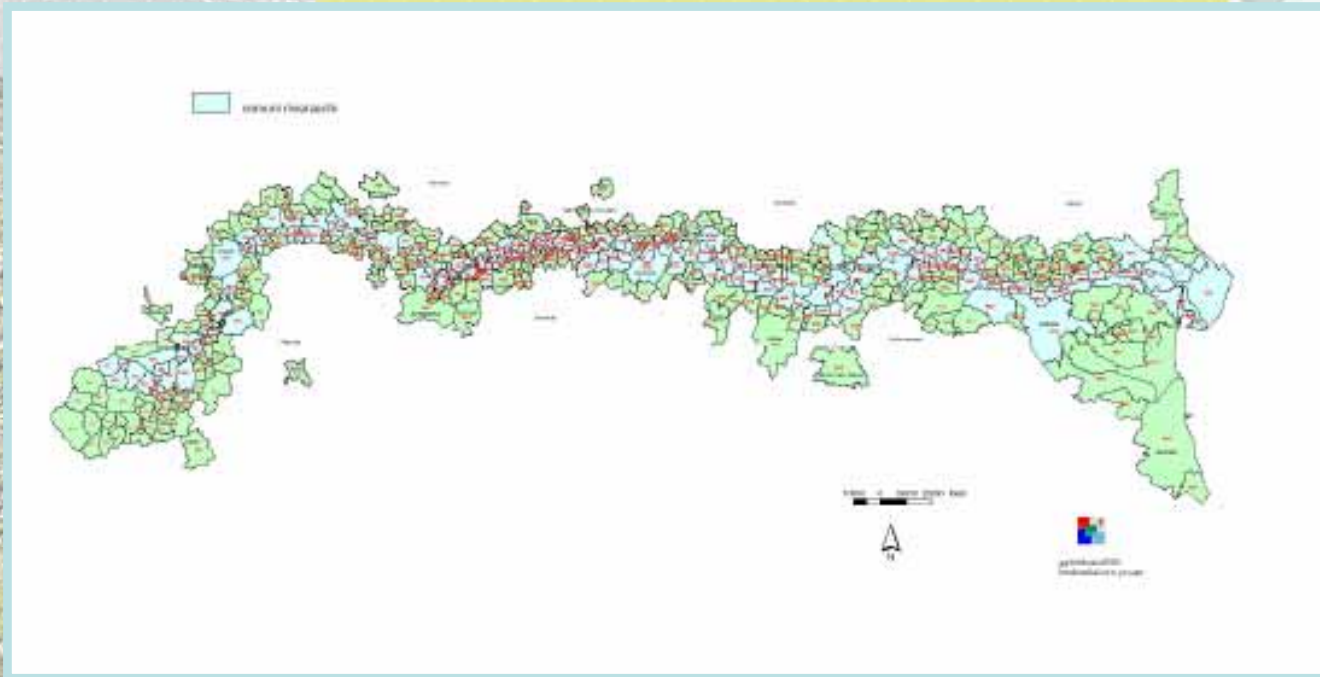


The Basin of Po: a complex system composed of different public Bodies



4 REGIONI

*Piemonte,
Lombardia,
Emilia-Romagna
Veneto*

13 PROVINCE

*Cuneo, Torino, Alessandria, Vercelli
Lodi, Pavia, Cremona, Mantova
Piacenza, Parma, Reggio Emilia, Ferrara
Rovigo*

Circa 475 COMUNI



Collaboration among public Bodies

- Padania system's complexity needs a collaboration among public Bodies
- This collaboration has to be founded on a common vision of river Po's future and on the whole territorial system connected to it.
- Moreover, it needs a common action strategy.

The Conference of River Po's Provinces

- Since 1992, River Po's Provinces have gathered themselves in a conference in order to coordinate their own territorial policies of development and protection and to present themselves in a coordinated way to other public Bodies

Milestones

- 1988 Convention “Rivers Po, Adige, Arno and Tevere. Provincial Administrations and the future of their rivers”
- 1992 Foundation of River Po Provinces' Conference
- 1999 Plan Agreement of tourism development of River Po
- 2005 Agreement Protocol between Authority of the River Po basin and the Provinces of the River

Agreement Protocol between Provinces-Authority of Basin

Protocol follows two directions:

- Arrangement of what all the members have already defined in their pwn programs
- Definition of an organic idea of river Po, collecting all the various activities and visions in a coordinate way.

Aims

- Implementing the Government of River Po Basin ;
- Reducing risk of collapse;
- Enhancing the territory and the fluvial zone
- Protecting water resource;
- Supporting local development in order to improve the quality of life.

NEEDS

- Definition of an unified and integrated program, a master plan *for River Po*, indicating:
 - Aims
 - Tools
 - Members
 - Resources
 - Deadlines
- Coherence of action program with the National Strategic Framework, including the indications of regional, national and Community cohesion policy for the new period of planning.

CURRENT RESULTS

- **Mapping of on-going and completed activities.**
- Realization of data base in order to gather all information concerning on-going and completed activities.
- **Definition of Long-terms Actions Planning “A sustainable future for river Po”**
- Definition of priority actions to realize in 2007-2013 planning period **(Project Downstream of River Po)**
- Connection in the regional policy (CIPE Act of 2007 21st December **implements National Strategic Framework 2007/2013 and addresses euro 180 million to the Project)**
- Realization of information and communication activity during all the process
- Editing of Strategic framework document of Project “Downstream of River Po”
- Editing of Project Document
- Realization of information and communication actions

- The aim is to give to the Parliament material for a perspective reflexion that can answer to answer to VII Committee request. Po's problems cannot be solved without a strong political action

- VIII Parliament Chamber Commission defined an agreement protocol, going besides its contents because it represents the first model of inter-institutional cooperation and a composition of fragmented interests towards common goals.

- *“...The seats where such a long term plan concerning the district of river Po will be defined, can not exclude any of the territorial Bodies representing its citizens, but it is advisable that the Parliament is the place where this great national question finds an organic, modern form adequate to the new model of development that our Country urgently requires”.*
- *(VII Commission of the Chamber of Deputies Meeting of 28 September 2005 - Consultations and legal documentations No 27)*