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13.00-15.00

Italy Pavillon

Global Climate Action – “Water” Day

Voluntary tools for local adaptation: the potential of PPP such as river contracts

River contracts practice has been introduced in France and Belgium and is particularly spreading in Italy where the national environmental law has recently recognized and endorsed a widespread use of this successful instrument. The application of river contracts for managing water and the surrounding territories as well as involving the wide range of stakeholders related to water topic, or affected by management choices, provides significant opportunities for the implementation of adaptation strategies and plans on the local level that deserve to be explored.

The side event aims to introduce Public-Private Partnership (PPP), such as river contracts, as policy instruments supported by Governments at different levels ranging from national to territorial, provide some concrete examples of application in national and transboundary territories and establish a sound link between adaptation actions and river contracts. A particular attention will be devoted also the stakeholders to be involved and their role in the process of adapting to climate changes in local/regional bottom up initiatives. The event aims at giving visibility to the practice of PPP and in particular river contracts to an international audience, identifying the key messages for non-state policy makers that could be learned from the experiences to be illustrated, and finding international and political partnerships for promoting a global implementation of the tool also in other world regions.

Speakers:

Mario MAZZOCCA, Undersecretary of Abruzzo Region

Paolo ANGELINI, Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Head of Delegation to the Alpine Convention

Gabriela SCANU, Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Focal Point for the National Board of River Contracts

Elena STEFANONI, Consultant for Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS) - FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Massimo BASTIANI, River Contracts Italian National Board – Action Group Smart River Network – EIP Water

Iris FLACCO, Abruzzo Region

Piero PELIZZARO, Climalia

Piero DI CARLO, University "G. D'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara

Ercole CAUTI, Metron Group

Lahcen TAIQUI, University Abdelmalek Essaadi, Tétouan, Morocco

Arnaud CORTECUISSSE, Water Agency region Artois-Picardie, France

Lorenzo COZZI, FLA – Fondazione Lombardia Ambiente

Luca CETARA, Eurac Research – Consultant for the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS)

Andrea BIANCHINI, Eurac Research – Consultant for the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS)



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Agenda

Welcome addresses

Mario **MAZZOCCA**, Undersecretary of Abruzzo Region

Paolo **ANGELINI**, Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Head of Delegation to the Alpine Convention

Gabriela **SCANU**, Italian Ministry for the Environment Land and Sea, Focal point for the National Board of River Contracts

Keynote speeches

Massimo **BASTIANI**, River Contracts Italian National Board – Action Group Smart River Network – EIP Water; Andrea **BIANCHINI**, Eurac Research – IMELS consultant _ The river contract: concept, utilisation, potential

Iris **FLACCO**, Abruzzo Region _ PPP and local adaptation to climate change in light of non-state actors' adaptation strategies

Round table session: the regional experience with river contracts and the expected economic and social benefits

Chairman: Luca **CETARA**, Eurac Research - IMELS consultant

How was the river contract tool applied in your territory, which territorial demands was it expected to meet?

Piero **DI CARLO**, University "G. D'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara

Elena **STEFANONI**, IMELS consultant - FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Lahcen **TAIQUI**, University Abdelmalek Essaadi, Tétouan, Morocco

Arnaud **CORTECUISSE**, Water Agency region Artois-Picardie, France

Was the issue of climate change adaptation and in particular the local implementation of adaptation plans addressed in your experience?

Lorenzo **COZZI**, FLA – Fondazione Lombardia Ambiente

Piero **DI CARLO**, University "G. d'Annunzio" of Chieti-Pescara

Piero **PELIZZARO**, Climalia

Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of river contracts through new policies and actions: how might it happen according to the experience of your organisation or territorial government?

Elena **STEFANONI**, Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea - FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations



*Lahcen **TAIQUI**, University Abdelmalek Essaadi, Tétouan, Morocco*

Which stakeholders (traditionally without any significant function neither in river basin management nor in increasing resilience) can become significant players if river contracts or other PPP are to be systematically applied? With which benefits for the society at large?

*Ercole **CAUTI**, Metron Group*

*Lorenzo **COZZI**, FLA – Fondazione Lombardia Ambiente*

*Arnaud **CORTECUISSÉ**, Water Agency region Artois-Picardie, France*

*Iris **FLACCO**, Abruzzo Region*

Conclusions and policy perspectives

Which experiences can be shared in new regions? How complex would a transfer be?

What is needed under the points of view of, respectively, policymakers and stakeholders to enhance the diffusion of river contracts as novel tools for climate policies?

*Mario **MAZZOCCA**, Undersecretary of Abruzzo Region _ Key messages for policy makers*

Final output: key messages for non-state policy makers for river contracts implementation as tools for adaptation to climate change at local/regional level