Monitoring the air quality plans actions: environmental accountability

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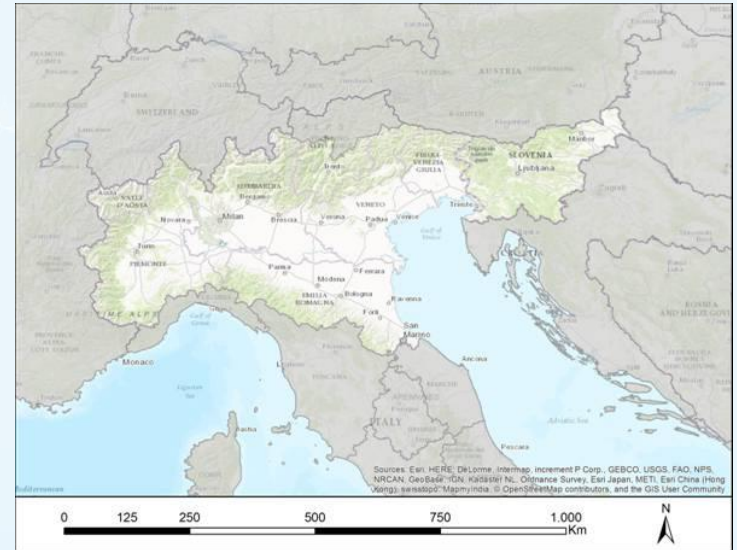
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Prepair Action A2 aims at the preparation of a common data set of actions/measures and of a common system for the periodic upgrading of the actions/measures

The data set will contain a list and quantitative data about all actions/measures planned by the regional/local Air Quality plans and by the PREPAIR project itself
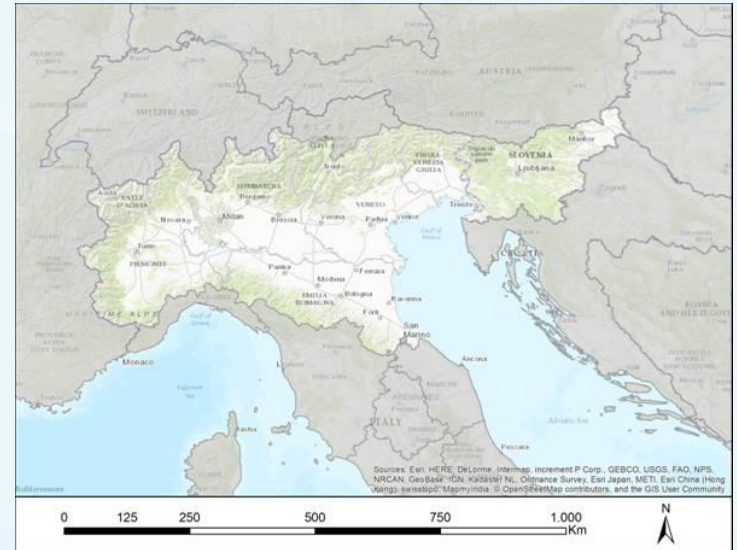
The regional Air Quality plans are the starting point and the main reference policy instrument for preparing and describing policies for Air Quality

PREPAIR aims at the preparation of instruments for managing and monitoring an "Integrated" problem

Integrated, what does it mean?

- Integrating different regional administrations
- Integrating different territories and different policies
- Integrating different administrative levels
- Integrating different sectors

Air Quality plans are very ambitious policy instruments themselves

Air Quality (AQ) plans are to be functional to describe the Air Quality policies.

Air quality policies are to be designed and described according to geographical peculiarities of the territories, main environmental pressure factors, political priorities, etc.

AQ plans include actions connected to:

- Different sectors and/or competent departments within the administration
- Different other sectorial plans
- Planning or regulation processes at different administrative or regulatory levels
- Use of resources from different sources and related planning/programming instruments (UE structural funds, national funds, regional funds, etc.)
- Possible different role of other administrations, or stakeholders

An "integrated" system for managing and monitoring actions included in AQ plans has strong potentialities

Possible functions of an integrated monitoring system

At the Po basin level

- Describing, evaluating and reporting about common policies at the Po Basin level.
- Provide common tools that are functional to all regions
- Aggregation of data and monitoring indicators at different territorial levels.

At regional level

- Describing and managing each action planned by the AQ plan or other planning instruments
- Monitoring implementation, results and effectiveness of actions, and collecting related data
- Enabling communication between different departments and different administrations (regional, local)
- Make the efforts and the results accountable versurs policy makers, stakeholders, citizens.
- Enabling communication, engagement, co-responsibility

PREPAIR A2 Action will produce different tools composing a common managing and monitoring system

Deliverables

- 1 dataset of actions and measures for the Po Valley Region with indicators planned by the regional/local AQPs and by the IP itself and a Monitoring Protocol to evaluate the impact of the measures

- a web based platform for collecting the data for the accountability of measures + technical handbook
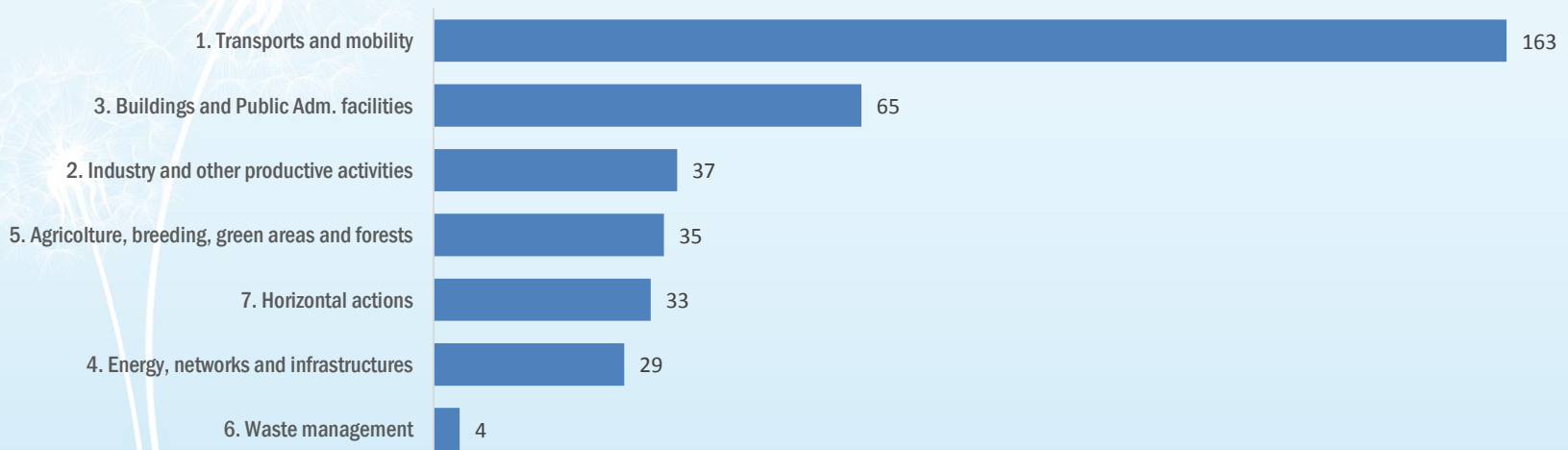
Operational tools to be delivered

- Collection of actions planned through AQ plans

- Common catalogue of actions

- Models for descriptions of measures and actions

- Features for structuring the monitoring of actions

- Catalogue of indicators for monitoring implementation of actions and their results.

- Input data for monitoring environmental impacts

Collecting the common dataset of the actions

OVERALL DATA SET OF ACTIONS

- Actions collected from AQ plans of partner regions + National measures + sub-national measures

- A total of 366 actions composing the current draft of the data set.

Overall dataset of actions - Concentration by sector

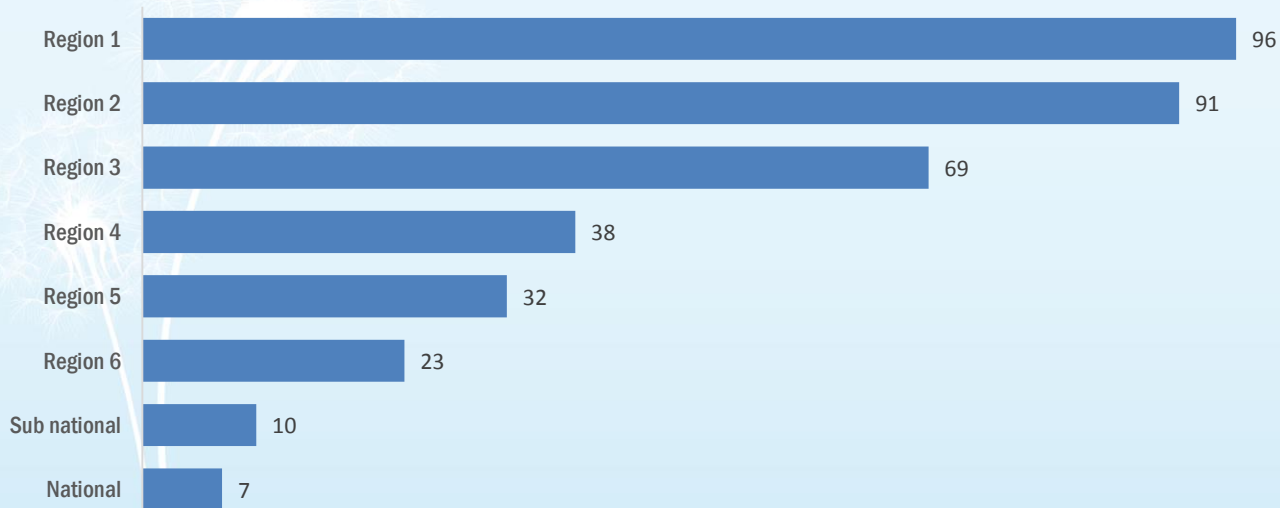| Sector	Value
1. Transports and mobility	163
3. Buildings and Public Adm. facilities	65
2. Industry and other productive activities	37
5. Agricolture, breeding, green areas and forests	35
7. Horizontal actions	33
4. Energy, networks and infrastructures	29
6. Waste management	4

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Territory	Actions
Region 1	96
Region 2	91
Region 3	69
Region 4	38
Region 5	32
Region 6	23
Sub national	10
National	7

Building the common Catalogue of actions

Catalogue structures by

- Sectors (competencies, organization, responsibility of implementation of actions
- Measures (technical purposes of the actions)
- Typologies of actions (policy instrument, level of competence = object of monitoring)

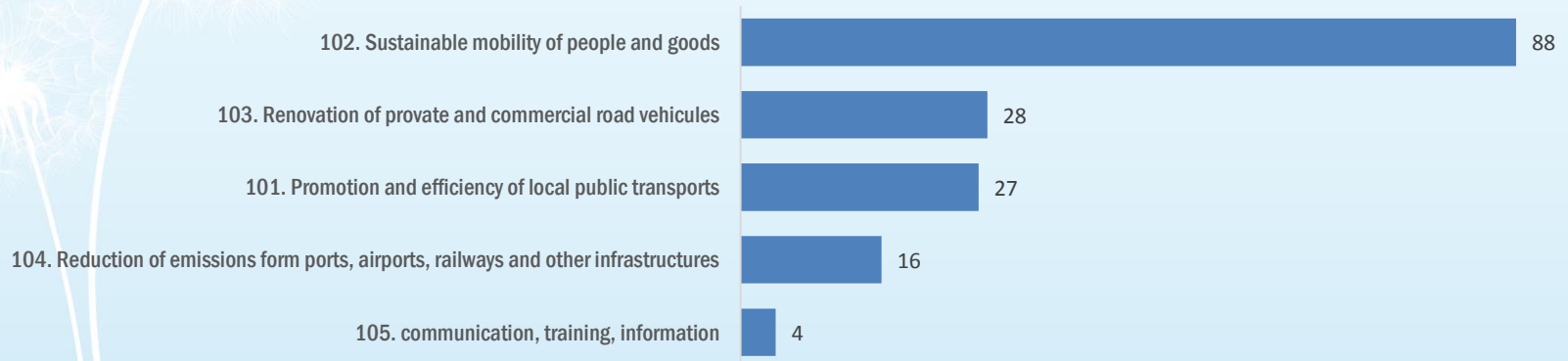| Sector	Measure	Typology of action	Policy instrument	Competent body
3. Buildings and Public Administration facilities	303. Energy and environmental renovation of public buildings	30301. Regional regulatory acts to assure targets of Directive 2012/27/UE	Regulatory act	Region
		30302. Regional regulatory acts aimed at promoting NZEB buildings (new of renovated)	Regulatory act	Region
		30303. Regional regulatory act to assure public posting of buildings energy performance certificates	Regulatory act	Region
		30304. Regional incentives for improvement of energy performance of public buildings or residential public buildings	Public financing act	Region
		30305. Regional incentives for promoting production of thermal energy from not emitting RES	Public financing act	Region
		30306. Regional incentives for promoting production of thermal energy by cogeneration systems	Public financing act	Region
		30306. Regional incentives for promoting connection of public buildings to remote heating systems	Public financing act	Region

Organising the dataset

An example:

distribution of measures of the sector "Transports and mobility"

Currently the sector counts for 163 actions included in the dataset.

Sector "Transports and mobility" - Concentration by measure

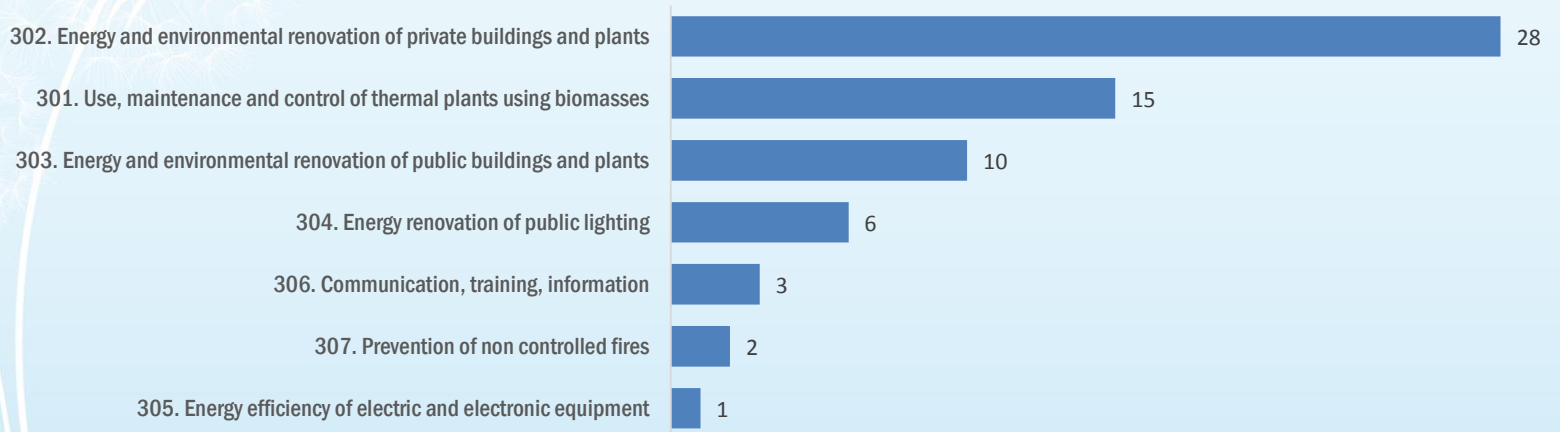| Measure	Count
102. Sustainable mobility of people and goods	88
103. Renovation of provate and commercial road vehicules	28
101. Promotion and efficiency of local public transports	27
104. Reduction of emissions form ports, airports, railways and other infrastructures	16
105. communication, training, information	4

Organising the dataset

An example: distribution of measures of the sector "buildings and public administration facilities"

Currently the sector counts for 65 actions included in the dataset.

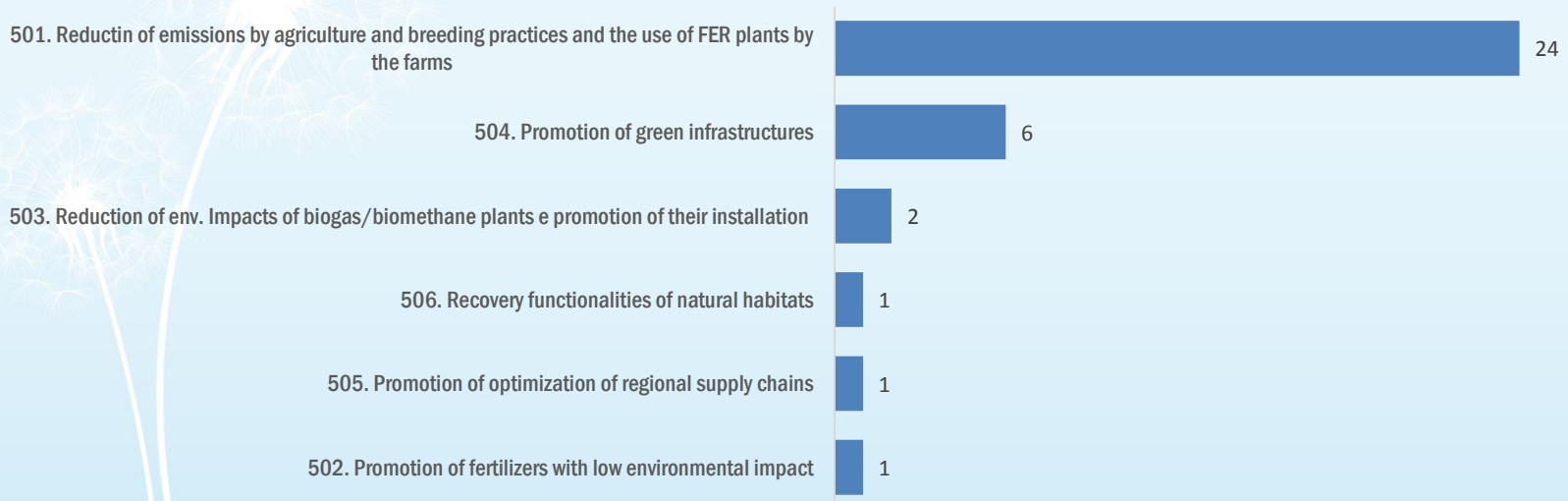## Sector "Buildings and Public Administratin facilities" - Concentration by measure

Measure	Count
302. Energy and environmental renovation of private buildings and plants	28
301. Use, maintenance and control of thermal plants using biomasses	15
303. Energy and environmental renovation of public buildings and plants	10
304. Energy renovation of public lighting	6
306. Communication, training, information	3
307. Prevention of non controlled fires	2
305. Energy efficiency of electric and electronic equipment	1

Organising the dataset

An example:

distribution of measures of the sector "Agriculture, breeding, green areas and forests"

Currently the sector counts for 35 actions included in the dataset.

Sector "Agriculture, breeding, green areas, forests" - Concentration by measure

Measure	Count
501. Reductin of emissions by agriculture and breeding practices and the use of FER plants by the farms	24
504. Promotion of green infrastructures	6
503. Reduction of env. Impacts of biogas/biomethane plants e promotion of their installation	2
506. Recovery functionalities of natural habitats	1
505. Promotion of optimization of regional supply chains	1
502. Promotion of fertilizers with low environmental impact	1

Organising and collecting proper monitoring data

An example:

30304. Regional incentives for improvement of energy performance of public buildings or residential public buildings

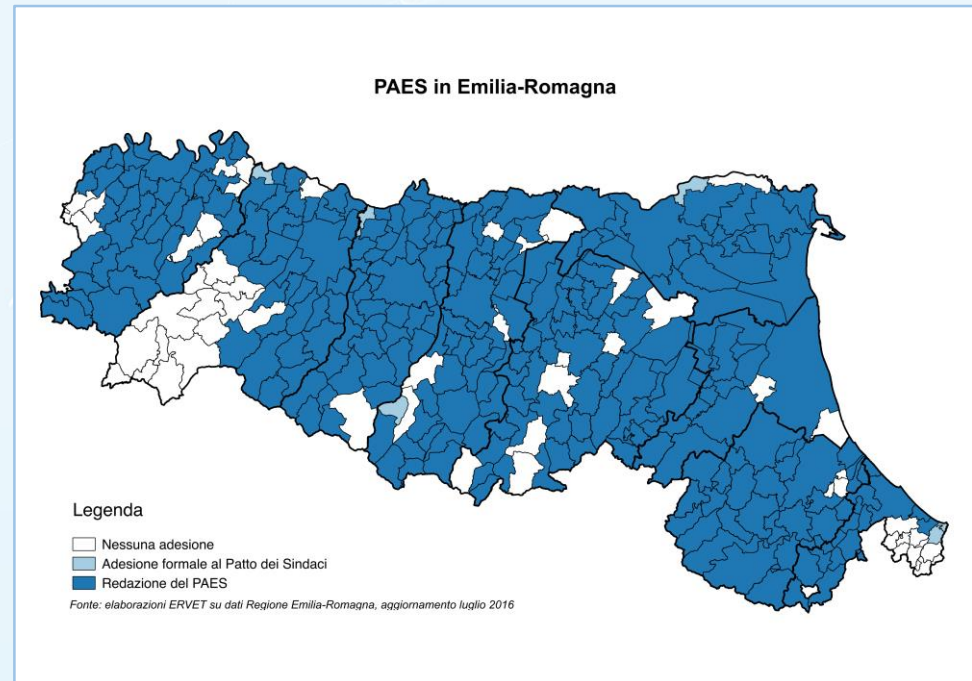| Indicators about implementation of action	Efficiency indicators	Effectiveness indicators
N. of calls for public financing	N. of buildings renovated	Reduction of NOx emissions
N. of projects for energy renovation of public buildings co-financed	m^2 surface of renovated buildings	Reduction of PM10 emissions
Euros financial resources assigned to beneficiaires	Kwh reduction of energy consumption	
	N. public buildings classified NZEB	

Assuring the capability of read data e results of actions

Possible characterization criteria for managing actions and monitoring or communicating results about the actions included in the data set through the web platform

- Policy instrument (Regulatory act, financing act, licensing, communication campaign, etc).
- Competent administrative level (region, metropolitan area, group of municipalities, municipality)
- Scale (munipality, group of municipalities, sub-regional, regional, wider territorial or national)
- Frequency (continual, periodical, according to needs, in case of environmental emergency
- Degree of control by the competent authority (direct control, regulation, promotion by incentives, information campaigns, etc.)
- Origin of the action: Regional AQ plan, Po basin agreement, other national measures, PREPAIR specific actions.
- Related pollutants (NOx, PM10, CO, etc.)

The approach used for PREPAIR A2 action is based on previous initiatives implemented in the last few years

PAES in Emilia-Romagna

Legenda
- Nessuna adesione
- Adesione formale al Patto dei Sindaci
- Redazione del PAES

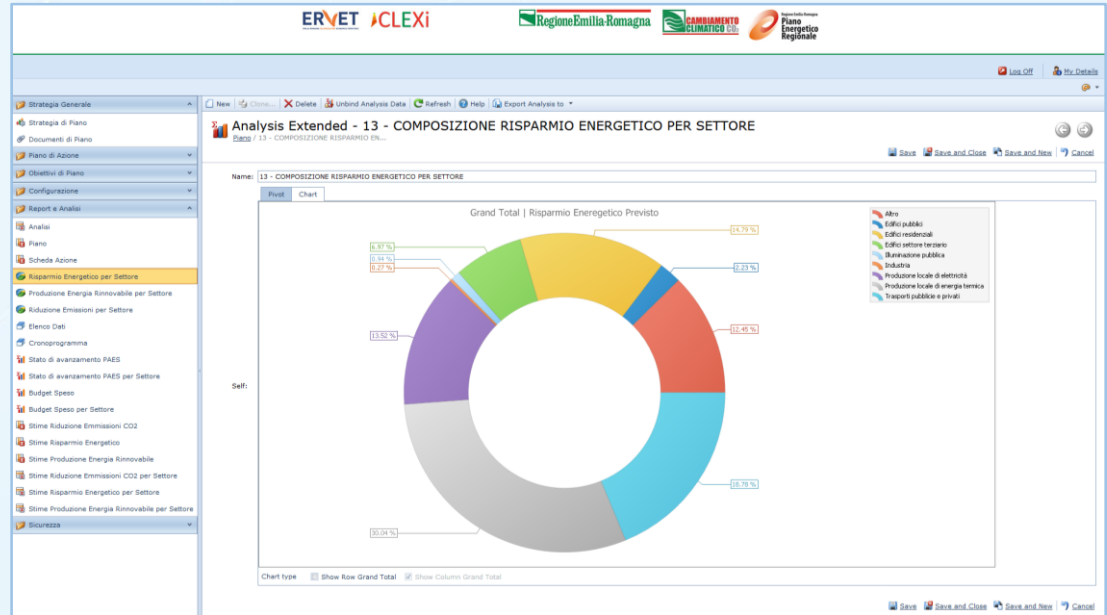*Fonte: elaborazioni ERVET su dati Regione Emilia-Romagna, aggiornamento luglio 2016*

In specific, Emilia-Romagna Region experimented common territorial instruments for planning and managing actions towards carbon emission reductions and the preparation of local climate plans

Following, implemented CLEXi, the web platform supporting the preparation and monitoring of SEAP by the municipalities, as well as the coordination between the local plans and the Regional Energy Plan.

Currently, about 300 municipalities out of the 330 (about) total number of municipalities in Emilia-Romagna joined the Covenant of Mayors and prepared their SEAP

134 municipalities have an active account on CLEXi including their actions, 94 as a single SEAP, 40 included in a joint SEAP managed as a group of municipalities.

Previous experiences about managing and monitoring platforms provide useful indications

Keep into consideration:

- Usability of the tools
- Relevance of the local policies and priorities
- Ask for data that are really available within the public organization
- Provide practical solutions
- Coherence with other monitoring templates (e.g. communications of emissions to national or EU level)
- Simplify as much as possible (functions of the platform, electronic templates, monitoring protocols, …)
- Make it a solution, not a problem or an additional burden of work

Thank you for your attention

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