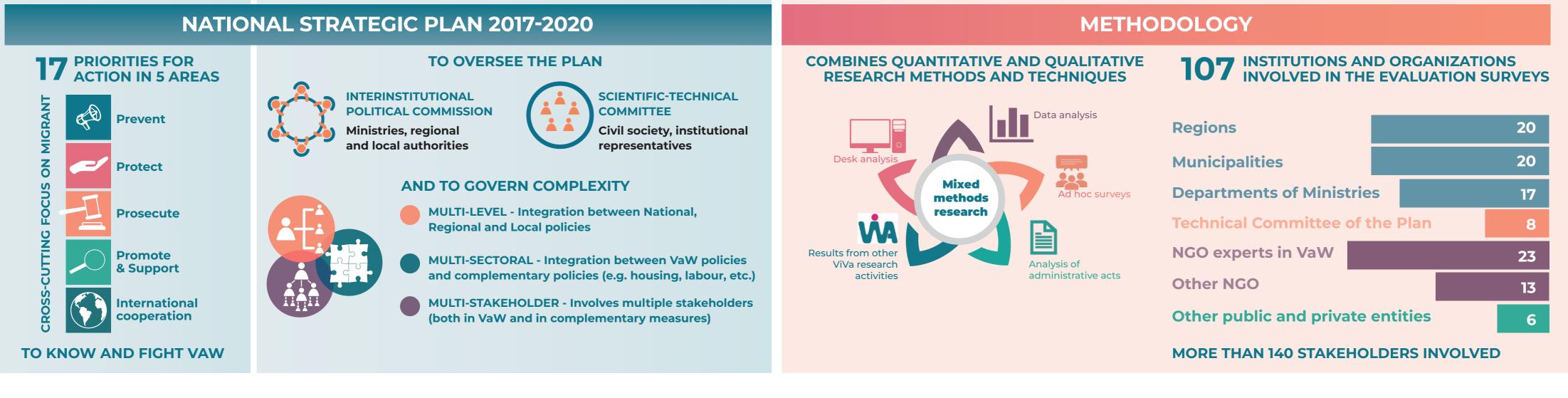
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FINAL EVALUATION OF THE ITALIAN STRATEGIC PLAN ON MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 2017-2020: CRITICAL ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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"HAS THE NATIONAL PLAN ENABLED THE CREATION OF INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED POLICIES?" (ART. 7-11 ISTANBUL CONVENTION) MAIN FINDINGS

ROLE OF DEPARTMENT FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Complicated by:

- Extreme regulatory and organisational heterogeneity of the 21 regional systems on VaW
- Considerable complexity in the administrative articulation of ministries
- Sars-Cov-2 health pandemic
- Political instability: 4 governments from 2017 to 2021!

SUPPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

- Appointed late (11 months after Plan approval), it only met 7 times in 4 years
- Did not perform its functions of support to the Political Commission, support to the implementation and monitoring of the Plan
- No substantial involvement: the meetings were information and listening fora

MONITORING SYSTEM

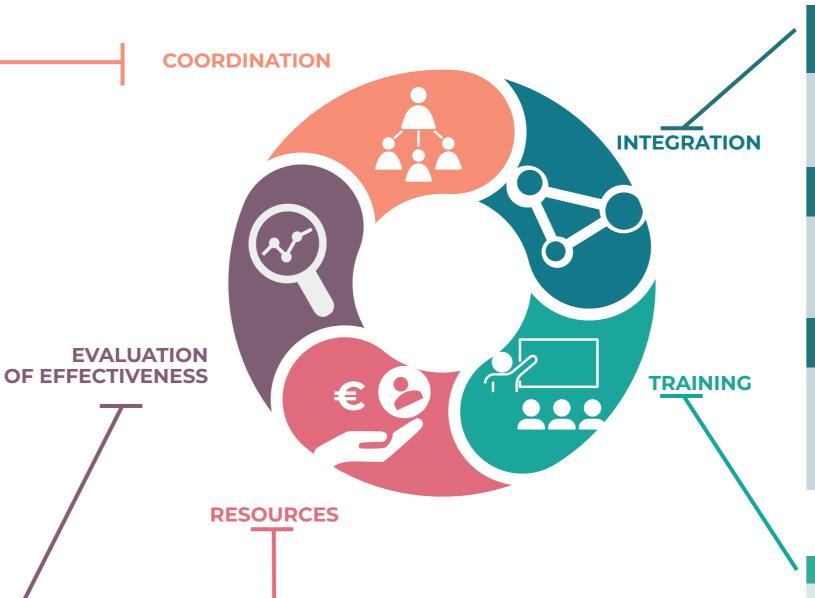
- Only set up for a part of interventions (State-Regions fund transfer)
- Interventions under ministerial ownership do not have a monitoring system nor a system for collecting useful information

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Good with respect to data collection, study and research
- Poor with respect to the actions planned and implemented on the Plan

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

• The lack of information on the implementation of measures makes it impossible to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Plan



FINANCIAL RESOURCES ADEQUATE TO THE OBJECTIVES

Not assessable: lack of financial information

HUMAN RESOURCES ADEQUATE TO THE OBJECTIVES

- The national law (LN 119/2013) does not provide for the allocation of human resources
- At all levels of government, the resources dedicated to VaW are: numerically inadequate; loaded with various other matters to be managed; continuously replaced (very high turnover of dedicated people)

INTEGRATION BETWEEN VAW POLICIES AND POLICIES OF THE OTHER MINISTRIES

- Achieved on a financial level: each Ministry dedicated its own resources
- Only 8 interventions saw collaboration between ministries (5.9% of the total)
- No interaction between coordinating bodies and other bodies dealing with VaW

INTEGRATION BETWEEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL/LOCAL POLICIES

- Top-down government logic prevails: no participatory process with the regions and local administrations has been activated, nor spaces for sharing good practices
- Lack of communication and transparency on actions implemented by ministries

ENHANCEMENT OF THE NGO ROLE

- Exclusion from decision-making spheres: the interministerial political commission only includes institutional representatives
- Limited involvement in strategy formulation and programming processes; no involvement in the implementation and monitoring phases of interventions
- Good investment in the training of all professionals working with women victims of violence, BUT:
- Each institution/organisation determines on its own behalf the content,
- modalities, timing, etc.
- It was planned to draw up guidelines to make training uniform: this was not done

CONCLUSIONS

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE NEXT NATIONAL PLAN

IN THEORY: THE PLAN'S APPROACH SATISFIES THE ISTANBUL CONVENTION

IN PRACTICE: THIS APPROACH HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN A LIMITED WAY



THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION, INTERACTION AND COORDINATION HAS FUELLED A «PERCEPTION OF DISTANCE» OF THE NATIONAL PLAN FROM THE NEEDS OF WOMEN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE AND FROM THE SERVICES THAT SUPPORT THEM

STRUCTURING MORE INCLUSIVE PROCESSES OF DISCUSSION, INTERACTION AND DECISION-MAKING

- Ensuring the continuity of processes over time
- Guaranteeing the substantial involvement of all anti-violence policy actors. First of all: > Regions
 - > Women's organisations
 - > Technical Commettee

ADOPT A «BOTTOM-UP APPROACH» IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMEN-TING THE PLAN

That is: starting from the needs of the territories

STRUCTURING A MONITORING SY-STEM FOR THE PLAN (ALSO COOR-DINATING WITH THE STATE GEN-DER BUDGET)

- Useful for publicizing the actions planned and implemented
- Indispensable to ensure an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Plan

ALLOW THE TECHNICAL COMMETTEE TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS

- Support to the Political Commission
- Support to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Plan)

VIVA PROJECT

ViVa Project ("Evaluation and Analysis of Interventions to Prevent and Combat Violence Against Women") is the result of the Collaboration Agreement signed on June 19, 2017 between the Department for Equal Opportunity of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers (DEO) and the Institute for Research on Population and Social Policy of the National Research Council (CNR-IRPPS). Thanks to an additional Collaboration Agreement, signed in April 2022, ViVa project is now in its second phase. The purpose is to realize social researches and evaluation researches to support the government in implementing policies on violence against women.



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