

EVALUATION TOOLS: THE ITALIAN NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN ON MALE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS OF ITALIAN REGIONS

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VIVA PROJECT...

ViVa - 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 of 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.

...AND ITS AIMS

The Strategic Plan on Male Violence Against Women 2017-2020 aims to stimulate integrated and coordinated policies, as also requested by the Istanbul Convention, signed in 2012 and ratified by Italy in 2013.

Viva project aims to analyse and reconstruct the strategies developed at regional level for the implementation of the Plan, in order to understand how the Regions implement the national strategies and the specific needs of territories.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY/1

METHODOLOGY - Mapping and analysis of the regional legislative and administrative acts available in the regional databases, with the aim of creating a unique and single reasoned online database.

OUTPUT - LARA - Regional Anti Violence Laws and Acts. Online database on regional laws and acts on preventing and combating violence against women designed and implemented by the Institute for the Study of Regionalism, Federalism and Self-Government of the National Research Council of Italy (January 2023).

RESEARCH ACTIVITY/2

METHODOLOGY - Analysis of the administrative acts in order to understand the use of the national funds allocated to the Regions for the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

OUTPUT - Final Evaluation Report on the Strategic Plan on Male Violence Against Women 2017-2020 and its annex Regional Programming of Funds Allocated by LN 119/2013 (December 2023).

THE ROLE OF ITALIAN REGIONS

COMPETENCE

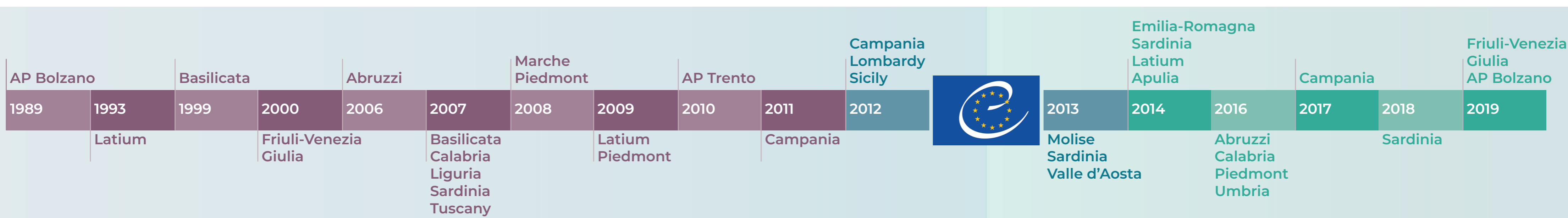
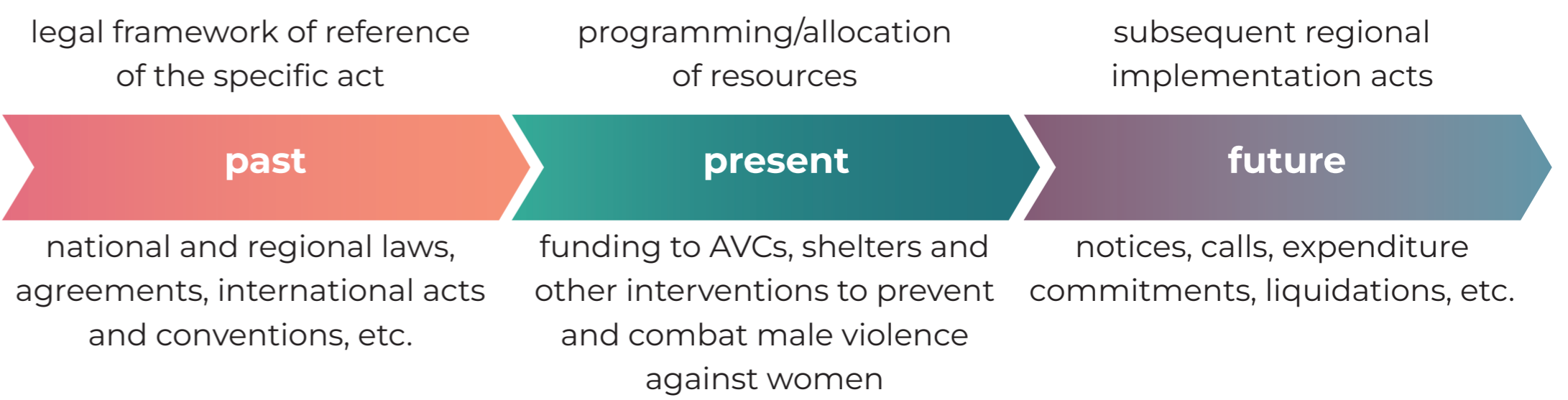
The Regions are fundamental units of analysis in the study of social policies, due to the competence (legislative and administrative) recognised by the Italian Constitution. Specifically, the Constitution recognises to Regions the (residual) competence on social policy, and to the State the determination of the basic levels of services.

KEY ROLE

With reference to measures to prevent and combat violence against women, the key role of the Regions dates back to the late '80s, when the Regions recognised territorial instances and practices, adopting laws and initiatives to support specialist services and territorial networks.

THE ROLE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTS

The regional planning acts describe a 'PROCESS' with 3 dimensions:



Regions and databases of administrative acts: LARA



before

now

21 databases, each organised according to different classification criteria

- 1 single reasoned database
- search by: type of act, year, Region, specific purposes
- more than 3000 regional acts (databased and classified)
- a tool to support: researchers; people involved in planning and implementing activities to combat violence against women
- biannual update

Regions and national funds: WHICH USE?

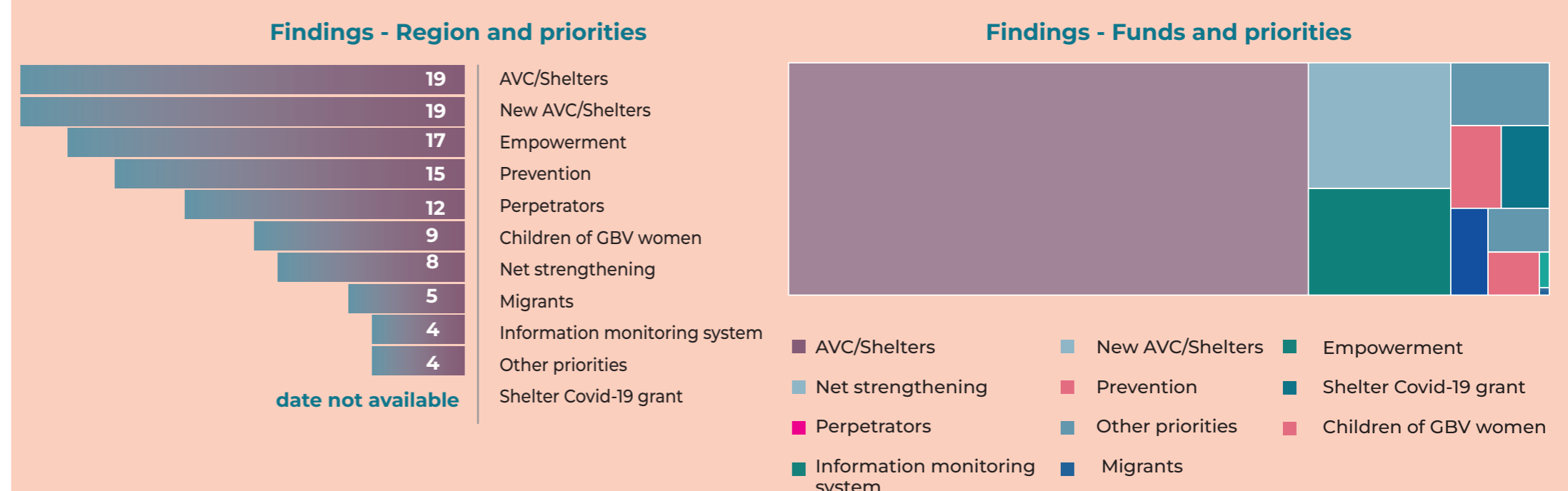
Evaluation question

With reference to the funds allocated by LN 119/2013, what are the intervention priorities on which the Regions have invested most? And which priorities have been invested in to a lesser extent?

Research

Analysis of more than 600 regional acts:

- Regional planning acts
- Regional implementation acts



From findings to the field

Interviews with regional focal points in order to understand how different initiatives were implemented

LESSONS LEARNED

Why look at Regions – central role in the implementation of anti-violence policies; heterogeneity of approaches and strategies; stimulating stakeholders to develop new options for action.

Why use administrative acts – indispensable sources for the formal reconstruction of implementation processes; useful for reconstructing the choices made over time and the discretion of administrative action from a law-in-action perspective.

LESSONS TO LEARN

How to look at Regions – the relationship between regional strategies and other territorial authorities (municipalities); how regional funds are transferred to AVCs and Shelters through specific procedures; local social planning.

How to use administrative acts – relationships between different entities; to understand if and how anti-violence policies influence and contaminate other policies of regional competence.

NOW WHAT? New milestones

- > Implementation of LARA by extending it to other types of violence: i. FGM, gender identity, trafficking, etc.
- > Evaluation of the Strategic Plan on Male Violence Against Women 2021-2023
- > Theorising the use of acts in evaluative research

