

ARPAV. THE RIGHT VALUE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Set up by Regional Law no. 32 of 1996 as an instrumental body of the Veneto Region, ARPAV's mission is to carry out environmental protection and prevention measures in the Veneto. Since its foundation, the development of environmental legislation has led to profound changes in both the scope and substance of its role and responsibilities.

There is an increasingly clear focus on the Agency's distinctive function as a technical and scientific partner equipped to engage in dialogue with the various tiers of government – the Region, the Provinces and the Municipalities – in order to represent and manage policies aimed at safeguarding the environment.

From an organisational point of view, the central governing structure – represented by the General Management, assisted by the Administrative Management and the Technical and Scientific Management – lays down the guidelines for and sees to the coordination of the duties entrusted to the Agency by the various structures operating in the area.

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MONITORING THE ENVIRONMENT. THE RIGHT VALUE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

ARPAV operates the length and breadth of the region through its seven Provincial Divisions and two Regional Divisions. Their function is to plan and carry out activities aimed at verifying and controlling environmental matrices and monitoring the stress to which the environment is subjected by human activity, as well as to provide technical and scientific support to the Veneto Region and to various Local Entities in the areas they are responsible for. Thanks to its technical staff, highly sophisticated instruments and first-rate facilities operating at regional level on environmental issues and problems of particular importance, ARPAV is able to carry out monitoring activities regarding:

- ✓ Air
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Waste
- ✓ Soil
- ✓ Physical Agents
- ✓ Emergencies
- ✓ Major Works
- ✓ IPPC
- ✓ Nature and Biodiversity
- ✓ Energy



PREVENTION AND RESEARCH FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THE RIGHT VALUE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

There is a growing body of scientific evidence indicating that the lifestyles brought about by the current socio-economic and productive context pose a risk to both human health and the quality of the environment. This is why one of the pillars on which ARPAV's operating strategies are based is the promotion of research, information, training, communication and environmental education with a view to guaranteeing sustainable development, in order to help change the cultural approaches, behaviour and lifestyles that affect the use of environmental resources. ARPAV operates through specific bodies to carry out activities related to:

- ✓ Environment and Health
- ✓ Sustainability Education
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Information and Communication
- ✓ Environmental Management Systems
- ✓ Environmental Assessment
- ✓ Cooperation



TERRITORIAL PROTECTION SERVICES. THE RIGHT VALUE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Since the 1980s, the ongoing commitment on the part of the Region and of ARPAV to studying and forecasting meteorological phenomena has made it possible to achieve top-quality results and to earn ARPAV's "Weather Service" an outstandingly solid reputation not only in the Veneto, but indeed throughout Italy and Europe. In addition to the highly specific weather forecast services, aimed at satisfying the needs of the various areas of the region and a wide range of users, ARPAV also carries out ongoing territorial monitoring activities to avert flooding, hydro-geological and landslide risks, in cooperation with the Region and other bodies entrusted with the defence of the environment and the safety of the population.

- ✓ Weather Reports in Several Languages
- ✓ Weather and Climate Forecasts and Comments
- ✓ Landslide Risk Monitoring
- ✓ Flood Risk Monitoring
- ✓ Hydro-geological Risk Monitoring
- ✓ Regional Centre of Civil Protection