

In this paper, a preliminary environmental balance of the Alta Val d'Agri industrial area is presented with the aim to provide stakeholders with an exhaustive framework for the characterization of anthropogenic pressures of the industrial settlement as whole as well as to outline a possible path towards a sustainable development of this area.

5 The Alta Val d'Agri is a peculiar area in which there are the hugest oil field in Italy and a protected naturalistic area (the "Appennino Lucano, Val d'Agri, Lagonegrese" National Park). The presence of an oil treatment centre, the "Centro Olio Val d'Agri – COVA", where the extracted fluid is collected, separated into crude oil, gas and water and further processed, represents undoubtedly a significant source of environmental
10 impact with an important associated industrial risks. Therefore, an in depth characterization of the whole anthropogenic impacts, is fundamental to outline the state of art on which interventions and recovery plans are developed.

2 The methodological approach

In this study, an ad-hoc survey methodology has been implemented for a detailed characterization of the industrial area as well as to outline and monitor the relationships
15 between the anthropogenic activities and the environment.

This methodology, mainly based on the DPSIR model implemented by the European Environment Agency (EEA, 1995) combined a qualitative and quantitative assessment to evaluate the integrated effect of the most dominant factors that determine the
20 environmental impacts and their main effects. This preliminary analysis is essential to identify the strengths and weaknesses of the study area, the potential risks as well as to define strategies and measures to promote a sustainable development of the energy system.

To this issue a detailed survey of existing activities with a focus on industrial activities was carried out utilizing selected indicators. The indicators checklists were also
25 complemented by customized questionnaires submitted to all the industries located in the study area (respondents were 74,5% corresponding to 88,4% of total employers

and about 60% of total energy consumption), aimed at providing additional qualitative information for a thorough description of the industrial activities including the existing energy-environmental management systems.

5 In the following a summary description of the DPSIR methodology and the selection of indicators are reported.

The DPSIR (Driving-Pressure-State-Impact-Responses) methodology represents an upgrade of the former PSR (Pressure-State-Response) model adopted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD, 1994). Its basic concept is the causality relationship among the pressures put forth by human activities on the
10 environment and its changes in terms of quality and quantity of natural resources.

In this framework, specific indicators are used to provide concise information about each stage of the DPSIR process and constitute a sound database for evaluation and legislation. These indicators are essential to quantify the anthropogenic pressures and impacts and consequently to assess the state of environment supporting qualitatively
15 and quantitatively policy evaluation studies and end-users information. In particular, the environmental indicators typically illustrate all the elements of the causal chain between the anthropogenic activities and their environmental effects as well as the community responses (Niemeijer et al., 2012).

The survey of the Alta Val d'Agri industries was aimed at characterising the industrial
20 area by collecting specific data on resource use and environmental performances.

Therefore, appropriate socio-economic and environmental indicators were selected from the European Environment Agency (EEA, 2012) and the Institute for the Protection and Environmental Research (ISPRA, 2012) catalogues. These indicators, following the European Environmental Agency guidelines (EEA, 2005), were used to report
25 the information related to Environment (air, soil, water), Resources (energy, raw and secondary materials, waste), Socio- Economic (policy, business, society, end-use sectors) as well as to highlight the main criticalities in terms of industrial risks.

The selected indicators are reported in Table 1 together with the DPSIR drivers and the reference components (input-output matrices).

The analysis of the currently available data points out the necessity to have longer time series of validated data for all the considered environmental matrices to perform a thorough assessment of the state of environment in the case study area, with the aim of monitoring the evolution of pollutant phenomena. To this issue, it should be noticed that a potential criticality is a lack of the knowledge about the period prior to the start of mining activities that hamper a full evaluation of the changes occurred in the time and the cause-effects.

3.1.4 Responses

To compensate the environmental impact of the mining activities as well as to guarantee satisfactory life conditions and adequate information to the population, a set of measures have been implemented. Among these policy strategies aimed to control/improve the environmental conditions, policy and incentives to foster technological innovation, business creation and development and to improve information to community have been considered. In particular, as concerns the impact of mining activities and oil treatment processes, several measures were undertaken by the companies to limit the damage and to check their environmental performances, extensively reported in the previous paragraphs. The main considered strategies with a synthesis of the pursued aim and the planned measures are reported in Table 9. Among the policy strategies, it is worth noting the establishment of “Environmental Observatory of Val d’Agri” that provides for the implementation of the above mentioned monitoring project, ensuring also a proper and well-documented dissemination of environmental information, realized by means of archiving and managing many environmental data in dynamic databases. The Environmental Observatory is also involved in several research projects on the Val d’Agri environmental and health issues.

Of considerable interest is also the “Action plan for air protection of quality in the towns of Viggiano and Grumento Nova”, established with the Regional Decree (DGR 1640/2012). This plan is aimed to the improvement of air quality providing for a 20 %

reduction of the threshold values of SO₂ and H₂S and the definition of four attention reference levels related to the overtaking of threshold values.

Specific measures for promoting the development and competitiveness of the regional production system were also provided by the ERDF Operational Programme of Basilicata Region, in particular by the ERDF Innovative Actions 2000–2006 (“Regional Programme of Innovative Actions in Basilicata – Italy”; ERDF, 2007), the Regional Law n. 1/2009 (Basilicata law n. 1/2009) and the 2007/2013 ERDF Programme (Operative Programme Val d’Agri-Melandro-Sauro-Camastra; ERDF, 2013), that provides for specific actions to promote the territorial development, the environmental certification and to facilitate the settlement of the productive and tourist activities in the case study.

As concerns energy issues, financial incentives were addressed at boosting energy production from Renewable Energy Sources (RES) to valorise endogenous resources as well as to limit the use of fossil fuels. These mainly resulted in a noticeable diffusion of PV systems as reported in Table 10.

The “Regional Environmental Energy Plan” (PIEAR, 2010) provides for a reduction of energy consumption and bills, the increase of the production of electric and thermal energy from RES and the creation of a Val d’Agri energy district. Specific objectives are to support research and technological innovation and to promote sustainable mobility.

Despite the existence of several planning strategies, other measures could be deployed by the Institutions in order to improve the management and the environmental performances of this area. To this aim an improvement of the infrastructure and common facilities is necessary (i.e. the completion of natural gas distribution network) and, more generally, a support of a strategic environmental action for the sustainable development of this site, which could also lead to the application of audit scheme (EMAS) certification to the Alta Val d’Agri industrial area. In this perspective, a “territorial” approach based on EMAS can be considered as a new opportunity to pursue in a synergetic and mutually reinforcing way the public, private, social and industrial targets and interests emerging in the local context. In particular, this approach gains a great impor-

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Table 1. Indicators of the Val d'Agri study area.

DPSIR Drivers	Indicators	Component (Input-Output matrices)
Driving forces (D)	Population, Number of enterprises, Number of employees by sector	Socio-Economic/ Society, Business
	GDP	Environment Socio- Economic/Industry
	Barrel of oil extracted Sm ³ day ⁻¹ of natural gas	
	Number and typology of freight transport (fuels, raw materials, goods)	Socio- Economic/Transport
Pressures (P)	Land use	Environment/Soil
	Natural resources use	Resources/Raw material
	Water extraction, consumption and waste	Environment/Water
	Energy production and consumption	Resources/Energy
	Atmospheric emissions by sector (CO ₂ , SO ₂ , NO _x , VOC, CO, TSP, PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ , O ₃ , SO ₂)	Environment/Air
	Waste produced by industry sector (Special hazardous waste, Special Non-Hazardous Waste) Integrated Environmental Authorization-AIA	Resources/Waste Socio- Economic/Industry
State (S)	Atmospheric pollutant concentrations (SO ₂ , NO _x , VOC, CO, TSP, PM ₁₀ , NO ₂ , O ₃)	Environment/Air
	Chemical-Microbiological parameters (BOD ₅ , COD, PH, organic substances, fecal contamination indices)	Environment/Water
	Ecological parameters (SECA, LIM, IBE)	
Impacts (I)	All indicators reported in the above categories to assess the variations and changes on the environment	Environment/Air, Water, Soil
	Other indicators to assess the damages on eco-system, human health, economic	Socio- economic/Society, Business
Responses (R)	Environmental evaluation and certification	Environment/Air, Water, Soil
	Number of RES plants installations	Socio-economic/Policy, Business, Society
	Policies and strategies at national, regional, provincial and municipal level (e.g. SEAP, mitigation and adaptation plans, other thematic plans)	
	Financial measures and incentives to promote RES and EE deployment	
	Other actions promoted by Local Authorities and Associations categories for environmental protection and sustainable development	

Table 4. Raw materials and finished product per sector of activity.

Indicator Raw Materials Input/Output		
Sectors Of Activities	Raw Materials (Tons)	Finished Product (Tons)
B Mining And Quarrying	34 763 (ktoe)	
C Manufacturing	83 016.6	55 094
F Constructions	–	–
G Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair Of Motor Vehicles And Motorcycles	–	2000

Table 5. Waste flows according to EWC classification (source: ARPAB internal communication).

EWC	Description of wastes	Quantity of waste generated [tons]	Quantity of waste received [tons]	Quantity of waste delivered [tons]
01	Wastes resulting from exploration, mining, quarry, as well as by physical or chemical treatment of minerals	26 371.28	4.58	26 359.30
03	Wastes from wood processing and the production of panels and furniture, pulp, paper and paperboard	45.70	0.00	46.60
05	Wastes from petroleum refining, natural gas purification and pyrolytic treatment of coal	190.68	0.00	190.68
06	Wastes from inorganic chemical processes	0.38	0.00	0.38
07	Wastes from organic chemical processes	700.41	0.00	700.41
08	Wastes from the manufacture, formulation, supply and use of coatings (paints, varnishes and vitreous enamels), adhesives, sealants and printing inks	0.39	0.00	0.40
10	Wastes from thermal processes	41.26	0.00	41.26
12	Wastes from shaping and physical and mechanical surface treatment of metals and plastics	636.65	0.00	633.78
13	Oil wastes and wastes of liquid fuels (except edible oils, and those in chapters 05, 12 and 19)	9.69	0.00	10.38
14	Organic solvents, refrigerants and propellants (except 7 and 8)	0.02	0.00	0.02
15	Waste packaging, absorbents, wiping cloths, filter materials and protective clothing (not otherwise specified)	1533.99	0.00	1530.82
16	Wastes not otherwise specified in the list	59 622.78	0.00	59 619.63
17	Wastes from construction and demolition wastes (including excavated soil from contaminated sites)	210.32	13 403.63	212.06
19	Wastes from waste treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants off-site, as well as clean water and its preparation for industrial use	154.64	0.00	154.64
20	Municipal wastes (household waste and similar products to commercial and industrial activities and the institutions) wastes including waste collection	1340.11	0.00	1340.01

Table 6. Energy consumption of COVA (Source: ENI, 2013).

Energy flows	2009	2010	2011
Gross energy consumption [internal production plus purchased energy] [MWh]	148 843	155 212	158 151
Net energy consumption [produced plus purchased/sold energy] [MWh]	131 933	144 281	153 949
– of which produced electricity [MWh]	148 329	153 196	144 467
– of which energy purchased by other companies [MWh]	514	2016	13 683
– of which energy sold to other companies [MWh]	16 910	10 931	4 202
Net electricity consumption [MWh] per thousand of produced barrels	4 621	4 497	4 429

Table 7. Total yearly emissions from COVA (Source: ENI, 2013).

Reference year	2009	2010	2011
	thousands of tons		
GHGs direct emissions	497.66	469.78	394.5
of which CO ₂ from combustion and process	307.57	273.8	205.1
of which CO ₂ equivalent from flaring	72.82	67.28	49.77
of which CO ₂ equivalent from CH ₄	117.26	128.71	139.64
SO ₂ emissions	0.032	0.028	0.039
NO _x emissions	0.536	0.5	0.333

Table 8. Framework of synthesis parameters, and monitored environmental components (Source: OADVA).

Environmental matrix	Analyzed parameters (in situ and/or laboratory measurements)	Sampling frequency	Monitoring equipments
Air	SO ₂ , O ₃ , CO, NO, NO ₂ , NO _x , PM _{2.5} , H ₂ S, CH ₄ , NMHC, THC, VOCs, C ₆ H ₆ , toluene, ethylbenzene and m, p, o-xylenes (BTEX); odorous compounds-sulfurmercaptans; measure the concentration of radon gas PAHs and Al, As, Cd, Cr, Mn, Ni, Pb, Fe, Cu, Zn, Ti, Sb and V	continuous	4 fixed monitoring stations
	temperature, pressure, relative humidity, precipitation, global radiation and net speed and wind direction, UVW sonic velocity components and sonic temperature	continuous	
Groundwater	- pH, temperature, turbidity, water table depth, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, salinity, redox potential - IPA, sulfates, metals, hydrocarbons with C < 12 hydrocarbons with C < 12, aromatic organic compounds	monthly	4 piezometers
Surface Water and Sediment	physico-chemical parameters processing of indexes: I.B.E, Trophic and functional indices, indices of diversity, LIM, SECA, S.A.C.A.	monthly	7 sampling stations
Noise	Sound levels for day and night	continuous	4 stations
Odor emissions	"The monitoring of odor emissions will be made on the basis of an adequate scientific study with direct applications in the surrounding territory on the Oil Centre Val d'Agri in collaboration with scientific institutions and research organizations" (Protocol implementation in development)		

Table 9. Main responses and pursued scopes.

Strategy	Measure	Objectives/scope
Basilicata Region Environmental Observatory Val d'Agri	1. Monitoring Project	1. Environmental monitoring
	2. Implementation of dynamic databases	2. Archiving and managing of environmental data
	3. Development of training projects	3. Promotion of information campaigns aimed at ensuring to the citizenship a correct and well-documented information on environmental issues
	4. Environmental Assessment	4. Study and verification of compatibility among existing activities and the principles of biodiversity conservation
	5. Implementation of several research projects on the environmental and health issues	5. Population and Health assessment and surveillance
Action Plan for the protection of air quality in the municipalities of Viggiano and Grumento Nova	20% reduction of SO ₂ and H ₂ S emissions and definition of four attention levels	Improvement of air quality
ERDF Operational Programme of Basilicata Region	1. Supporting the entrepreneurship 2. Improving the sustainable use of environmental resources, the efficiency and the management of decision-making process	Territorial development, environmental certification to facilitate the settlement of the productive and tourist activities
Regional Environmental Plan	1. Reduction of energy consumption and energy bills 2. Increase of the production of electric and thermic energy from RES 3. Creation of a district energy in the Val d'Agri	1. Energy savings and improved energy efficiency of public and private buildings 2. Larger energy distributed generation from RES 3. To support research and technological innovation 4. Sustainable mobility

Table 10. Type and capacity of RES systems installed in the Alta Val d'Agri industrial area (data from direct survey).

RES	Installed capacity [kWp]	Type of system
PV	200	Totally integrated on roof
PV	20	Partially integrated on roof
PV	200	Not integrated
PV	4500	On land

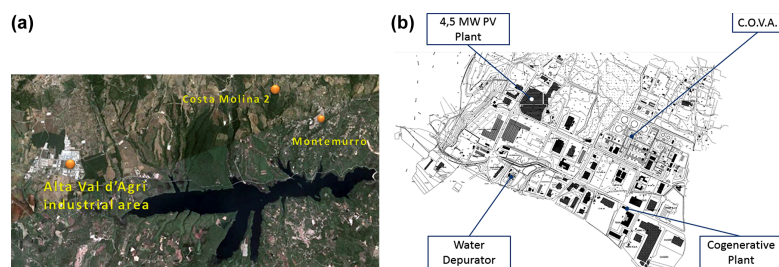


Figure 1. (a) The Alta Val d'Agri industrial area (Source: Google Earth, 2013), and (b) the site plan of relevant industrial activities (Source: IMAA-CNR elaboration on Bonaduce's image).

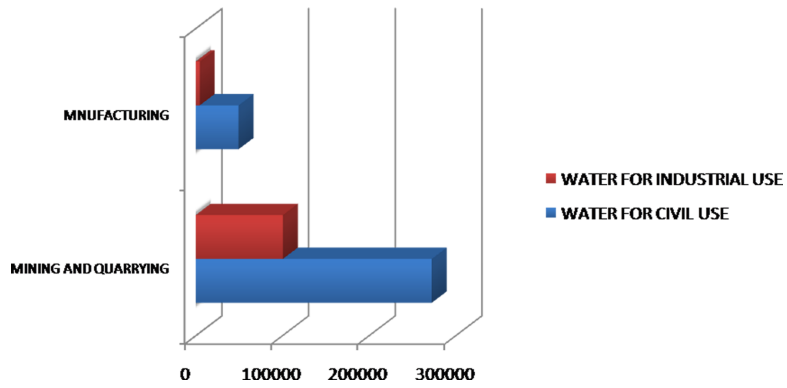


Figure 2. Water Consumption for industrial and civil use: mining and quarrying and manufacturing [10^6 m^3] (Source: ARGAIP Potenza).

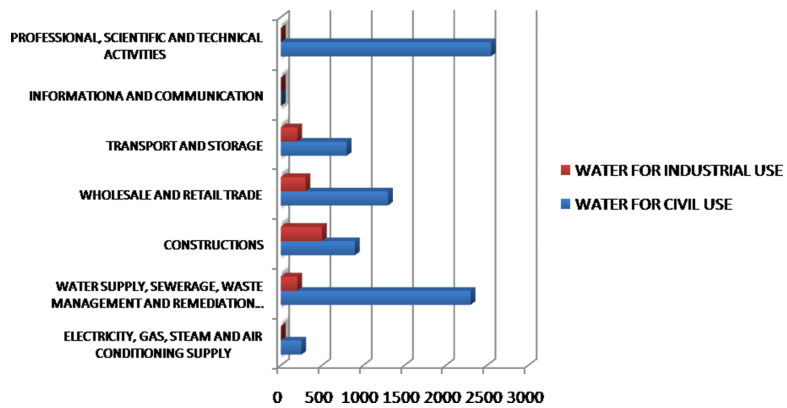


Figure 3. Water consumption for industrial and civil use by sector [m^3] (Source: ARGAIP Potenza).

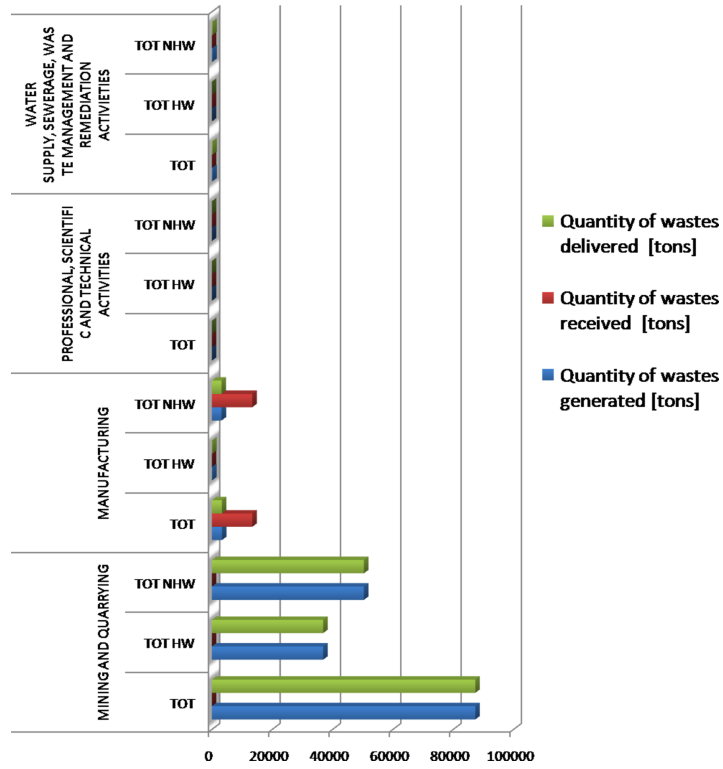


Figure 4. Waste flows by sector: Hazardous (HW) and Non Hazardous Waste (NHW) (source: ARPAB).

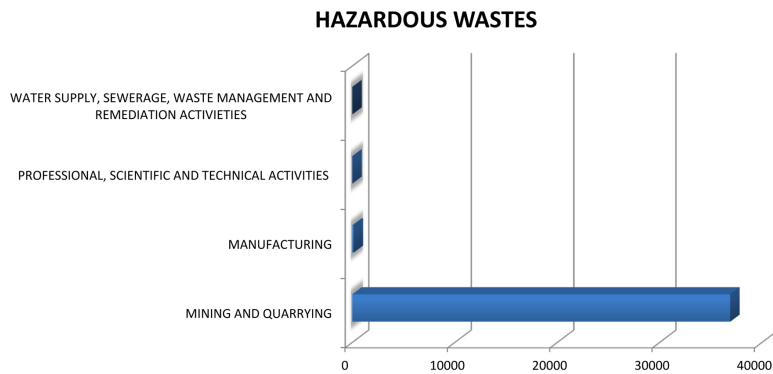


Figure 5. Hazardous Waste (HW) by sector [tons] (CNR-IMAA elaborations).

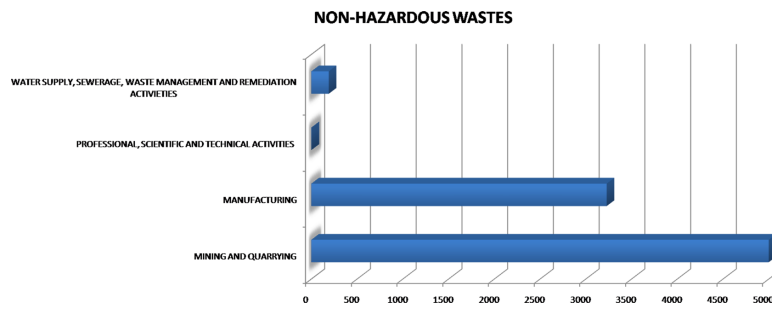


Figure 6. Non Hazardous Waste (NHW) by sector [tons] (source: IMAA-CNR elaboration on data from ARPA Basilicata).

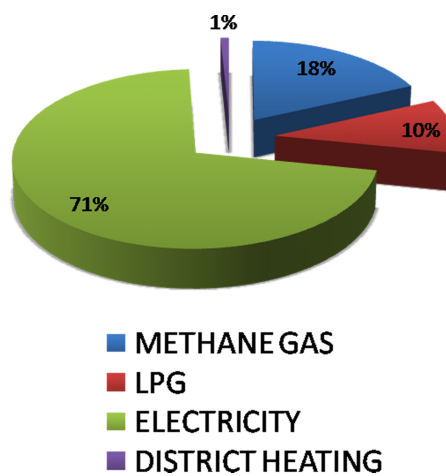


Figure 7. Energy consumption by energy carrier – industry (year 2012).

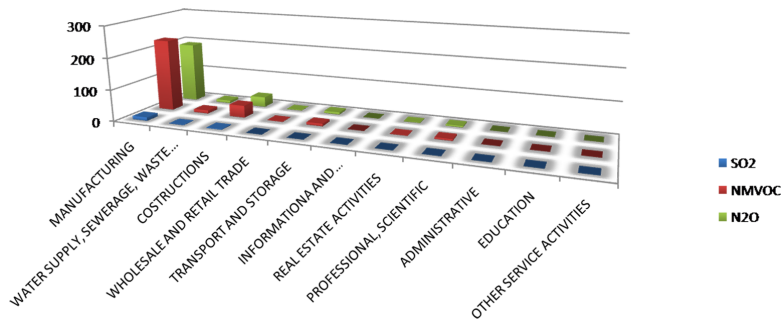


Figure 8. Local Air Pollutant emissions from energy processes by sector [kg year⁻¹].

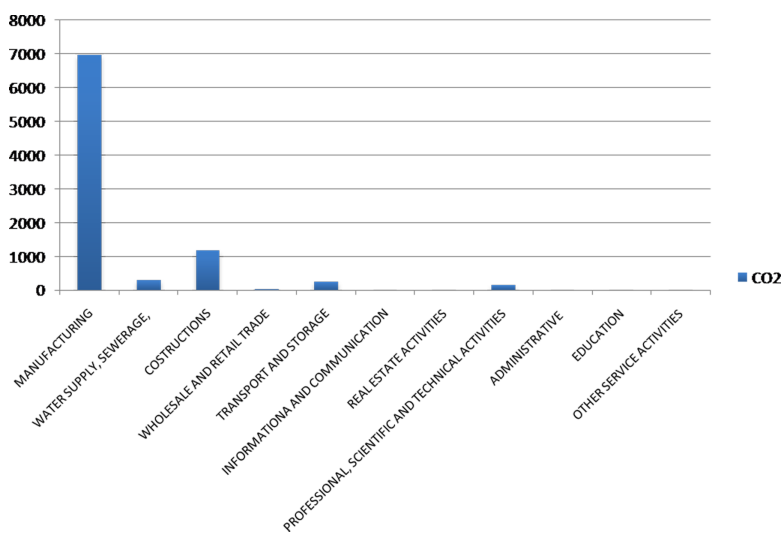


Figure 9. CO₂ from energy processes by sector [tons].

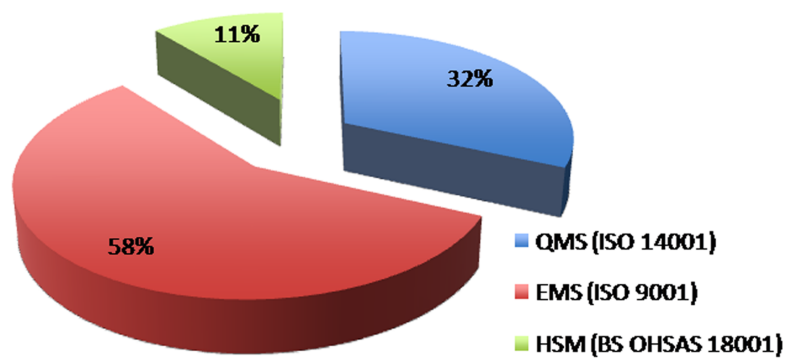


Figure 10. Percentage distribution of the different accreditation schemes of industrial processes (Source: CNR-IMAA elaboration on ACCREDIA data) (Source: ACCREDIA).