



## *Il Prefetto di Ravenna*

Good morning everyone

I would like to warmly welcome you all to this important meeting. Thank you for being here. I am especially happy and honored to have the representatives of the European Union Commission with us. Your presence makes this event even more important, and we really appreciate the time and effort you took to be here.

Before we begin, I want to briefly introduce the role of the Prefect. The Prefect is a government official who represents the central government in a Province. They make sure national laws are followed, keep public order, and manage public services.

Article 5 of the Italian Constitution establishes that the Republic is made up of the State, Regions, Provinces, and Municipalities. This framework creates a non-hierarchical system where each entity has its own powers and areas of competence.

The coexistence of different levels of government, each autonomous and with its own powers, functions, and responsibilities, makes it necessary to develop effective governance tools for coordinating the multilevel system. This is even more crucial with regard to the civil protection system and indeed one of the main roles of the Prefect is civil protection indeed.

In this role, the Prefect coordinates help during emergencies, such as natural disasters as a flood or other serious events. The Prefect organizes the resources needed to respond quickly, ensuring that emergency services – like firefighters, medical teams, and police – work together to reduce damage and bring things back to normal. They also inform the public and manage evacuation plans when needed.

The coordination role is also expressed in the field of planning. The Prefect brings together the technical working groups, where experts work to organize safety measures for the protection of the population. The police, fire brigade, ARPAE, and the involved municipalities participate in these planning activities. This coordination aims to achieve common results for the safety and protection of the people.



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The Prefect is the central figure of the state system in the Province and the representative of the government, a key tool in integrating public policies and administrative actions.

Thank you again for your attention and for being with us today

*Ravenna, 16/10/2024*

Castrese De Rosa

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