup>2</sup>. *(see photo: the new map, drawn by Corriere della Sera)*

And according to the CLA map, this is how the subdivision will be done. **Milan** will become a metropolitan area; **Pavia, Bergamo and Brescia** will remain unchanged. Despite not respecting legal parameters, an exclusion from the law will be requested for **Mantova and Sondrio**, because of the structures of their provinces; **Lodi and Cremona** will be united; and a super-province will be created in the north west of Lombardy, consisting, namely, of **Varese, Como, Lecco and Monza**. This will become a sort of very large, Pedemontana area, with a very irregular structure, the unification of which **will satisfy the legal parameters**. According to Podestà, it was not possible to request other exclusions for Varese, **there were not sufficient grounds** for the independence of a province that, according to the conditions established, is too small.

Now, the next stage **will be on 2 October**, when the Council for Local Autonomies is meeting. On that day, **the final proposal should be produced, which the Region will then present to Rome**. It is difficult to say now whether the indications of individual councils in Varese Province, such as Busto Arsizio and Saronno (who want to join the “metropolitan area”), will be accepted.

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