

ABSTRACT AUDIT_ Works to be carried out within the National Irrigation Plan for Southern Italy.

Update on the measures adopted.

The Report concerns the assessment of the measures adopted by the Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies following the recommendations formulated by the Corte dei conti as a result of the Audit carried out on "The implementation of the Irrigation Plan for the Southern Italy" (whose final document was approved on 2018).

The recommendations were focused on the importance of ensuring the uniformity of procedures adopted for the implementation of the Plan for Southern Italy compared to those used for Northern Italy; the need to ensure transparency and, where possible, singleness of the levels of government involved with a view to simplifying the administrative and financial management of the interventions. The Corte dei conti also stressed the paramount importance of strengthening the monitoring tools on the implementation of the Plan by increasing the number of on-the-spot checks and establishing objective criteria for assessing the effectiveness and results of the administrative action.

The Audit assessing the measures adopted reported that Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry had complied with the recommendation to harmonise the procedures concerning "southern" concessions with the rules applicable to "central-northern" concessions; to this end, "Guidelines concerning the discipline of relations between the Ministry of Food and Forestry Agricultural Policy and the dealers for the realization, throughout the country, of works and interventions in the irrigation sector and related projects" have been adopted.