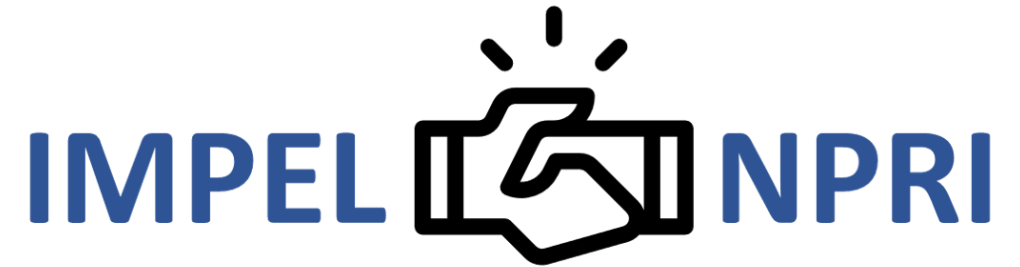




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NPRI Developments in Italy
Implementation of concepts from IMPEL Project

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SNPA

21 Regional Agencies (REPAs)
+ National Institute for Environment Protection and Research (Tech. Coord.)



1. The Context

Stated on 2016, upon well reconized needs of homogeneization of the behaviour of the 21 REPA's belonging to Italian Regions. The technical coordination of the system has been attributed to the National Institute ISPRA.

Main tasks of the Members of System

1. Technical support to the competent Authorities in:

- Permitting
- Inspections and controls

2. Independent activities such as:

- Quality of the environment monitoring (EU directives)
- Promotion of the Environmental Quality

The System covers quite all the environment protection areas

The key instrument to guarantee the delivery of the REPA's activities in all the Italian Regions, proportioned to the environmental risks in each one of them: **The Essential Levels of Enviromental Performances (LEPTA)**

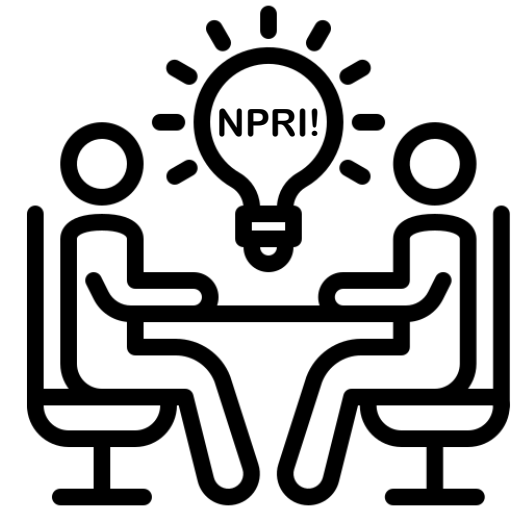
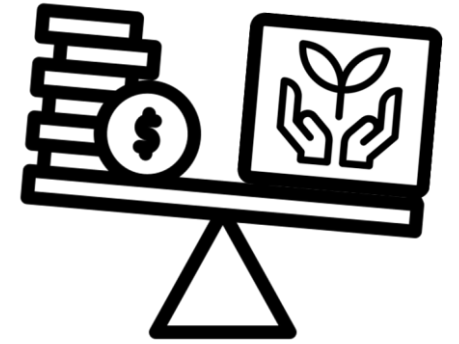
The definiton of these **Levels** will be stated through a specific **Prime Minister Decree**. The levels are to be intended both quantitative and qualitative. Already released the first draft of this **Decree**

2. A value for money logic and.... Peer Reviews!

The draft Decree (December 2020) contains also financial provisions: *the funding of each of the REPA's should be proportioned to the Essential Levels they have to deliver in their own Regions.*

Also the promotion of the correct implementation of the essential level and of homogeneization is foreseen:

"In order to promote the homogeneity of behaviour in the System and to contribute to the gradual achievement of the quality objectives dictated by the Law 132/2016, the Board of the SNPA systematically implements peer reviews informed by methods approved and adopted at national and/or international level. These activities, carried out by the System, are intended to improve the levels of efficiency at the national level through the identification of opportunities for development for its individual parts or for the System as a whole, the exchange of best practices, the integration of knowledge, the identification of common paths, using the best experiences and skills disseminated in the Agencies and in ISPRA".



At the base of the choice there are the first autonomously made positive experiences in PR carried out in 2017 upon SNPA Board decisions on manual and scoping




3. SNPA and NPRI - 1



The part regarding NPRI in Prime Minister Decree Draft (2020 - Attach no. 6) was proposed by the SNPA Board to the Environment Ministry, that approved it.

It consist in the guidelines for the development of a steady Italian National Peer Review program, to be held inside the REPA's community, in support to homogeneous Essential Level implementation all over the country.

That guidelines are largely inspired to the IMPEL NPRI Project (2019/21) outcomes.

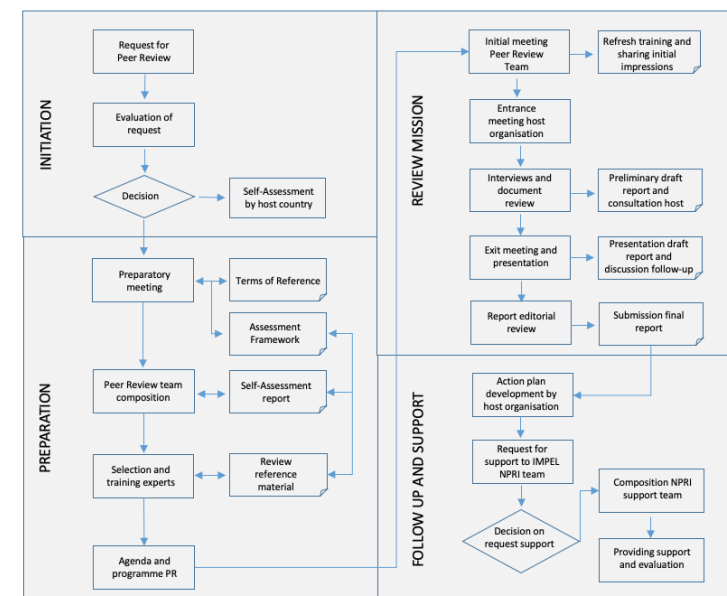
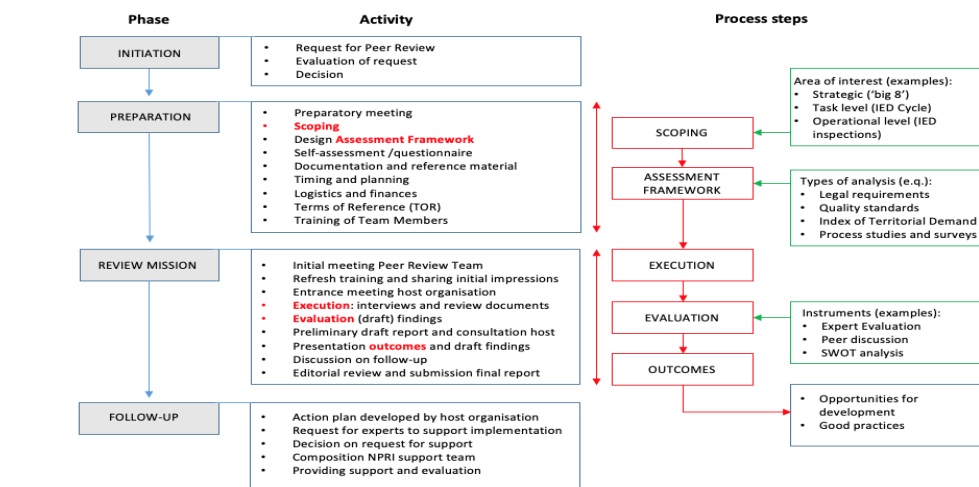


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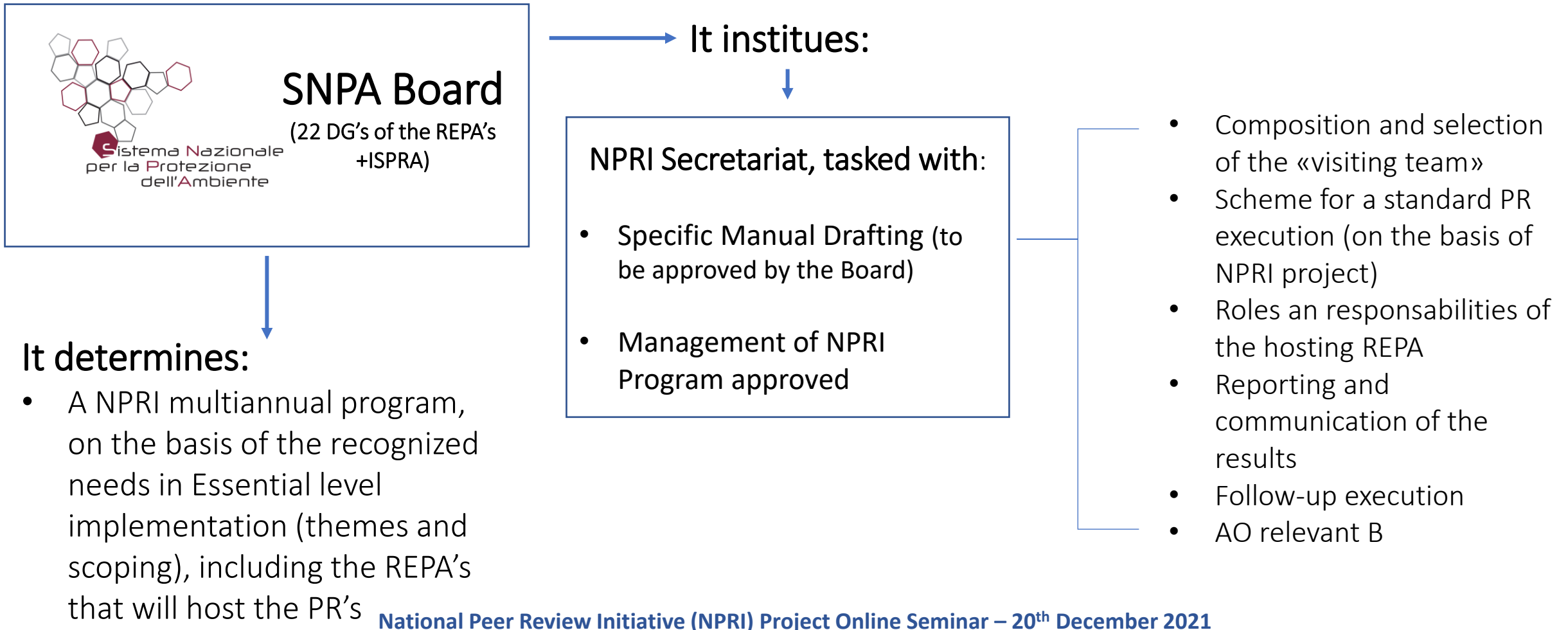
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The guidelines make a specific focus on the governance of the NPRI activities and on the way to identify topics and scopes for Peer Reviews:





3. SNPA and NPRI - 3

Results of the SNPA PR Program

e.g.: Best Practices, Opportunity for Development, proposals for technical rules amendments, legislative improvements,

Actions of the SNPA Board

- To examine the PR program outcomes:
 - *each one of the PR's*
 - *the whole outcomes of the programs.*
- To approve:
 - The request of REPA's for support in followup of PR activities
 - if the examination of the sum of the results of the program highlights these opportunity:
 - Modification of System rules under its powers
 - Proposal at the central Competent Administrative level of initiatives deemed important for the System efficiency and effectiveness



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Actions of the General Director of a REPA hosting a PR

- To ask the SNPA Board for support in PR Followup
- to put in place the *OfD* highlighted in the PR deemed important and affordable if these actions under his power
- **to propose to the Regional Authorities the REPA belongs to** the implementation of the actions that are deemed important that are under the power of these Authorities
- **to propose the to the Competent Authorities** the modification of the local rules that the PR pointed out as «improvable»



4. SNPA and NPRI: activities in progress

Peer Review program on End of Wastes REPA's Activities (Directives 2008/98/CE and (UE) 2018/851)

The issue of permitting and inspection practices related to End of Waste assumes great importance in terms of commitment of the SNPA both in preliminary contribution during the permitting phase and in the subsequent inspection phase, also considering the different operational declinations within the SNPA, due to the different involvement required by the Competent Authorities in different Regions/Provinces.

For this reason, the topic of End of Waste is deemed as particularly suitable for a peer review initiative within the SNPA.

The NPRI project under development aims to address the End of Waste topic with particular attention to the enhancement of biomass and soil material, in order to effectively pursue the recovery principles in the perspective of the European Green New Deal and in accordance with the European Legislation.

In this scope, the peer review can be a very useful tool for improving the performance of the SNPA, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses on a topic that is so important both for citizens and for the production system.



And now....

Q&A!

