

Progress in the ratification process

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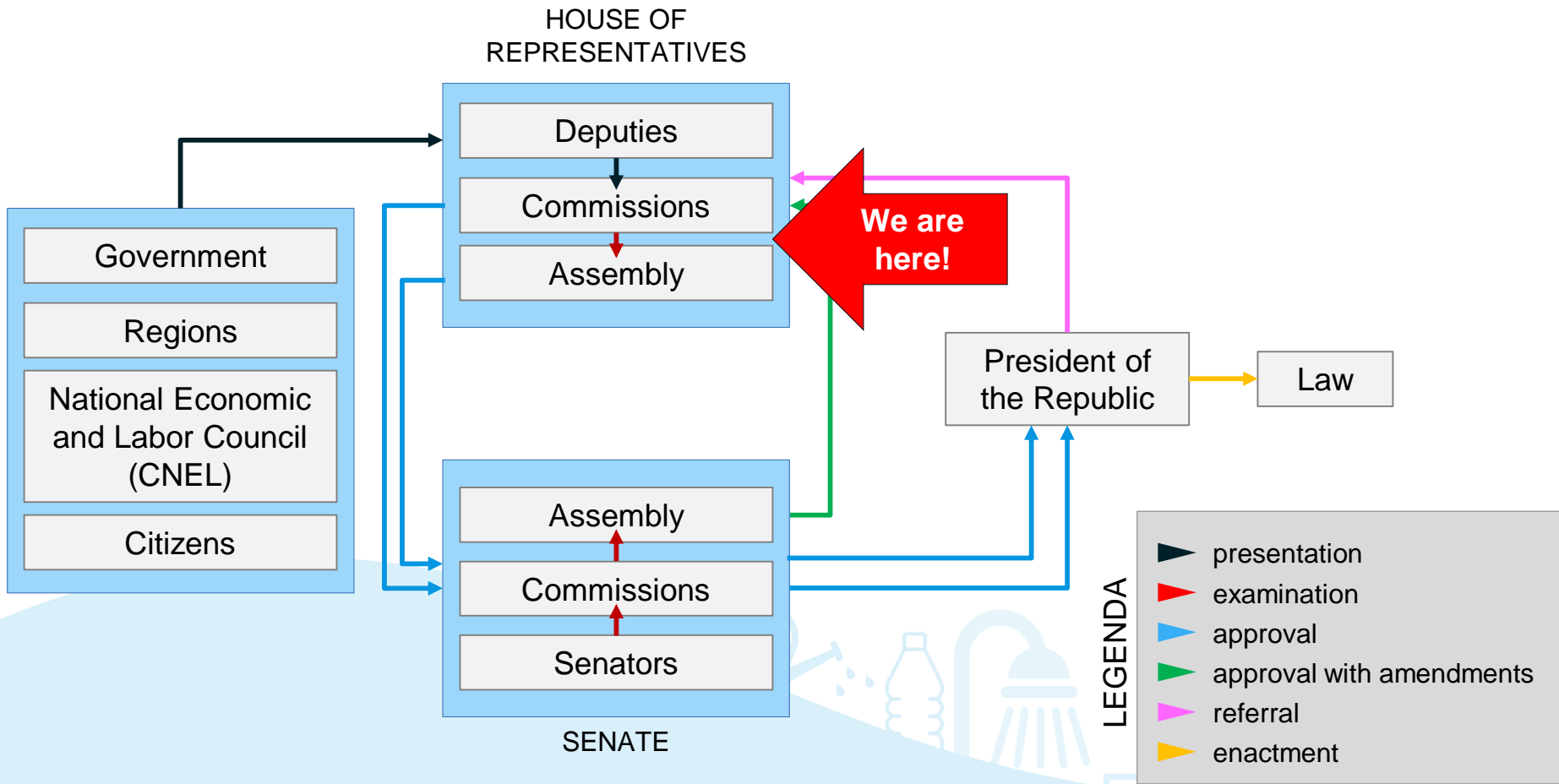
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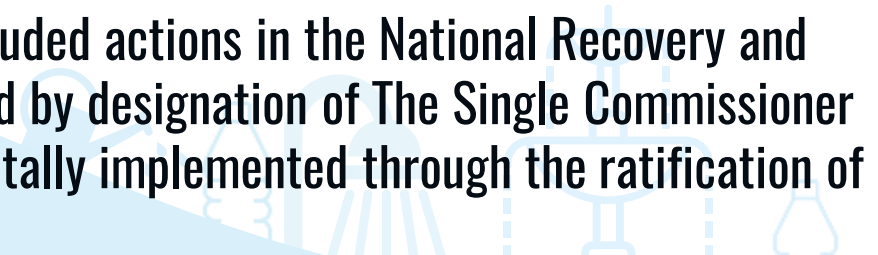
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1. Progress made since 2022

- a) Participation of Italy in the GLAAS survey 2021-2022
- b) Start the redefinition of the water regulatory landscape (Legislative decree n.18, 23 February 2023 - mandatory implementation of WSPs for all drinking water managers)
- c) Investment about *Health, Environment, Biodiversity and Climate* (PNC-PNRR): PREV-A-2022-12377034 – “Water, Climate and Health: from protecting Environmental Resources, Access to Water, and Security of Use (ACeS)”
- d) The bill “Ratification and Implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, done at London June 17, 1999” has been submitted for consideration in the House of Representatives on November 10th 2023 - the examination, which has been concluded, has received favorable opinions and is currently in report status.



2. Lessons learnt for future work

- In Italy, at the moment, **neither constitution or other law recognize water and sanitation as human rights**. Nevertheless, measures related to WASH are generally applicable to the whole population.
 - There is a **need of a coordination mechanism to collect WASH data**. WASH data are used for decisions on sanitation, drinking water and health. Challenges are digitizing much of the data available and a coordination among environmental and health agencies in some areas.
 - The national sanitation strategy (included actions in the National Recovery and Resilience Plan) has been accelerated by designation of The Single Commissioner for Sanitation; the strategy will be totally implemented through the ratification of the Water and Health Protocol.
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3. Plans for future work in this area

- Collection of significant data through participation in the next GLAAS survey
- Involvement of relevant institutional sectors of the WASH area in the establishment of the *Permanent National Water and Health Commission*
- Establishment of criteria, methods and objectives for ratification of the protocol
- Support in the Global workshop on climate, jointly with Water Convention (possibly hosting) (March 2025)
- Work planned concerning area 5 will be described in tomorrow presentation (item 12), joint with Netherland





Thank you for your attention!

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