Follow-up project to the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus Assessment in the Drina River Basin
Sarajevo 25-26 June 2018

River Contracts: Italian experience

Francesco Puma - Massimo Bastiani

Italian National Board of River Contracts

Smart Rivers Network AG, EIP – Water
2007
Establishment for Italian Board of River Contracts
Diffusion still limited to the north regions

2010
“Charter” of River Contracts

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 contract was introduced in the National Guidelines to contrast hydro-geological instability by the Mission Structure of the Government #Italiasicura

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

2016-12-03
National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change And draft 2017

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

2015
National Observatory for RC collaboration of Italian Board of River contracts with Ministry of the Environment - MATTM

2014
National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change

2014-06
River contract was introduced in the National Guidelines to contrast hydro-geological instability by the Mission Structure of the Government #Italiasicura

2014-06
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 Participation at COP22 Marrakech, RC for a Global Climate Action
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 useful 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.
The approach of the Italian’s River contracts through the EIP-Water A. G. “Smart Rivers Governance” in 2016 has been applied in Moldova.
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.
Key aspect 1

• Need for a clear language

• River contracts such as more detailed plans supplementing water management plans

• The need to start the processes must be shared by everyone

• Identification of networking and mapping the stakeholders

• Create a real space for participation and make a knowledge system
Key aspect 2

- Active citizenship
- Clear, shared and demanding results
- Signing of contract and approval of the action program
- Continuity of the participation of the various actors
- The question of times
Piave River Contract
http://www.contrattodifiumepiave.it

Adda River Contract
Thank you for your attention

Francesco Puma
francesco.puma@me.com

Massimo Bastiani
m.bastiani@ecoazioni.it