



**ISPRA**

Istituto Superiore per la Protezione  
e la Ricerca Ambientale

**Delegation from Korean Parliamentary  
League on Children, Population and  
Environment  
with  
the Republic of Korea Embassy in Italy  
and  
the Italian National Institute for  
Environmental Protection and Research**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Meeting November 5<sup>TH</sup> , 2015**

**ISPRA, Via Vitaliano Brancati 48 – 00144 Roma**



ISPRA

Italian National Institute for Environmental  
Protection and Research

# The Italian environmental policy

## 1. At the supranational level

- Italy's environmental policies have been largely shaped within the framework of the EU, though in some cases, Italian environmental policy anticipated EU requirements.
- Multilateral environmental agreements have also influenced policy and legal developments.
- The European Union *acquis communautaire* provided unifying guidance for strengthening Italy's environmental legislation, thus bringing the Italian environmental regulations closer to EU requirements.
- The transposition of EU Directives has often been late and has not resulted in a coherent and comprehensive body of environmental legislation.



ISPRA

Italian National Institute for Environmental  
Protection and Research

## 2. At the national level: the key - players

- ❖ Since 1986 the **Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS / MATTM)** is the main governmental body in charge of :
  - **regulations**
  - **co-ordination and control.**
- ❖ During the last decade, economic growth in Italy has been experiencing the most severe recession of the last half century. Weak growth has reduced many environmental pressures.
- ❖ MATTM annual budget was heavily decreased, despite its responsibilities have been extended over the years (in **2006** the **protection of marine waters**).
- ❖ MATTM is supported by highly specialised actors, including:
  - the **Department of the Marine Environment of Harbours and Coast Guard**;
  - the **Carabinieri Corps for environmental protection**, an environmental unit of the national military police at the disposal of MATTM;
  - the **State Forestry Corps** (Corpo Forestale dello Stato), an autonomous unit of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry and
  - **ISPRA.**



ISPRA

Italian National Institute for Environmental  
Protection and Research

## 3. At the sub national level.

- ❖ **Regions and lower level of administration** important role in **environmental policy development.**
  - Many environment-related plans, such as land use, air quality and waste management as well as energy and transport, were developed by the regions.
  - In some cases such initiatives preceded the requirements set at the national level and anticipated the developments adopted at the EU level.
  - Several initiatives are launched by **municipalities**, responsible for the local environment. They include air pollution, water and waste services or green areas management. City-oriented solutions, such as the efforts of Rome or Milan metropolitan areas to reduce urban traffic, may help to address acute environmental problems.
- ❖ **Key role of regional and local administrations in environmental management.**
  - they issue permits that adapt, in a regional context, objectives determined through national legislation; monitor environmental performance; also define priorities for environmental action; introduce specific policy instruments, carry out investment programmes and respond to no-compliance.

## 3. At the sub national level.

- ❖ **Key role of regional and local administrations in environmental management.**
  - they issue permits that adapt, in a regional context, objectives determined through national legislation;
  - monitor environmental performance;
  - define priorities for environmental action;
  - introduce specific policy instruments;
  - carry out investment programmes and
  - respond to no-compliance.



**ISPRA**

Italian National Institute for Environmental  
Protection and Research

## The “National System” ISPRA – ARPA - APPA

- An elaborate system of regional environmental agencies which comprises ISPRA (co-ordinator) and all ARPAs/APPAs, supports sub-national administrations.
- It includes 19 Regional Environmental Protection Agencies (ARPAs) and two provincial agencies for the Autonomous Provinces of Trento and Bolzano (APPAs).
- The System fosters and promotes implementation of national objectives at the regional level and the development of harmonised methodological and operational guidance

## ISPRA Legal Profile

- **ISPRA** is a public research body with technical, scientific, organizational, managerial, administrative and financial autonomy under the vigilance of the **Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, (IMELS)** which provides ISPRA with general guidelines and priorities for the pursuit of its institutional responsibilities
- 2014 / consolidated budget: € 109,5 mln; financial contribution from **IMELS** € 85,2 mln;
- 2014 / permanent staff employed: 1182 - other staff: 149



**ISPRA**

Italian National Institute for Environmental  
Protection and Research

## **ISPRA Key Task and Responsibilities**

- ISPRA is going to be reshaped according to the newly issued **Statute**.

- With reference to the protection of **waters, air, soil, subsoil, marine and terrestrial biodiversity**, ISPRA fields of activities are:

**A) research and experimentation**

**B) Cognitive, control, monitoring and evaluation activities**

**C) strategic consulting and technical-scientific assistance to the Ministry of the Environment**

**D) information dissemination, education and training, including post-graduate education**



## Organisation: Bodies of ISPRA

- **President** (strategic coordination of institutional and international relations; coordination, monitoring and evaluation of research).
- **Board of Directors** (planning and programming of the activities)
- **Board of Auditors** (the controlling body)
- **Scientific Council**
- **Independent Body for the Performance Evaluation**
- **Director General** (ISPRA general management; implementation of Board of Directors' resolutions; information, communication; data harmonization and reporting; Office for Relations with the Public).

# ISPRA Structure

- **Technical Scientific Structure**, including:
  - A) Department for environmental evaluation, monitoring and sustainability;
  - B) Department for the Geological Survey of Italy
  - C) Department for environment monitoring and protection and for the conservation of biodiversity
  - D) National Center for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection.
- **Administrative and Managerial Structure**, including:
  - E) Department for Human Resources and General Affairs

Thank you for your attention

**[enrico.dezorzi@isprambiente.it](mailto:enrico.dezorzi@isprambiente.it)**

For any further information, please  
visit ISPRA official web site:

**[www.isprambiente.gov.it](http://www.isprambiente.gov.it)**

(English version available)