

Sustainable Rivers: Bridging Local and European Initiatives

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From global strategies to the local activism: the river contracts as community activators

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Climate change is highlighting our vulnerability and exposure to risks Water is one of the most critical issues

Out of 1,855 extreme weather events between 2010 and 2023, 67% had water resources as the protagonist.

Hydrogeological instability in Italy over the past 40 years has led economic damage estimated at more than 51 bn

In Italy more than 8 million people live in high hazard areas

28% of the national territory is at risk of desertification

Impervious or artificial areas in Europe averages 5% while in Italy it exceeds 7%

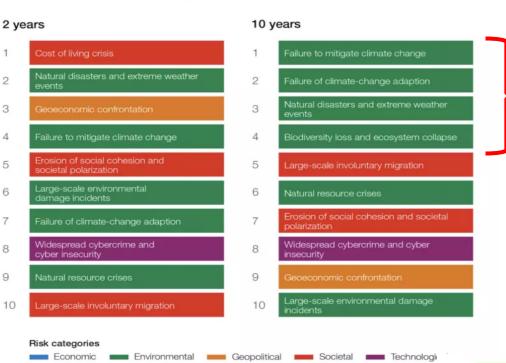
With 4 years to 2027, the ecological status of our rivers is 57% still below good

Figure A | Global risks ranked by severity over the short and long term

Global Risks Report 2023

Top 10 Risks

"Please estimate the likely impact (severity) of the following risks over a 2-year and 10-year period"





WORLD ECONOMIC

FORUM

River Contracts to share and manage water territories with communities

Communities exist insofar as they are based on the reappropriation of the ethical dimension of dwelling, of being "familiar with the world," of "being there to care." (Heidegger M. 1962)

Among the issues that, more than others, can act as community aggregators and/or give rise to community projects is certainly that of water, which has always been a matrix of civilization but also of great conflicts.

River Contracts start from the assumption that the quality of common and public goods benefits everyone and their deterioration penalizes everyone, so local communities cannot be excluded from direct responsibility and management of natural resources such as rivers, lakes or seas.

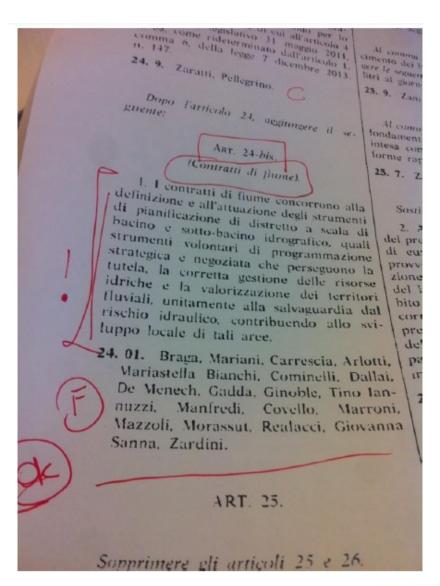




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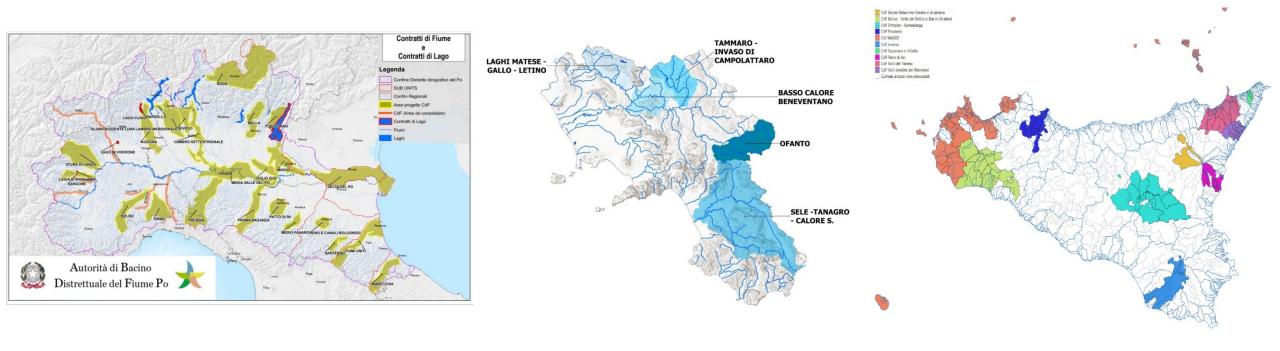


In 2015, River Contracts in Italy are embedded in the Environmental Code (DLGS152/06) ART. 68 BIS and national guidelines are drafted.





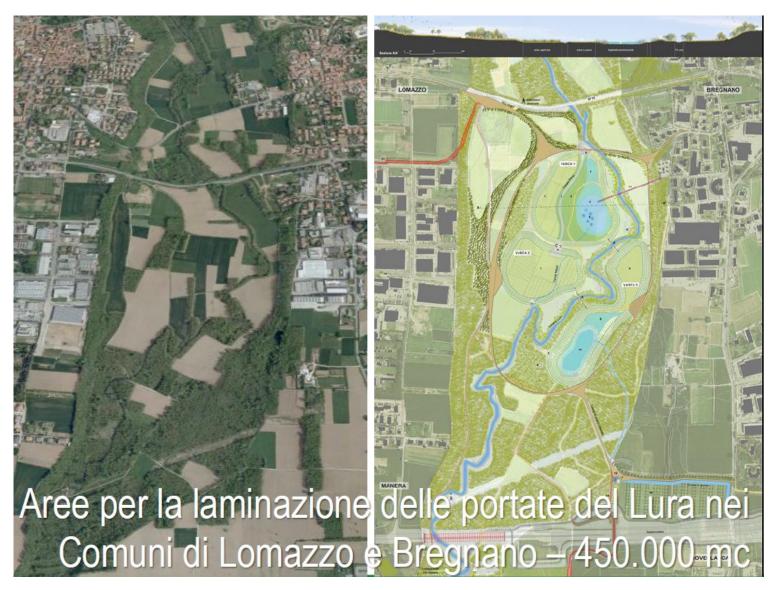
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- More than 200 River Contracts activated of which 80 have been signed
- All Basin Management Plans, drawn up by the District Basin Authorities contain references to River Contracts and most of the Regions and Autonomous Provinces have legislated on River Contracts
- The River Contracts are introduced in the Partnership Agreement (Italy European Commission), Cohesion Policy 2021-27, in the final version, dated June 10, 2022
- In March 2023, a Commitment on River Contracts was submitted by (Italian Ministry of the Environment) MASE, at the United Nations, at the Second World Conference on Water (New York)



What River Contracts can do: Lombardy





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CdF del Torrente Seveso – Interventi Parco Nord (Cormano – Bresso) (M. Clerici 2015)



What River Contracts Can Do: Tuscany





Giving value to investments with the contribution of private entities. The Province of Lucca's case of farmers "guardians of the Territory": Interventions carried out with 70% public investment and 30% direct farm labor

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TITOLO PROGETTO:

"Custodia del Territorio" : Agricoltori Custodi del Fiume

OBIETTIVI

Il territorio fluviale e quello circostante, comprese le aree più marginali, è ben mantenuto, pulito e le opere idrauliche presenti hanno uno stato di funzionalità e manutenzione buona grazie ai costanti investimenti in attività di prevenzione e manutenzione delle opere idrauliche esistenti che svolgono così a pieno la loro fondamentale funzione di sostenere, come una spina dorsale tutto il nostro fragile territorio montano

ATTIVITA'

Le aziende agricole (I.A.P., cooperative agricolo forestali, coltivatori diretti) convenzionate con l'Ente svolgono attività di presidio del territorio, opere di manutenzione, mettono in atto un attento e controllato piano di taglio della vegetazione pericolosa degli alvei, e svolgono ripulitura della vegetazione infestante.

PROMOZIONE O ATTUAZIONE DEL PROGETTO

Comprensorio di Bonifica n.4 "Valle del Serchio"

RISORSE

Quota parte della contribuenza dei cittadini (Ruolo di Contribuenza), Fondi Ministeriali e fondi europei

STATO PROGETTAZIONE

Definitiva

CdF Serchio – Agricoltori custodi del territorio



What River Contracts Can Do: Lazio - Marche









CdF Fiastrone lago di Fiastra Reduce plastic strategy



CdF Tevere e CdF Aniene – Barrplastic-catching barriers

The campaigns of the Tavolo Nazional dei Contratti di Fiume





Girl's and boy's River Contract

Women of Water



Il Tavolo Nazionale dei Contratti di Fiume: strengthening of River Contracts (2023-2024



18 regional assemblies of the River Contracts May to December 2023)
12th Convention of the tavolo Nazionale dei Contratti di Fiume held in Naples on December 18-19, 2023

Position and Proposal Document (PPP) 2024 approved by the TNCdF Steering Committee (April 19, 2024)

- Strengthen the role of River Contracts in Sustainable Development Strategies (national and regional) and Climate Change Adaptation Plans
- Embed participatory master plans as a result of CoFs within spatial regeneration programs
- Implement the Strategies and Action Programs of the signed River Contracts
- Support Public Private Partnerships, work and skilled employment in River Contracts through available
 EU instruments (PN Capacity for Cohesion 2021-2027, Development and Cohesion Fund (FSC) and
 National Strategic Plan (NSP)...

TNCdF since 2007 a contribution to the activation and mobilization of local communities...



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