

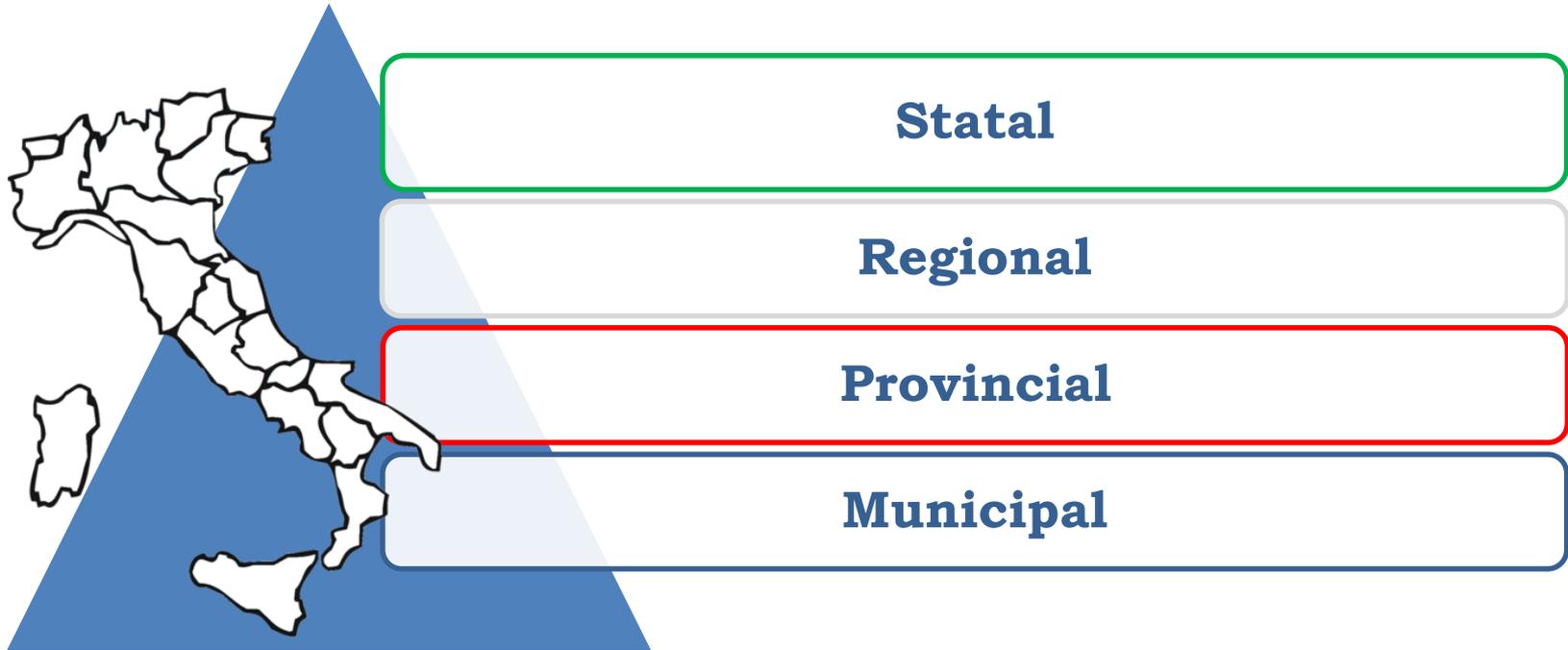


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The Role of Prefettura in Civil Protection Response System

Introduction to **Civil Protection in Italy**

MULTILEVEL SYSTEM



The characteristics of the **Italian system**

Autonomy: each part is autonomous from the other parts;

Non hierarchical system: each part has its own powers and responsibilities;

Cohesive legal framework: key areas are under national control;

The system aims to balance local autonomy with national unity, allowing every part to address specific needs while maintaining a cohesive legal framework.

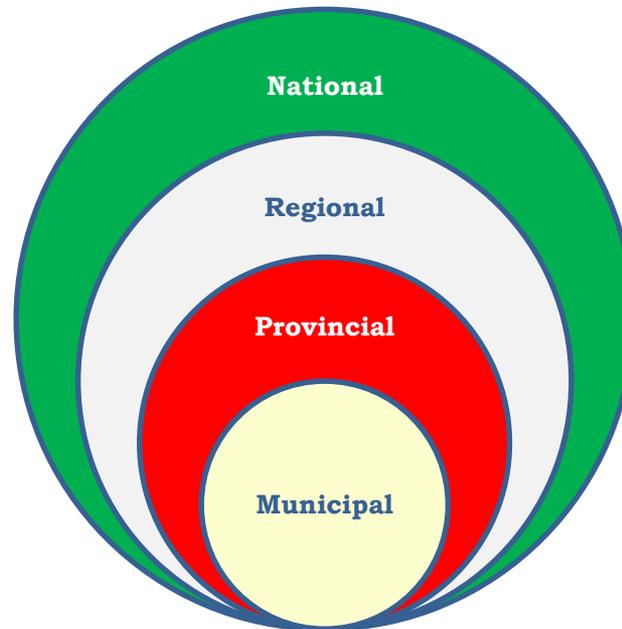
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SUBSIDIARITY PRINCIPLE

INTERVENTIONS INCREASE BASED ON THE EVENT'S INTENSITY

The layers of the Civil Protection System in Italy are the:

- Municipal;
 - Provincial;
 - Regional;
 - National;
- each have its own power and responsibility.

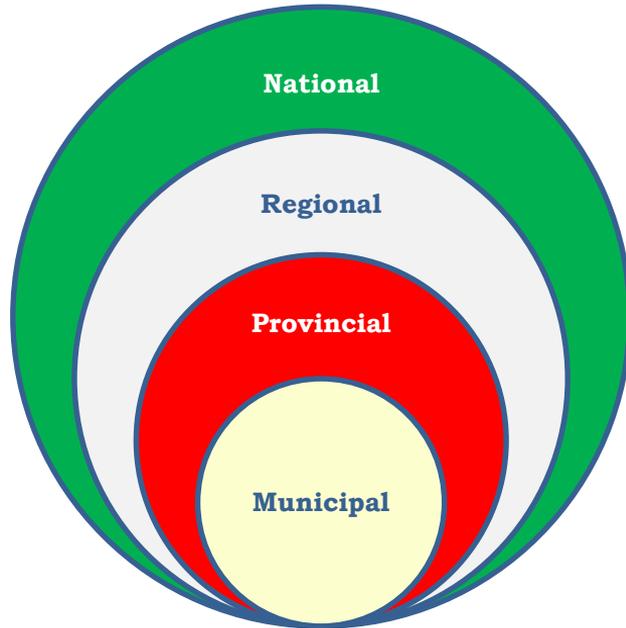


The intervention at each layer is based on the nature and intensity of the phenomenon to be addressed, following a principle similar to subsidiarity.

Action takes place at the most local level capable of addressing issues.

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Types of Emergency Events in Civil Protection: Art. 7 Civil Protection Code



- ❖ **LEVEL 1** Emergencies related to catastrophic events, of natural origin or resulting from human activity that can be addressed through interventions that can be implemented by individual entities and competent administrations in an **ordinary manner**;
- ❖ **LEVEL 2** Emergencies related to catastrophic events of natural origin or resulting from human activity that, by their nature or extent, require the coordinated intervention of **multiple entities or administrations** and must be addressed with extraordinary means and powers to be employed during limited and predefined periods of time;
- ❖ **LEVEL 3** Nationally significant emergencies related to catastrophic events of natural origin or resulting from human activity that, due to their intensity or extent, must be addressed with immediate intervention using **extraordinary means and powers**;

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Role of the **Prefect in the Civil Protection system** consists of **coordinating** civil protection activities



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Emilia Romagna Flood in May 2023

A Major Catastrophe of the year

Third major **global catastrophe** of 2023
(after Turkey earthquake and Latin America drought)



Emilia Romagna Floods

A Major Catastrophe of 2023

STATISTICS

- Rivers Overflowed: 23
- Water Volume Flooded: 350 billion cubic meters
- Land Inundated: 540 square kilometers
- Landslides: 65,598
- Road Infrastructure Damaged: 1,950



Emilia Romagna Floods

A Major Catastrophe of 2023

HUMAN IMPACT

- Fatalities: 17 (8 in Province of Ravenna)
- Displaced Individuals: 30.000
- Economic Damage: 10 € billion euro



Provisions of Article 9

Civil Protection Code

1. In the event of emergency situations referred to in Article 7, paragraph 1, letters b) and c), or in their imminence, or when such events are foreseen according to the methods described in Article 2, paragraph 4, letter a), the Prefect, within the limits of his/her territorial competence:

- a) **ensures a constant flow and exchange of information** with the Civil Protection Department, the Region, the Municipalities, the Provinces where delegated, as provided for in the planning referred to in Article 18, and the Department of Firefighters, Public Rescue, and Civil Defense of the Ministry of the Interior; **b) immediately assumes**, in coordination with the President of the Regional Council and in collaboration with the regional civil protection structure, **the unified direction of all emergency services** to be activated at the provincial level, overseeing the implementation of the provincial civil protection plan, drafted in accordance with Articles 11, paragraph 1, letter b), and 18, coordinating them with the interventions implemented by the affected municipalities, based on their respective civil protection plans, also **in order to ensure the immediate activation of first aid interventions for the population**; **c) promotes and coordinates the adoption of necessary measures to ensure the intervention of State structures present in the provincial territory**; **d) supervises the implementation of urgent services, including technical ones**, at the provincial level, reporting, as per the methods indicated in letter a), any needs for additional assistance in agreement with the President of the Regional Council; **e) activates the state bodies and administrations**, also pursuant to Article 13, paragraph 4, of Law No. 121 of April 1, 1981, **and ensures their coordinated contribution**, including through appropriate representatives at municipal operational centers.

The Role of the Prefect in **Coordination during emergencies**

The Prefect's central role in the success of operations

Article 9 of the Civil Protection Code

- Coordinating rescue operations
- Activating necessary structures
- Ensuring communication between local, regional, and national levels



How the **Rescue Coordination Center (RCC)** Works

- Coordinate all involved public entities of the civil protection system;
- Plenary meetings for overall assessments
(Police, Firefighters, Sanitary Administration, Army, Regional Agencies, Drainage Consortium, Public Operators)
- Working groups for operational actions on specific issues
(Traffic, Safety and Security, Electricity issues, Waste Manage)



Main goals of R.C.C.

- Timely and accurate sharing of information;
- Establish contact with all relevant actors;
- Find flexible solution for diverse situation;

Soft Skills for Effective **Coordination**



○ **Presence and Availability:**
Be present and accessible to handle complex situations. Open communication fosters trust and efficiency



○ **Patience and Decision-Making:** Take on challenging decisions, ensuring no concern goes unheard. Lead with responsibility



○ **Common Sense in Action:**
Often, practical and logical solutions can simplify seemingly complicated issues



○ **Listening and Mediation:**
Engaging all relevant actors and mediating their interests is crucial for achieving balanced and effective outcomes

Role of the Prefect in the Planning of High-Risk Companies

Another expression of the coordination role is in the field of planning.

The Prefect coordinates the technical working groups, where specialists operate to plan safety procedures for the protection of the population.

The police forces, fire brigade, ARPAE, and the involved municipalities participate in the planning activities.

Coordination aims at achieving common goals of safety and protection of the population.

The role of Prefect: to summarize

- Central figure, head of the stataal administration in the Province
- Key tool in integrating public policies and administrative actions



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Thank you for your attention

