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Professional Support for the Blue Deal**



Overcoming legal challenges  
in the implementation of  
the Blue Deal

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## My experience

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## Assistance provided in:

- **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- **Outdated water networks**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

Before: 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 ineffective**

- **Water policy is crucial and needs to be integrated in any decision-making 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**





**Thanks for your  
attention!**