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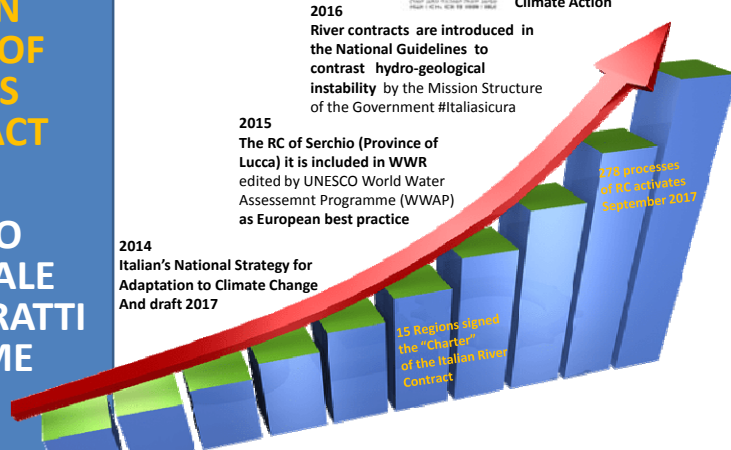
GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION VOLUNTARY TOOLS FOR LOCAL ADAPTATION: THE POTENTIAL OF RIVER CONTRACTS

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ABOUT THE ITALIAN BOARD OF RIVER'S CONTRACT

TAVOLO NAZIONALE DEI CONTRATTI DI FIUME



570 processes of RC activated September 2017

15 Regions signed the "Charter" of the Italian River Contract

2007
Establishment of Italian Board of River's Contract
Diffusion still limited to the north regions

2010
Adoption of the "Charter" of the Italian River Contract

2014
Working Group for the methodological integration and institutional recognition of RC

2015-12-03
Definition and quality requirements of river contracts

2015-28-12
Legal recognition of RC
Art. 68 bis
Dlgs152/06

2016
River contracts are introduced in the National Guidelines to contrast hydro-geological instability by the Mission Structure of the Government #Italiasicura

2016
Participation at COP22 Marrakech, RC for a Global Climate Action

2015
The RC of Serchio (Province of Lucca) it is included in WWR edited by UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) as European best practice

2014
Italian's National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change And draft 2017

National Observatory for RC
collaboration of Italian Board of River's contract with Ministry of the Environment - MATTM

**PREVENTING
AND
ANTICIPATING
ANY**

**CONFLICT IN
THE USE AND
MANAGEMENT
OF WATER**

River contracts respond to the need for introducing new forms of governance that are addressed by European directives and guidelines for the public administration to implement **integrated management of water, land and landscape in a shared and subsidiary manner.**



River contracts may be also usefull as a tool for implementing climate adaptation action plans at regional and local level

with a significant participation of private and civil sectors

They allow the set up of public-private-partnership (PPP) - public non-state governments, private sector and civil society cooperate for implementing local and specific **measures enhancing territorial resilience by introducing a “new deal” to public adaptation policy** (Cop 22, Side Event on RC, Marrakech, November 9th 2016)

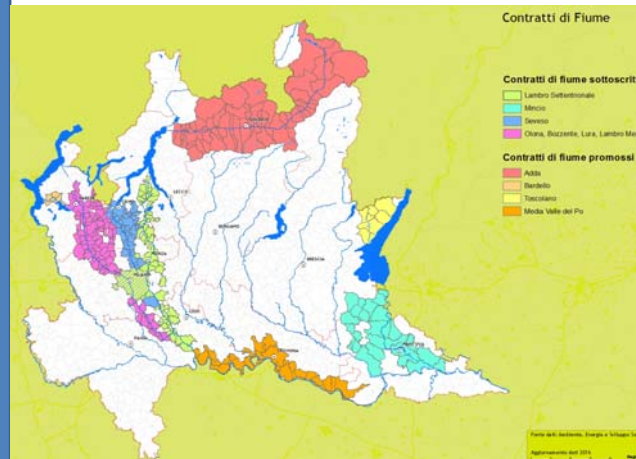


River contracts in Lombardy:

THE 4 RIVER
CONTRACTS
TODAY
SUBSCRIBED
INVOLVING
213
MUNICIPALITIES

AND MANY
HUNDREDS OF
LOCAL ACTORS

Up to now the experience of River Contracts has allowed to local communities to **share a patrimony of information and to integrate them with the scientific expertise**. As an example in CR of the Seveso, a flood map has been created where modification of urban permeability has been simulated with the aim of an improving of the resilience of the territory together with the citizens



.....any action
program include
measures of
information,
training and
awareness
raising
addressed to
practitioners,
schools and
local
communities

Since 2003 in a West-African country, **Burkina Faso**, on the river **Sourou** a **River Contract** has **been activated**, under the scientific and technical supervision of a team of expert from Wallonia (Belgium). An agreement have been signed through the RC, between village administrators and about 1,000 local farmers for the sustainable management of the river.



The approach of the Italian's River contracts through the EIP-Water A. G. "Smart Rivers Governance" in 2016 has been applied in Moldova



**Moldova CEE Project SMARIGO:
R.C. for Botna and Prut river basins**



CLOSING REMARKS

"In water management river contracts are acquiring a more relevant role that can grow even more in the coming years"

Concertation and consensus are key factors in river contracts as well as in climate adaptation strategies

By acceding to the R.C. **local communities decide their own future on management of water resources considering long-term effects of climate change.**

If we want to achieve positive results toward a more sustainable future, we have to choose a bottom-up course of action, founded on a constructive and ascending public participation

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