

## ABSTRACT AUDIT: Fund for the planning of interventions against hydrogeological risk

The Corte dei conti approved the final document of the Audit on the "Fund for the planning of interventions against hydrogeological risk" (Resolution no 17/2019 ) to complete the extensive survey carried out, also through a series of hearings of all the competent ministries, the Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research, ISPRA, and the State-Regions conference.

With regard to the management of the Fund, the Audit noted the scarce efficiency of the measures adopted, considering that the resources which have been actually transferred to the Regions, since 2017 up to the end of 2018, represent only a 19.9 percent of the Euro100 million sum allotted to the Fund; moreover, compared to the previous Audit on "National strategic plans and programs of urgent interventions for the reduction of the hydrogeological risk of the Ministry of the environment and the protection of the territory and the sea", approved by the Corte dei conti in 2015, the general outlay of major issues is unchanged, despite the corrective actions put in place. The same interventions planned by the Regions and financed by the Fund (which should have been fielded as far as 2017) have either not yet started or, at best, still in progress.

The Corte dei conti stressed all the critical issues on which it is necessary to intervene based on the analysis of the data; it underlined the inadequacy of the procedures in place and the weakness of the implementation structures; the absence of adequate checks and monitoring; the lack of a sufficient information flow between the State and the Regions; the need to review approved projects and procedures that have not yet been completed; the fragmentation of the data sources; the difficulty of national and local administrations to hedge the activity of protection and prevention in the ordinary functions and the consequent frequent recourse to commissarial bodies

Further recommendations regarded the adoption of a single, shared database to manage the Fund, the improvement of coordination and the need to render the access to the Fund as straightforward as possible for the Regions who may benefit from it.