

My experience



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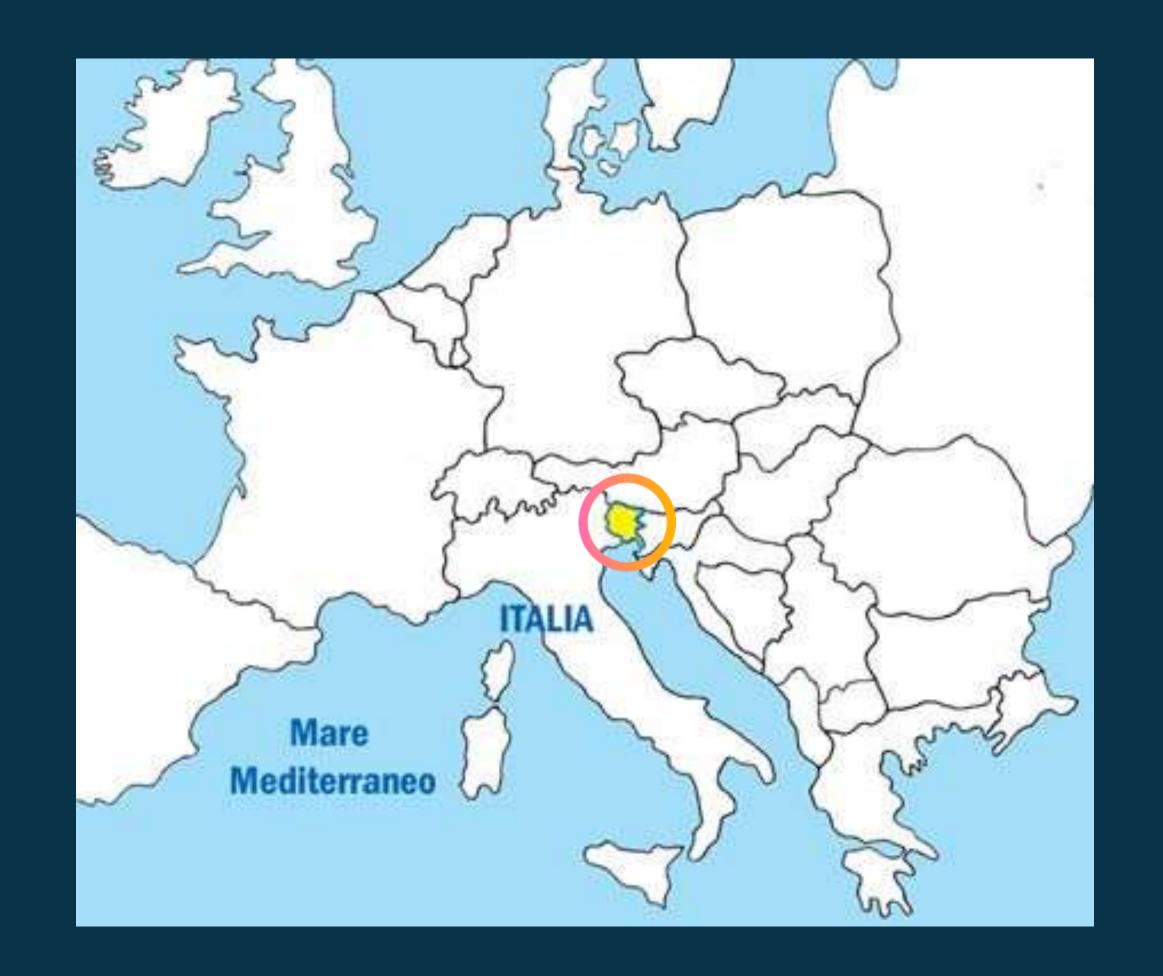
- The Water Services Regulation Authority;
- Entities managing water services (in-house contractors, consortium between local authorities, special enterprises);
- Land reclamation authorities;
- Local entities (municipalities), associates and in-house contractors;
- Environmentalist associations and water service users;
- Companies;
- Citizens.

Legal aid in drawing up sector Plans

Where I am from

Friuli Venezia Giulia

- Ground water
- River streams
- Coastal lagoons
- Karst territory
- Valchiusan springs
- Winter snow
- Hydropower plants
- Artificial lakes



Large river basins in Central Europe

- Underground water
- Risk of droughts and floods
 - Waterpower plants
- Irrigation and land remediation
 - Outdated water networks
- Alternative uses of the territory

Organization of integrated water services in Italy

<u>Before</u>: municipalities managed the services directly, also through entities appointed directly

After: the Water Services Regulation Authority (Autorità d'Ambito) is formed, and services are managed externally; municipalities participate in such entity

Services are carried out by "in-house entities", and municipalities are also involved

Challenges:

- Politics is involved in the territorial authority
- Politics is involved in management companies

According to EU regulations, water services should be exclusively managed by public entities

Information, access, participation

Basin planning is carried out by technicians and general participation is only virtual and encouraged at a later stage, and therefore uneffective

- Water policy is crucial and needs to be integrated in any decisionmaking process and aligned to any other interests
- Decisions should be participated and shared
- Water governance needs to be as independent as possible from politics
- Public authorities need to educate and encourage such choices, even when perceived as difficult or unpopular

