

The environmental expenditure of regional administrations

Years 2010-2012

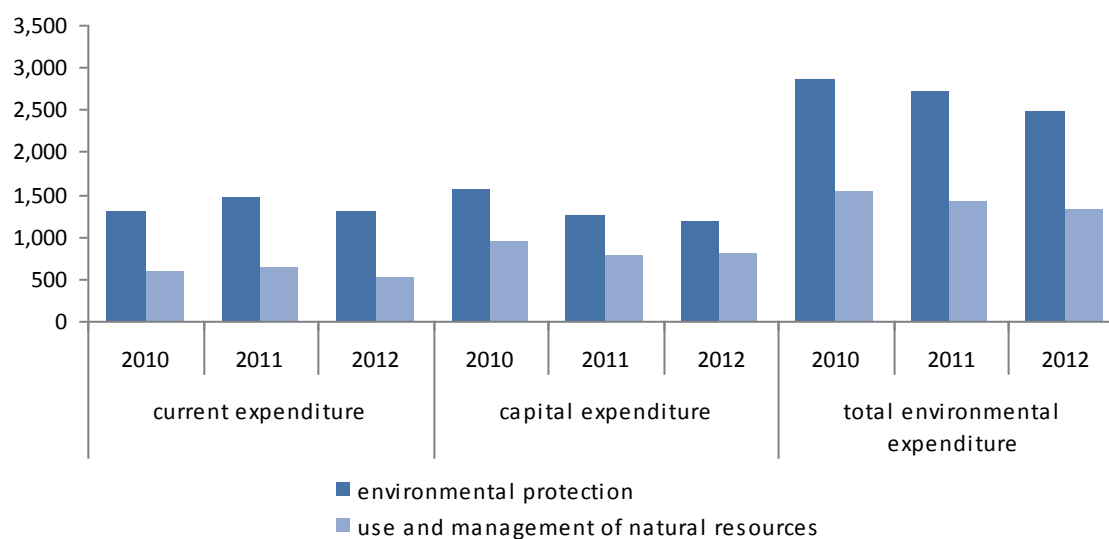
Istat releases the new time series 2010-2012 of regional administrations' environmental expenditure consistent with the results of national accounts revision, carried out with the introduction of the new European system of national and regional accounts (Esa2010)¹.

In 2012 total environmental expenditure of Italian regional administrations amounted to 3,825 million euro, i.e. 64.2 euro per capita and 0.23% of Gdp.

2,491 million euro (65% of total environmental expenditure) were devoted to safeguard the environment from pollution (atmospheric emissions, water discharges, waste, soil pollution, etc.) and degradation (loss of biodiversity, soil erosion, salinization, etc.).

1,334 million euro (35% of total environmental expenditure) were targeted to the use and management of natural resources (forests, water and energy resources, etc.) protecting them against depletion.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENDITURE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS. Years 2010-2012 (million euro at current price)



With regard to the composition of environmental expenditure by domain, in 2012 North-western and North-eastern regional administrations allocated their economic resources mainly for the protection of biodiversity and landscapes (24% and 25% of total environmental expenditure, respectively).

The environmental expenditure of Central regional administrations was mainly targeted to activities of protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water (21% of the total). In the South and in the Islands area, 41.4% of total environmental expenditure was almost equally divided between activities for protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water (21% of the total) and activities of use and management of water resources (20%).

¹ See "The ESA2010 revision of National Accounts" <http://www.istat.it/en/archive/131989>; "New annual national accounts according to ESA 2010" <http://www.istat.it/en/archive/131787>.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPENDITURE OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIONS BY ENVIRONMENTAL DOMAIN AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. Year 2012 (percentage values)

Environmental domain	North-west	North-east	Centre	South and Islands	Italy (a)
Protection of environment air and climate	5.2	4.1	4.4	1.7	2.8
Waste water management	11.8	9.8	11.9	16.6	14.4
Waste management	7.1	6.1	14.8	7.4	8.0
Protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water	14.7	22.3	21.3	21.5	20.9
Noise and vibration abatement	3.4	3.2	1.8	0.8	1.6
Protection of biodiversity and landscapes	23.5	24.7	15.1	11.2	15.2
Protection against radiation	2.2	2.0	1.4	0.8	1.2
R&D for environmental protection	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.0	0.2
Other environmental protection activities (b)	1.5	1.7	1.2	0.3	0.8
Use and management of water resources	12.6	9.6	9.5	19.9	16.1
Use and management of natural forest resources	6.1	5.1	5.5	12.2	9.6
Use and management of wild flora and fauna	1.4	2.4	1.8	2.7	2.4
Use and management of fossil energy	9.5	8.3	9.3	3.0	5.3
Use and management of minerals	0.8	0.1	1.1	0.2	0.4
R&D for natural resource use and management	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.7	1.1
Other natural resource use and management activities (b)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

(a) Data refer to all regional administrations.

(b) General administration activities, education, training and information, activities leading to indivisible expenditure, activities not elsewhere classified.

Over half of the regional administrations' environmental expenditure was mainly devoted to finance environmental activities carried out by other economic agents (transfers to other public authorities, non-profit private social institutions, households and corporations): in 2010 and 2011 transfers accounted for 60% of the total, in 2012 for 55%.

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