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**NEC Directive in Italy:
implementation steps,
with a focus on freshwaters**

NED Directive: approval and application process in Italy

***National Emissions Ceilings (NEC)
Directive 2016/2284/EU***

***Legislative decree n. 81/2018
of the President of the Italian Republic
Transposition of the *Directive 2016/2284/EU****

***Decree 26 november 2018
by the Ministry for Environment,
Land and Sea (MATTM)***

Sites and criteria for the execution of the monitoring of air pollution impact on ecosystems, including timing and procedure for data provision

**2-year cooperation agreement between
MATTM and Carabinieri-CUFA (Command
Unit for forest, agri-food and environmental
protection; formerly National Forest Service)
for the the NECD monitoring in Italy**



MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE
E DELLA TUTELA DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE

MATTM

Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea
General Directorate for Waste and
Pollution



CUFA

Carabinieri Command for the
Protection of Biodiversity and Parks



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IPSP *Ozone*

IRSA *Atmospheric dep. chemistry
Freshwater*

IRET/ISAFOM *Foliar nutrients*



CREA - Council for
Agricultural Research
and Economics



*Meteorology
Vegetation growth*



University of Florence



Soil solution



University of Camerino



Vegetation biodiversity

Sites identified for the NECD implementation in Italy



The network currently includes 6 sites for terrestrial ecosystem, 4 for freshwater and 11 for ozone impact monitoring



NEC Italy - Terrestrial ecosystems

Solid phase

National code	Name	Network	Localization		Monitored parameters	Sampling frequency
			Latitude	Longitude		
ABR1	Selva Piana	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/LTER/MOTTLES	41,8497	13,5885	I. Soil base saturation, pH, C/N ratio	I. Every 10 years
CAL1	Piano Limina	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests	38,4167	16,1667	II. Foliar nutrient balance (N,P, K, Mg, Ca, S, C, - cg/g)	II. Every 2 years
EMI1	Carrega	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	44,7194	10,2034	III. Vegetation growth (%)	III. Every 5 years
LAZ1	Monterufeno	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/LTER/MOTTLES	42,8274	11,8981	IV. Foliar damage (% trees def>25%, % trees def>60%,mortality)	IV. annual
PIE1	Val Sessera	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	45,6837	8,0699	V. Biodiversity: species density (presence/abundance), community structure (ecological indicators, alien species, etc.)	V. annual
VEN1	Pian di Cansiglio	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	46,0579	12,3821		

NEC Italy - Terrestrial ecosystems

Liquid phase

National code	Name	Network	Localization		Monitored parameters	Sampling frequency
			Latitude	Longitude		
ABR1	Selva Piana	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/LTER/MOTTLES	41,8497	13,5885	I. Deposition: pH, cond., Ca, Mg, Na, K, NH ₄ -N, NO ₃ -N, SO ₄ -S, Cl, P, alkalinity, total N, DOC	I. Weekly
CAL1	Piano Limina	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests	38,4167	16,1667		
EMI1	Carrega	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	44,7194	10,2034		
LAZ1	Monterufeno	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/LTER/MOTTLES	42,8274	11,8981	II. Soil solution: pH, cond., Ca, Mg, Na, K, NH ₄ -N, NO ₃ -N, SO ₄ -S, Cl, total N, NO ₃ and base cations leaching from soil	II. Every 2 weeks
PIE1	Val Sessera	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	45,6837	8,0699		
VEN1	Pian di Cansiglio	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	46,0579	12,3821		

NEC Italy – Ozone damage and meteorology

National code	Name	Network	Localization		Monitored parameters	Sampling frequency
			Latitude	Longitude		
ABR1	Selva Piana	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/LTER/MOTTLES	41,8497	13,5885	I. Precipitation and soil water content (10 cm and 2 m)	I. Measured every minute and registered every hour
CAL1	Piano Limina	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests	38,4167	16,1667		
CPZ1	Castelporziano	MOTTLES / ICOS	41,7042	12,3571	II. Solar radiation, temperature, humidity, air pressure, wind speed and direction, O ₃ concentration	II. Measured every 10 sec. And registered as mean hourly values
CPZ2	Castelporziano	MOTTLES /CREA-FL	41,7042	12,3573		
CPZ3	Castelporziano	MOTTLES /CREA-FL	41,6806	12,3908	III. Visible foliar damage produced by O ₃ (presence/absence and % of damaged leaves)	III. Annual
EMI1	Carrega	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	44,7194	10,2034		
LAZ1	Monterufeno	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/LTER/MOTTLES	42,8274	11,8981	IV. O ₃ fluxes and critical level exceedance (DOSE model)	IV. Annual
INTERREG1	Demonte/Valloriate	INTERREG ALCOTRA MITIMPACT 1671	44,3458	7,3121		
PIE1	Val Sessera	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	45,6837	8,0699	V. (only for CPZ1) C and O ₃ fluxes, evapotranspiration of the whole ecosystem	V. Half-hourly
TRE1	Passo Lavazè	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	46,3595	11,4931		
VEN1	Pian di Cansiglio	CONECOFOR-ICP Forests/MOTTLES	46,0579	12,3821		

NEC Italy - Freshwaters

National code	Name	Network	Localization		Monitored parameters	Sampling frequency
			Latitude	Longitude		
IT01	Lago Paione inferiore	ICP WATERS/ LTER	46,1669	8,1897	Temp., Alk., SO ₄ , NO ₃ -N, Cl, TOC, pH, Ca, Mg, Na, K, NH ₄ -N, tot Al, Cond. 25°C, P-PO ₄ , PT, NT, Rsi, ANC	Every 6 months
IT02	Lago di Mergozzo	ICP WATERS	45,9556	8,4667	Temp., Alk., SO ₄ , NO ₃ -N, Cl, TOC, pH, Ca, Mg, Na, K, NH ₄ -N, tot Al, Cond. 25°C, P-PO ₄ , PT, NT, Rsi, ANC, transparency, dissolved O ₂	Every 6 months
IT03	Lago Paione superiore	ICP WATERS/ LTER	46,1739	8,1908	Temp., Alk., SO ₄ , NO ₃ -N, Cl, TOC, pH, Ca, Mg, Na, K, NH ₄ -N, tot Al, Cond. 25°C, P-PO ₄ , PT, NT, Rsi, ANC	Every 6 months
IT04	Torrente Cannobino	ICP WATERS	46,0681	8,6949	Temp., Alk., SO ₄ , NO ₃ -N, Cl, TOC, pH, Ca, Mg, Na, K, NH ₄ -N, tot Al, Cond. 25°C, P-PO ₄ , PT, NT, Rsi, ANC	Monthly

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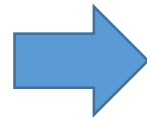


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✓ 1) to assess what is available in Italy in term of monitoring network for air pollution impacts; 2) to summarize what has been done to control air pollution and its effects on human and ecosystem health; 3) to evaluate opportunities from the implementation of Art. 9 of the NECD in the Italian context

✓ Italy as an interesting case study for the application of the NECD Article 9, because of the high level of functional biodiversity, wide variety of environmental, landscape and climatic conditions

✓ The attainment of the NEC ceilings in Italy could not guarantee the compliance with EU air quality limits (e.g. for daily PM₁₀, annual PM_{2.5} and daily maxima of 8-h running mean of O₃)



Integrated and effective strategies are needed to allow the compliance of both emission ceilings and health and environmental protection

✓ Much work is required, for instance, to estimate the interaction of air pollutants with climate change, or to include other environmental impacts on ecosystems not covered by the NECD (e.g. materials, cultural heritage) and for the integration of experimental and modelled data



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Impacts of air pollution on human and ecosystem health, and implications for the National Emission Ceilings Directive: Insights from Italy

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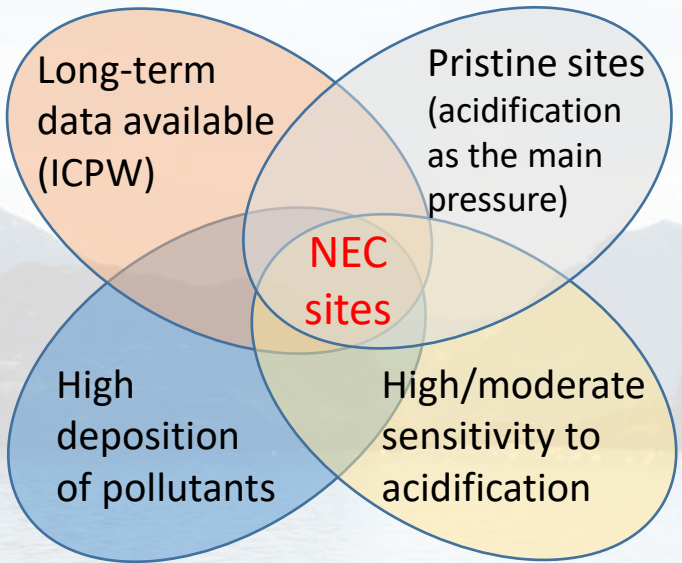
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Freshwater sites

No monitoring under the WFD for acidification

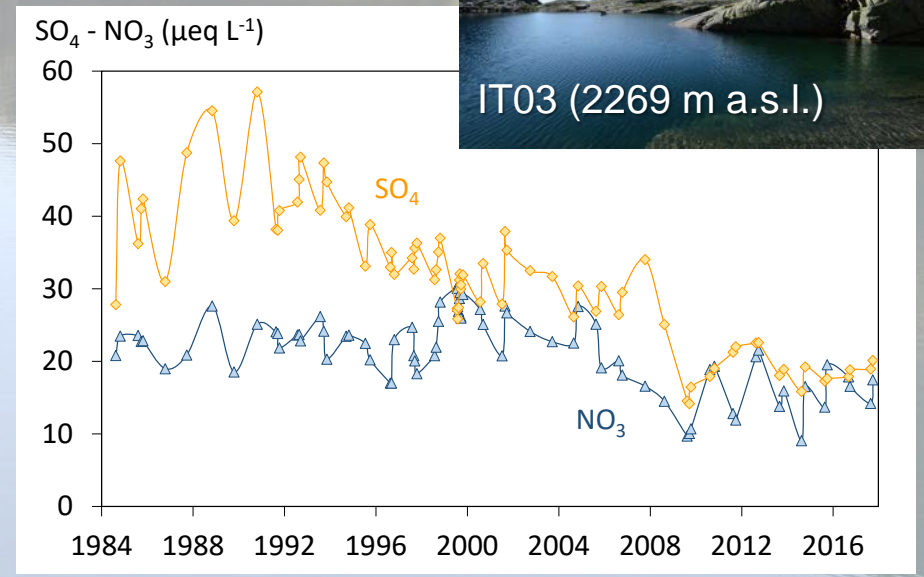
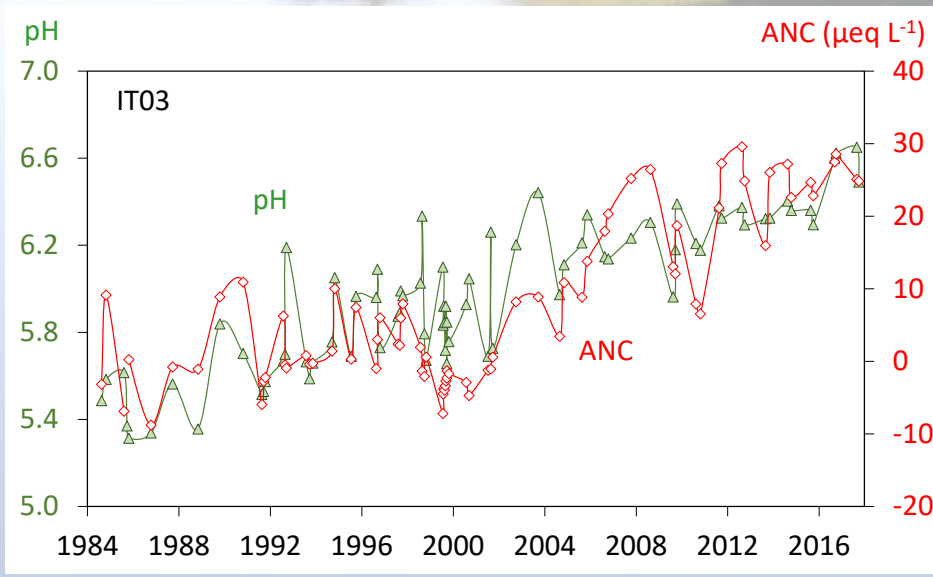
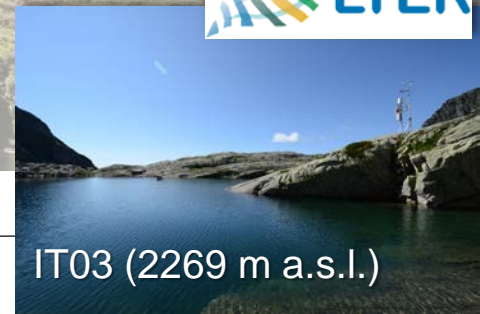


- ✓ 4 ICP WATERS sites (1 subalpine lake, 1 stream, 2 alpine lakes) + 6 additional sites (high altitude lakes)
- ✓ Long-term chemical data (since the 1980s), sparse biological data
- ✓ Varying degree of sensitivity to acidification (ANC: 18-270 $\mu\text{eq L}^{-1}$)
- ✓ Still affected by medium-high N deposition (10-20 $\text{kg N ha}^{-1} \text{y}^{-1}$)



Chemical data

- ✓ Within NEC Italy activities, time series of chemical data for ICPW sites will be updated
- ✓ The number of sites will be extended including 6 additional high altitude lake sites
- ✓ All the NEC Art. 9 suggested parameters/indicators will be included
- ✓ Sampling and chemical analysis according to the ICPW Manual
- ✓ Data quality check by internal and external QA/QC - regular participation of the lab to NIVA intercomparisons

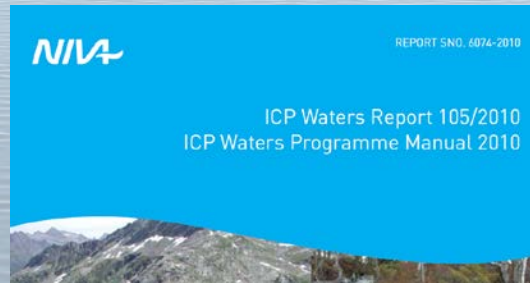


Biological parameters and indicators

Beside sampling for chemical analysis, samples will be collected for macroinvertebrates and diatoms (only for high altitude lake sites, n=8)



littoral handle netting
(macroinvertebrates)



No specific indicators have been identified and indicated in the NEC template reporting at this step

identification and counting
at species level



direct stone brushing
(diatoms)



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Can we use macroinvertebrates as indicators of acidification of high-altitude Alpine lakes?

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Oligochaete assemblages of Swiss Alpine lakes

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Biodiversity of mountain Alpine lakes

Environmental factors as drivers for macroinvertebrate and diatom diversity in Alpine lakes: New insights from the Stelvio National Park (Italy)

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✓ In general, macroinvertebrates from lake outlets are better indicators for acidity than from lake littorals

✓ In lake outlets, the following **metrics** increased significantly with pH:

- total N° of taxa
- N° of taxa and families and relative abundance of Ephemeroctera
- number of taxa of Plecoptera
- N° of taxa and families of the sum of Ephemeroctera/Plecoptera/Trichoptera
- N° of taxa and relative abundance of oligochaetes
- N° of taxa of chironomids
- N° of acid sensitive species

✓ Necessary to apply metrics to a much higher number of sites to assess the effects of other environmental parameters than pH

Diatoms

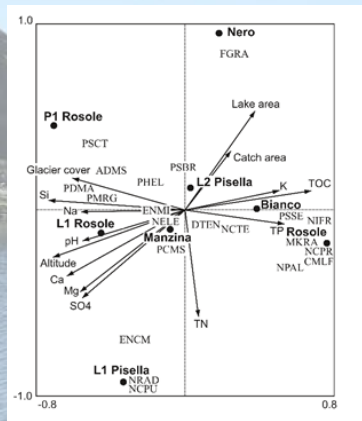


Sampling following a European wide standardized protocol, through direct stones brushing

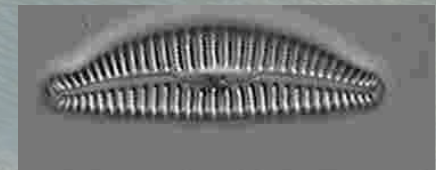
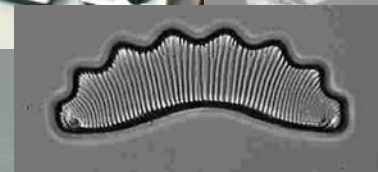


Digestion

Identification and counting

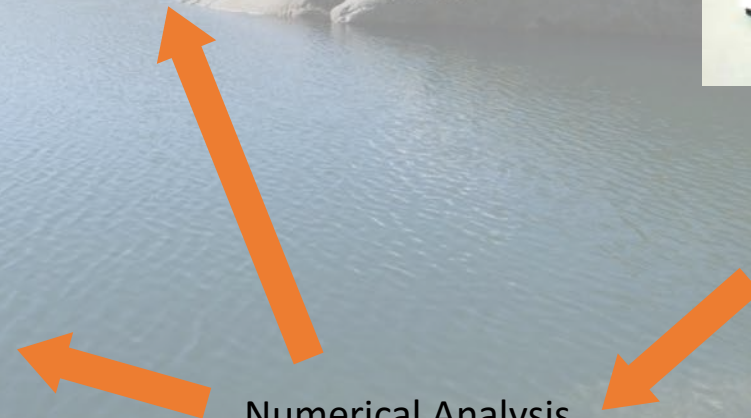


- ✓ Detecting possible trend in the response to changing acidity by comparison with previous data
- ✓ Assess relationships with environmental variables (not only pH)



Diatom taxon list
Preference groups
Diatom inferred pH

Numerical Analysis



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