

'Fresh air, no delinquency', the Italian region paying people to move in

Molise, a **sparsely** populated region of southern Italy, is so off the radar that many Italians joke that Molise doesn't exist.

sparsely 稀疏地; 贫乏地

rebut 反驳; 拒绝

But proud locals have **rebutted** the slight with their own saying: "Molise exists and resists."

"I would add something else to what has become our mantra – 'Molise convinces', " Donato Toma, president of the region, told the Guardian.

Toma is trying to convince people to come and live in Italy's second smallest region — a mountainous territory with a population of 305, 000 that came into existence only in 1963, when it was **relinquished** by the neighbouring Abruzzo.

relinquish 放弃; 废除

entice 引诱; 怂恿

He is **enticing** them with cash: newcomers will get €700 (£624) a month for three years in return for settling in a village at risk of dying out.

Of course, as with anything that sounds too good to be true, there are one or two **caveats**. But before we get to those, Toma makes the case.

caveat 警告

small print 附属细则

"We offer **tranquility**, no **delinquency**, fresh air, the purest water and a clean environment," he said. "The people are very welcoming. You can leave your front door open and car unlocked with the keys inside without worrying ... children can play freely in the streets."

tranquility 宁静; 安静

delinquency 犯罪; 违法

Now for the **small print**: people who are given the monthly "residents income" must migrate to a town with fewer than 2, 000 people and open a business. The business can be anything, while those who work remotely will also be welcomed so long as they prove they are contributing to the economy.