

# The environmental balance of the Alta Val d'Agri: a contribution to the evaluation of the industrial risk and strategic sustainable development

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## Abstract

This study presents the preliminary environmental balance of the Alta Val d'Agri (Basilicata Region, Southern Italy), an area of great naturalistic interest characterized by the presence of huge oil and gas fields. The Driving Forces-Pressure-State-Impact-Responses (DPSIR) methodology has been used to outline the background in terms of environmental impacts mainly caused by the oil extraction activities, as well as existing potential responses. The study aims at providing stakeholders with an exhaustive framework to identify the existing data, the main sources of pollution, their potential impacts, the associated industrial risks and the existing policy strategies. Moreover, the DPSIR approach allows identifying the vulnerable areas and defining targeted actions for a sustainable development of the area.

## 1 Introduction

The environmental balance is a voluntary tool that describes qualitatively and quantitatively the relationships between the anthropogenic activities and the environment (Karageorgis et al., 2006) supporting either strategic planning and policy assessment (Nilsson M., 2008). The DPSIR framework, in fact, is useful to describe the environmental problems of territory through appropriate indicators as well as to assess the environmental criticalities to be addressed in local environmental plans (Naviglio et al., 2009). In particular, it allows evaluating the environmental performances of industrial settlements and assessing their

1 pressure on vulnerable areas, highlighting the most important impact factors and the  
2 associated potential industrial risks (Piemonte Region and Regional Agency for the Protection  
3 of the Environment of Piemonte, 2013). The environmental balance provides a static  
4 representation of the analysed system in a given time period, evaluating its eco-efficiency and  
5 highlighting the bottlenecks as well as the existing response strategies to the environmental  
6 problems. In this process it is also possible to evaluate the variations of the state of the  
7 environment by comparing the environmental balances of different time periods, according to  
8 data availability and to identify the best available technologies that allow obtaining a  
9 significant improvement of system's performances. This logical framework allows local  
10 authorities to move towards an improved environmental quality by means of targeted actions  
11 and to evaluate the effectiveness of the policies in place. Anyway, as any conceptual scheme,  
12 the main drawback is represented by the simplified representation of the environmental and  
13 social dynamics of a territory that are actually more complex. In particular, the relationships  
14 among the indicators should be emphasized and the different environmental issues should be  
15 prioritized in order to find out the most effective actions (Naviglio et al., 2009)

16 In this paper, a preliminary environmental balance of the Alta Val d'Agri industrial area is  
17 presented with the aim to provide stakeholders with an exhaustive framework for the  
18 characterization of anthropogenic pressures of the industrial settlement as whole as well as to  
19 outline a possible path towards a sustainable development of this area. This study shows an  
20 innovative application of a well-established reference methodology to collect and process  
21 environmental data combining different aspects not fully addressed in previous studies  
22 utilising the DPSIR. An application of this methodology to an industrial area is reported in  
23 (Cosmi et. Al. 2006).

24 The Alta Val d'Agri is a peculiar area in which there are the hugest oil field in Italy and a  
25 protected naturalistic area (the Appennino Lucano, Val d'Agri, Lagonegrese National Park).  
26 The presence of an oil/gas treatment centre, the Val d'Agri Oil Centre (COVA), where the  
27 extracted fluid is collected, separated into crude oil, gas and water and further processed,  
28 represents undoubtedly a significant source of environmental impact with an important  
29 associated industrial risks. Therefore, an in depth characterization of the whole anthropogenic  
30 impacts, is fundamental to outline the framework on which interventions and recovery plans  
31 are developed.

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## 1 **2 The methodological approach**

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

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

11 To this issue a detailed survey of existing activities with a focus on industrial activities was  
12 carried out utilizing selected indicators. The indicators checklists were also complemented by  
13 customized questionnaires submitted to all the industries located in the study area  
14 (respondents were 74,5% corresponding to 88,4% of total employers and about 60% of total  
15 energy consumption), aimed at providing additional qualitative information for a thorough  
16 description of the industrial activities including the existing energy-environmental  
17 management systems.

18 In the following a summary description of the DPSIR methodology and the selection of  
19 indicators is reported.

20 The DPSIR methodology represents an upgrade of the former PSR (Pressure-State-Response)  
21 model adopted by the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD,  
22 1994). Its basic concept is the causality relationship among the pressures put forth by human  
23 activities on the environment and its changes in terms of quality and quantity of natural  
24 resources.

25 In this framework, specific indicators are used to provide concise information about each  
26 stage of the DPSIR process and constitute a sound database for policy making and  
27 assessment. These indicators are essential to quantify the anthropogenic pressures and impacts  
28 and consequently to assess the state of environment supporting qualitatively and  
29 quantitatively policy evaluation studies and end-users information. In particular, the  
30 environmental indicators typically illustrate all the elements of the causal chain between the

1 anthropogenic activities and their environmental effects as well as the community responses  
2 (Niemeijer et al., 2012)

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

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

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

14 All the information were reported in Excel tables including the following data: company  
15 factsheet (business, name, Istituto Nazionale di Statistica-ISTAT code, number of employees,  
16 etc.), raw materials (processed, manufactured and used), water use, energy use, environmental  
17 authorizations and compliance with International Organization for Standardization (ISO)  
18 standards.

19 Some of the collected data will also be included in a thematic database implemented by the  
20 Department of Productive Activities of the Basilicata Region to manage and monitor the  
21 industrial areas of the region.

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### 23 **3 The Alta Val d'Agri industrial district**

24 The Alta Val d'Agri industrial district is located in the Basilicata region (Southern Italy) in  
25 the towns of Viggiano and Grumento Nova (Fig 1 a) and b)). The most important activities in  
26 the study area include a water treatment plant, a 4,5 MW PV plant, a 5,2 MW CHP plant, a 7  
27 MW CC plant and the COVA.

28 The industrial area is very close to the Appennino Lucano, Val d'Agri, Lagonegrese National  
29 Park and to built-up areas. It is also located in the Agri River Basin, in the neighbourhoods of  
30 the Casale stream, a tributary of the Agri River.

1 As a first step a survey of the infrastructures and services was carried out (Table 2).

2 Moreover, the industrial area has not still got a toponymy and there aren't schools, hospitals,  
3 sport and leisure centres in the surroundings.

4 The industry activities related to the COVA, owned by Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi (ENI),  
5 represent the most significant sources of environmental impact. In fact, besides being the  
6 major integrated energy company of Italy, ENI is also the major operator of the Val d'Agri  
7 (60,77% of exploitation concessions). ENI started its activity in the Basilicata region in 1996,  
8 with the Monte Alpi production line, whereas the COVA started its production in 2001.  
9 Currently there are five production lines from 26 wells, with a maximum capacity of about  
10  $16.500 \text{ m}^3 \text{ day}^{-1}$  (about 104.000 barrels  $\text{day}^{-1}$ ) and 3.1 million  $\text{Sm}^3 \text{ day}^{-1}$  of natural gas.

11 The extracted fluid is processed through a three-phase system that separates the oil extracted  
12 into crude oil, gas and water. Crude oil is transported through an underground pipeline of  
13 about 136 km length to the ENI refinery in Taranto, located in the neighbour Apulia Region.  
14 Natural gas pre-treated at COVA is then delivered to the Società Nazionale Metanodotti  
15 (SNAM) national grid (ENI, 2013) whereas the process water is re-injected into the subsoil  
16 through the Costa Molina Sud injection well.

17 The oil industry causes a high impact on all environmental matrices (air, water, soil), on  
18 vegetation and wildlife, and ultimately on human health, during all of the processing phases,  
19 from drilling to transportation. (Sviluppo Basilicata, 2011)

20 In fact, the COVA is a major hazardous plant (one of 10 hazardous plants located in the  
21 Basilicata Region) and should comply with the Seveso 3EU Directive (EU/2012/18) that  
22 addresses the consequences to the regulation of major accident hazard sites in order to limit  
23 their consequences for human health and the environment. The COVA has accordingly  
24 prepared an emergency plan and requested an Integrated Environmental Authorization (IEA,  
25 2011), according to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) directives (Directive  
26 2008/1/EC).

27 It should be also noticed that the oil fields are located in a high seismic risk area characterized  
28 by a series of important active trans-current tectonic faults that make particularly unstable the  
29 territory on the whole. In fact, according to the (Basilicata Law n.9/2011), the Val d'Agri  
30 belongs to the vulnerability class 1b characterized by a Peak Ground Acceleration (PGA) of

1 0.275 g and a maximum magnitude of 5.8 and these geographic conditions contribute heavily  
2 to increase the vulnerability of the territory.

### 3 **3.1 Preliminary Results and discussion**

#### 4 **3.1.1 Driving Forces**

5 As regards the driving forces, a systematic collection of data on energy, environmental and  
6 socio-economic aspects has been performed in order to identify those activities causing the  
7 major impacts. Starting from the data provided by the Consortium for Industrial Development  
8 (ASI) of Potenza about the industry activities and taking into account the European industrial  
9 activity classification (Eurostat, 2008), a detailed socio-economic characterization of business  
10 activities was carried out. The summary results are reported in Table 3.

11 The characterisation of the industry sector points out that, apart from the economic activities  
12 induced by the oil extraction plant, there is a prevalence of micro-manufacturing firms. The  
13 petrochemical sector is characterized by medium and large enterprises with a high level of  
14 technological innovation based on the achievement of high economy of scale (Sviluppo  
15 Basilicata, 2011).

16 Among the small and medium enterprises, the most relevant sectors in terms of employees are  
17 manufacturing (small businesses), construction and related industries (stone processing,  
18 production of lime and concrete, metal and wood carpentry), and professional, scientific and  
19 technical activities.

20 Transporting materials and finished goods in and out of the industrial area represents one of  
21 the critical aspects with a significant impact on environment. In fact, due to the lack of rail,  
22 road transport is carried by truck along the SS 598 Fondo Valle dell'Agri which connects the  
23 industrial area to the highway. The traffic associated with goods transport is the main source  
24 of impact as urban traffic is negligible due the lack of service centres.

#### 25 **3.1.2 Pressures**

26 Any pressure on the natural environment and human health requires the handling and the  
27 processing of raw materials (Eurostat, 2011).

28 The use of material resources plays indeed a crucial role in the generation of environmental  
29 pressures directly caused by primary activities and indirectly through their feedback to the

1 natural environment in terms of air pollutants, water discharges, waste production and land  
2 use.

3 In fact, resource productivity is the main indicator selected by the European Commission to  
4 monitor sustainable consumption and production (Council of the European Union, 2006).

5 The Alta Val d'Agri industrial district covers an area of about 190 ha of which about 168 ha  
6 built-up, 34 ha public green and about 6 ha not suitable for building (ASI, 2012).

7 The use of raw materials (typology and quantities) was estimated taking into account the  
8 Legislative Decree n.152/99 tables (Legislative Decree n.152/99). The data provided by the  
9 ASI referred to a sample of 13 companies, were integrated and extrapolated to 2013 through a  
10 survey conducted in the early months of 2013, whose summary results are reported in Table  
11 4.

12 As regards water use very detailed data were provided by the Aziende Riunite Gestione Aree  
13 Industriali Potentine (ARGAIP, 2012), a consortium of companies responsible for the  
14 operating and maintenance of industrial plants. Fig 2 and 3 show water consumption for  
15 industrial and civil uses by sector. The drinking water is provided by the local aqueduct,  
16 industrial water is supplied from the treatment plant whereas a sewer collect wastewater.  
17 These infrastructures are managed by the ASI.

18 As shown in Fig 2, mining and quarrying (both for civil and industrial use) and manufacturing  
19 (civil use) have the highest consumption (respectively about 82,6% for civil use and 94,6%  
20 for industrial use and for manufacturing about 15,0% for civil use and 4,3% for industrial  
21 use). Among the other sectors (Fig 3) as concerns the civil use, professional activities (0,77%)  
22 and water supply (0,70%) show the most significant water consumption whilst for industrial  
23 use construction (0,47%) and wholesale and retail trade (0,28%) are the most relevant  
24 consumers.

25 In addition, also waste flows were investigated using the so called Model for Environmental  
26 Declaration-MUD the annual declaration on the total amounts and characteristics of waste  
27 produced, that industries are obliged to fill in according to the Italian legislation (Legislative  
28 Decree 152/06 and its subsequent modification and Ministerial Decree n. 52/2011).

29 Taking into account the information provided by the MUD declarations filled in by the  
30 companies located in Val d'Agri for the years 2010–2011 (Chamber of Commerce and  
31 Industry of Potenza, 2013) and additional data provided by the Regional Agency for the

1 Environment of the Basilicata Region (ARPAB, 2013), the waste flows (Hazardous Waste-  
2 HW and Non-Hazardous Waste–NHW) were obtained.

3 In particular, Fig 4 reports the amounts of hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste by  
4 sector estimated by the ARPAB.

5 Fig 5 reports an insight of hazardous waste (CNR-IMAA elaborations on ARPAB data). It  
6 can be seen the significant contribution of oil extraction activities (i.e. mining and quarrying  
7 sector) especially with oily wastewater (e.g. water used to wash equipment and tanks, drain  
8 water, oil sludge, etc.).

9 Fig 6 reports an insight of non hazardous waste (CNR-IMAA elaborations on ARPAB data).  
10 Manufacturing activities and, more specifically, machineries and equipment manufacturer  
11 (NEC) contribute significantly to the production of non hazardous waste, whereas mechanical  
12 activities produce a large amount of hazardous waste (emulsions and solutions for machinery,  
13 without halogen and packaging containing residues of dangerous or contaminated  
14 substances).

15 According to the MUD declarations and the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) categories a  
16 further disaggregation of industrial waste flows was estimated (Table 5).

17 The evaluation of the waste flows didn't take into account the sludge from urban waste water  
18 treatment as well as Municipal Solid Wastes (MSW) because it was not possible to  
19 distinguish the amounts produced by the industrial district by the whole amount of MSW  
20 produced by Viggiano and Grumento Nova municipalities.

21 Energy consumption is an important indicator to assess the impact of the end-use sectors, with  
22 particular attention to energy-intensive activities (e.g. power generation, refineries, steel and  
23 aluminium industries, etc..) characterized by high specific electrical and thermal energy  
24 consumption. The Val d'Agri industrial district includes two power plants: (a) the CHP  
25 Azimut, a 5,2 MW natural gas co-generative plant connected to district heating network of  
26 about 2 km, and (b) the CC power plant named Nuova Azimut, a 7 MW plant natural gas  
27 fuelled. Since 2013 the Azimut plant has not been operative and it will be dismantled in a near  
28 future therefore also the district heating will not fulfil the thermal energy demand.

29 The total consumption of the industry sector (about 7300 toe) were estimated from the  
30 average unitary energy consumption for the whole Basilicata Region industry sector (e.g. the  
31 total energy consumption by sector by working unit) (ENEA, 2012), considering the number



1 of employees by sector of the Val d'Agri industries in 2012 and the percentage of use of  
2 energy carriers estimated by the direct survey (Fig 7).

3 Fig 7 highlights that electricity is the most used fuel (71%) followed by natural gas (18%),  
4 LPG (10%) and thermal energy from the district heating (1%). This fuel mix represents an  
5 environmental bottleneck because natural gas network is not yet finished and cannot fulfil the  
6 whole industrial energy demand.

7 In this evaluation, the COVA consumption are not included as well as the ones of the two  
8 power plants. In particular, the COVA consumption estimated by the ENI company are  
9 reported in Table 6.

10 Energy consumption constitute the basis to estimate the pollutant emissions due to  
11 combustion processes and to identify the most pollutant activities. The atmospheric emissions  
12 were thus estimated from the energy consumption according to the CORINAIR methodology  
13 (EMEP/EEA, 2009), considering emission factors by the SINA Net (SINA Net, 2012) and the  
14 Agenzia Nazionale Protezione Ambiente Centro Tematico Nazionale- Atmosfera Clima  
15 Emissioni guidebook (ANPA CTN-ACE, 2002) and utilising suited proxy variables by sector  
16 (e.g. socio-economic and demographic indicators). Fig 8 and Fig 9 show the pollutant  
17 emissions from energy processes for the main end-use sectors emphasising the high  
18 contribution of manufacturing.

19 The COVA emissions for the period 2009-2011 provided by the ENI company, are reported  
20 in Table 7.

21 In addition to the emissions from combustion, the emissions from non-energy process were  
22 estimated by using the solvent consumption as activity indicator. This amount increases  
23 24,5% the total yearly emissions on average (data not shown).

24 Besides the evaluation of yearly pollutant emissions the analysis concerned also the  
25 localization of pollution sources (in particular point sources).

26 A census of the emissions permits (Legislative Decree N. 152/2006) and the Integrated  
27 Environmental Authorization granted by the Basilicata Region survey was therefore carried  
28 out to integrate the information obtained by the direct industry. This investigation is also  
29 aimed at a physical-chemical characterization of pollution sources in a near future.

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### 1 3.1.3 State

2 The state of the environment and the impacts of the anthropogenic activities in the study area  
3 were assessed by investigating air and water quality and by assessing the firms with the main  
4 environmental certifications.

5 The bulk of data were provided by the Environmental Observatory of the Val d'Agri  
6 (OAVDA, 2013) and from monitoring campaigns carried out by local authorities and  
7 scientific institutions. In particular, the official data were provided by the Environmental  
8 Monitoring Plan (whose implementation, in compliance with the DD.GG.RR. 313/2011 and  
9 627/2011, have been established by an operating protocol between the ARPAB and the ENI  
10 company signed in 2011). This operating protocol defines an integrated environmental  
11 monitoring process implemented in the framework of the Project of modernization and  
12 improvement of production performance of Val d'Agri Oil Centre of the Integrated  
13 Environmental Authorisation – IEA. It aims at characterizing the impacts caused by the oil  
14 extraction activities on air, soil and subsoil matrices in an area of 13 km x 8 km surrounding  
15 the COVA as well as to assess their temporal trends. Table 8 summarises the analysed  
16 parameters and the monitoring equipments with reference to the investigated matrices.

17 Some preliminary consideration concerning air quality and surface and wastewater reinjection  
18 quality can be made from the analysis of current available data.

19 In particular, in the framework of the activities of the Environmental Observatory (OAVDA,  
20 2013), a preliminary analysis of air quality data referred to the period from 28 February to 13  
21 June has been performed. This analysis showed that the monitoring station close to the -  
22 COVA is characterized by high concentrations of all pollutants and in particular of volatile  
23 organic compounds (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, toluene, ethyl-benzene) probably originated by the oil/gas  
24 treatment activities and also H<sub>2</sub>S shows high concentrations compared with the World Health  
25 Organization (WHO) guidelines (WHO, 2000). As concerns the pollutants with threshold  
26 values, O<sub>3</sub> threshold value is exceeded the highest number of times.

27 As concerns the quality of groundwater, there aren't significant problems according to the  
28 ARPAB data for the town of Montemurro (ARPAB, 2013a).

29 A monitoring project to assess the quality of wastewater reinjection of Costa Molina 2 had  
30 been carried out in 2010, 2011, 2012 and the first six months of 2013. The results of these

1 monitoring campaigns, partly reported in (ARPAB, 2013b) point out that some analytes, like  
2 iron and total hydrocarbons exceeded the regulatory limits.

3 Another interesting analysis concerns a census of the companies that adopted quality  
4 management systems to certify their performances as:

- 5 • ISO 9001 Quality Management Systems (QMS)
- 6 • ISO 14001 Environmental Management Systems (EMS)
- 7 • BS OHSAS 18001 Health and Safety Management Systems (HSM).

8 The results of this investigation, based on the official data (ACCREDIA, 2013) point out that  
9 only 14 companies certify their performances as reported in Fig 10.

10 Moreover, no company has still adopted the European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme  
11 regulation (EMAS, 2013) that has additional requirements respect to other environmental  
12 management systems. In fact, the implementation of the EMAS scheme needs several  
13 compulsory steps: the definition of the company environmental policy, an environmental  
14 management system, an environmental audit for the periodic evaluation of the company  
15 environmental performances and an environmental statement. Through periodic public reports  
16 the company explains the programme, the objectives and the performances to be achieved as  
17 well as the compliance with environmental laws.

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

#### 24 3.1.4 Responses

25 To compensate the environmental impact of the mining activities as well as to guarantee  
26 satisfactory life conditions and adequate information to the population, a set of measures have  
27 been implemented. Among these policy strategies aimed to control/improve the  
28 environmental conditions, policy and incentives to foster technological innovation, business  
29 creation and development and to improve information to community have been considered. In  
30 particular, as concerns the impact of mining activities and oil treatment processes, several

1 measures were undertaken by the companies to limit the damage and to check their  
2 environmental performances, extensively reported in the previous paragraphs. The main  
3 considered strategies with a synthesis of the pursued aim and the planned measures are  
4 reported in Table 9. Among the policy strategies, it is worth noting the establishment of  
5 Environmental Observatory of Val d'Agri that provides for the implementation of the above  
6 mentioned monitoring project, ensuring also a proper and well-documented dissemination of  
7 environmental information, realized by means of archiving and managing many  
8 environmental data in dynamic databases. The Environmental Observatory is also involved in  
9 several research projects on the Val d'Agri environmental and health issues.

10 Of considerable interest is also the Action plan for air protection of quality in the town of  
11 Viggiano and Grumento Nova, established with the Regional Decree (DGR 1640/2012). This  
12 plan is aimed to the improvement of air quality providing for a 20% reduction of the threshold  
13 values of SO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S and the definition of four attention reference levels related to the  
14 overtaking of threshold values. According to the action plan, specific measures should be  
15 implemented by the responsible for each attention level in order to prevent and limit the  
16 causes of environmental/air quality degradation.

17 Specific measures to promote the development and competitiveness of the regional  
18 production system were also provided by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)  
19 Operational Programme of Basilicata Region, in particular by the ERDF Innovative Actions  
20 2000-2006 (Regional Programme of Innovative Actions in Basilicata – Italy; ERDF, 2007),  
21 the Regional Law n.1/2009 (Basilicata law n. 1/2009) and the 2007/2013 ERDF Programme  
22 (Operative Programme Val d'Agri-Melandro-Sauro-Camastra; ERDF, 2013), that provides  
23 for specific actions to promote the territorial development, the environmental certification and  
24 to facilitate the settlement of the productive and tourist activities in the case study.

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

29 The Regional Environmental Energy Plan (PIEAR, 2010) provides for a reduction of energy  
30 consumption and bills, in particular concerning energy savings and energy efficiency  
31 improvement in public and private buildings, the increase of the production of electric and  
32 thermal energy from RES and the creation of the Val d'Agri energy district. Specific

1 objectives are to support research and technological innovation, and to promote sustainable  
2 mobility.

3 Despite the existence of several planning strategies, other measures could be deployed by the  
4 Institutions in order to improve the management and the environmental performances of this  
5 area. To this aim an improvement of the infrastructure and common facilities is necessary (i.e.  
6 the completion of natural gas distribution network) and, more generally, a support of a  
7 strategic environmental action for the sustainable development of this site, which could also  
8 lead to the application of audit scheme (EMAS) certification to the Alta Val d'Agri industrial  
9 area. In this perspective, a "territorial" approach based on EMAS can be considered as a new  
10 opportunity to pursue in a synergetic and mutually reinforcing way the public, private, social  
11 and industrial targets and interests emerging in the local context. In particular, this approach  
12 gains a great importance for those territorial contexts that are known as industrial districts  
13 (Daddy et al., 2012)

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#### 15 **4 Conclusions**

16 Mining activities are at the same time a resource for the territory and an important source of  
17 impacts causing severe damages to the environment as soil erosion, loss of biodiversity,  
18 pollution phenomena interesting air, soil and groundwater that may affect severely local  
19 population.

20 The DPSIR methodology allows describing exhaustively the cause-effect relationships among  
21 the different components as well as taking into account the recovery plans and strategies. In  
22 fact, the DPSIR framework highlights both weak and strength points in order to monitor the  
23 state of environment, manage the critical phenomena and valorise the endogenous resources  
24 to check environmental quality and improve life standards.

25 This study presents a preliminary environmental impact study and assessment of the industrial  
26 activities of Alta Val d'Agri district. The investigation was also addressed at identifying the  
27 critical factors for a development of business activities, currently hampered by a significant  
28 lack of infrastructures.

29 The work performed so far provides a sound reference framework for further investigations  
30 and is helpful to evaluate the potential risks represented by the mining activities in a study  
31 area with peculiar environmental and geographical features.

1 An in-depth characterization of the study area and the impacts of industrial activities will be  
2 performed utilising additional monitoring data on the different environmental matrices in  
3 order to carry out a complete environmental balance. Moreover, different methodologies will  
4 be integrated to characterize the strengths and weaknesses of the system and to define tailored  
5 guidelines for local sustainable development.

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1 **Table 1:** Main indicators for the DPSIR of Alta Val d'Agri industrial area

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DPSIR Drivers	Indicators	Component (Input-Output matrices)
Driving forces (D)	Population, Number of enterprises, Number of employees by sector GDP	Socio-Economic/ , Society, Business
	Barrel of oil extracted Sm <sup>3</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> of natural gas	Environment Socio-Economic /Industry
	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 <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , VOC, CO, TSP, PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> )	Environment/Air
	Waste produced by industry sector (Special hazardous waste, Special non-hazardous waste)	Resources/Waste
	Integrated Environmental Authorization-AIA	Socio-Economic/ Industry
State (S)	Atmospheric pollutant concentrations (SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , VOC, CO, TSP, PM <sub>10</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> )	Environment/Air
	Chemical-Microbiological parameters (BOD <sub>5</sub> , COD, PH, organic substances, fecal contamination indices)	Environment/Water
	Ecological parameters (SECA, LIM, IBE)	
Impacts (I)	All indicators reported in the above categories to	Environment/Air, Water,

	assess the variations and changes on the environment	Soil
	Other indicators to assess the damages on ecosystem, human health, economic	Socio-economic/Society, Business
Responses (R)	Environmental evaluation and certification	Environment/Air, Water, Soil
	Number of RES plants installations	Soil
	Policies and strategies at national, regional, provincial and municipal level (e.g. SEAP, mitigation and adaptation plans, other thematic plans)	Socio-economic/Policy, Business, Society
	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	

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1 **Table 2:** State of infrastructures of Alta Val d'Agri industrial area.

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Infrastructures	Availability	Situation
Electricity grid	X	Completed
Natural Gas grids	X	SNAM grid in the area identified as "ex-219"  An ASI grid connecting all the industries under construction
Oil pipeline	X	A 136 km pipeline connects the COVA in Viggiano with the ENI's refinery located in Taranto
High voltage grid (≥15 kW)	X	About 1,5 km North
Drinking and industrial water	X	Completed
Public lighting	X	Completed
Sewerage	X	A water drainage system and a sewage treatment plant
Roads Highways and Freeways Other Roads	X	The state road S.S. 598 Fondo Valle d 'Agri from Athena Scalo to Policoro connects the A3 highway to the the SS 106 Jonica.  Internal roads are not properly maintained, with no road markings and insufficient traffic signs
Railway		The nearest town with a railway

station is Potenza, the chief town

Telephone line	X	Completed
Internet line (ADSL, optical fiber, etc)	X (partially available)	An optic fiber ring is under construction to serve the ENI offices

1 **Table 3:** Distribution of enterprises and employees by industrial sector for Alta Val d'Agri  
 2 industrial area (in bold the most significant sectors)

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INDICATORS	Reference period:	
	2012-2013	
Total number of employees	1095	
Distribution of enterprises and employees by sector		
Sectors of activity	N° of enterprises	N° of employers
Mining and quarrying	<b>7</b>	<b>218</b>
Manufacturing	<b>18</b>	<b>440</b>
Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	3	6
Water supply, sewerage, waste management and remediation activities	5	54
Construction	<b>5</b>	<b>210</b>
Wholesale and retail trade	6	28
Transport and storage	3	44
Information and communication	1	2
Real estate activities	1	1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	<b>10</b>	<b>116</b>
Administrative and support service activities	1	1
Education	1	3
Other service activities	1	3

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1 **Table 4:** Flows of raw materials and finished product per sector of activity

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Indicator		
Raw Materials Input/Output		
Sectors of activities	Raw Materials	Finished Product
	(Tons)	(Tons)
B Mining and quarrying	34763 (ktoe)	
C Manufacturing	83016.6	55094
F Constructions	-	-
G Wholesale And Retail Trade; Repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles	-	2000

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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	26371.28	4.58	26359.30
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	59622.78	0.00	59619.63
17	Wastes from construction and demolition wastes (including excavated soil from contaminated sites)	210.32	13403.63	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

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2 **Table 5:** Waste flows according to EWC classification (source: ARPAB internal  
3 communication)

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

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Energy flows	2009	2010	2011
Gross energy consumption [internal production plus purchased energy] [MWh]	148843	155212	158151
Net energy consumption [produced plus purchased/sold energy] [MWh]	131933	144281	153949
- of which produced electricity [MWh]	148329	153196	144467
- of which energy purchased by other companies [MWh]	514	2016	13683
- of which energy sold to other companies [MWh]	16910	10931	4202
Net electricity consumption [MWh] per thousand of produced barrels	4621	4497	4429

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1 **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 <sub>2</sub> from combustion and process	307.57	273.8	205.1
of which CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent from flaring	72.82	67.28	49.77
of which CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent from CH <sub>4</sub>	117.26	128.71	139.64
SO <sub>2</sub> emissions	0.032	0.028	0.039
NO <sub>x</sub> emissions	0.536	0.5	0.333

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

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Environmental matrix	Analyzed parameters (in situ and/or laboratory measurements)	Sampling frequency	Monitoring equipments
Air	SO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , CO, NO, NO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> S, CH <sub>4</sub> , NMHC, THC, VOCs, C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , toluene, ethylbenzene and m, p, o-xylenes (BTEX); odorous compounds-sulfurmercaptans; measure the concentration of radon gas	continuous	4 fixed monitoring stations
	PAHs and Al, As, Cd, Cr, Mn, Ni, Pb, Fe, Cu, Zn, Tl, Sb and V	-	
	temperature, pressure, relative humidity, precipitation, global radiation and net speed and wind direction, UVW sonic velocity components and sonic temperature	continuous	
Groundwater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pH, temperature, turbidity, water table depth, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, salinity, redox potential</li> <li>IPA, sulfates, metals, hydrocarbons with C &lt;12 hydrocarbons with C &lt;12, aromatic organic compounds</li> </ul>	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		

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made on the basis of an adequate scientific study with direct applications in the surrounding territory on the Val d'Agri Oil Centre in collaboration with scientific institutions and research organizations"  
(Protocol implementation in development)

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1 **Table 9:** Main response indicators selected for the case study

Strategic/political instrument	Measure	Objective/scope
Basilicata Region Environmental Observatory Val d'Agri	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitoring Project;</li> <li>2. Implementation of dynamic databases;</li> <li>3. Development of training projects,</li> <li>4. Environmental Assessment</li> <li>5. Implementation of several research projects on the environmental and health issues</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Environmental monitoring</li> <li>2. Archiving and managing of environmental data;</li> <li>3. Promotion of information campaigns aimed at ensuring to the citizenship a correct and well-documented information on environmental issues;</li> <li>4. Study and verification of compatibility among existing activities and the principles of biodiversity conservation;</li> <li>5. Population and Health assessment and surveillance</li> </ol>
Action Plan for the protection of air quality in the municipalities of Viggiano and Grumento Nova	20% reduction of SO <sub>2</sub> and H <sub>2</sub> S emissions and definition of four attention levels	Improvement of air quality

ERDF Operational Programme of Basilicata Region

1. Supporting the Territorial development, entrepreneurship environmental certification to
2. Improving the facilitate the settlement of the sustainable use of productive and tourist environmental resources, activities the efficiency and the management of decision-making process;

Regional Environmental Plan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reduction of energy consumption and energy bills;</li> <li>2. Increase of the production of electric and thermic energy from RES;</li> <li>3. Creation of a district energy in the Val d'Agri</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Energy savings and improved energy efficiency of public and private buildings;</li> <li>2. Larger energy distributed generation from RES;</li> <li>3. To support research and technological innovation,</li> <li>4. Sustainable mobility</li> </ol>
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2 **Table 10:** Type and capacity of RES systems installed in the Alta Val d'Agri industrial area  
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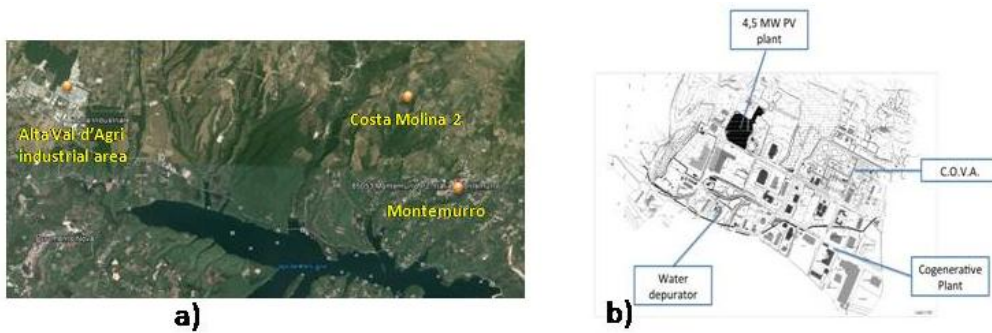
RES	Installed capacity [kWp]	Type of system
PV	200	Totally integrated on roof
PV	20	Partially integrated on roof
PV	200	Not integrated
PV	4500	On land

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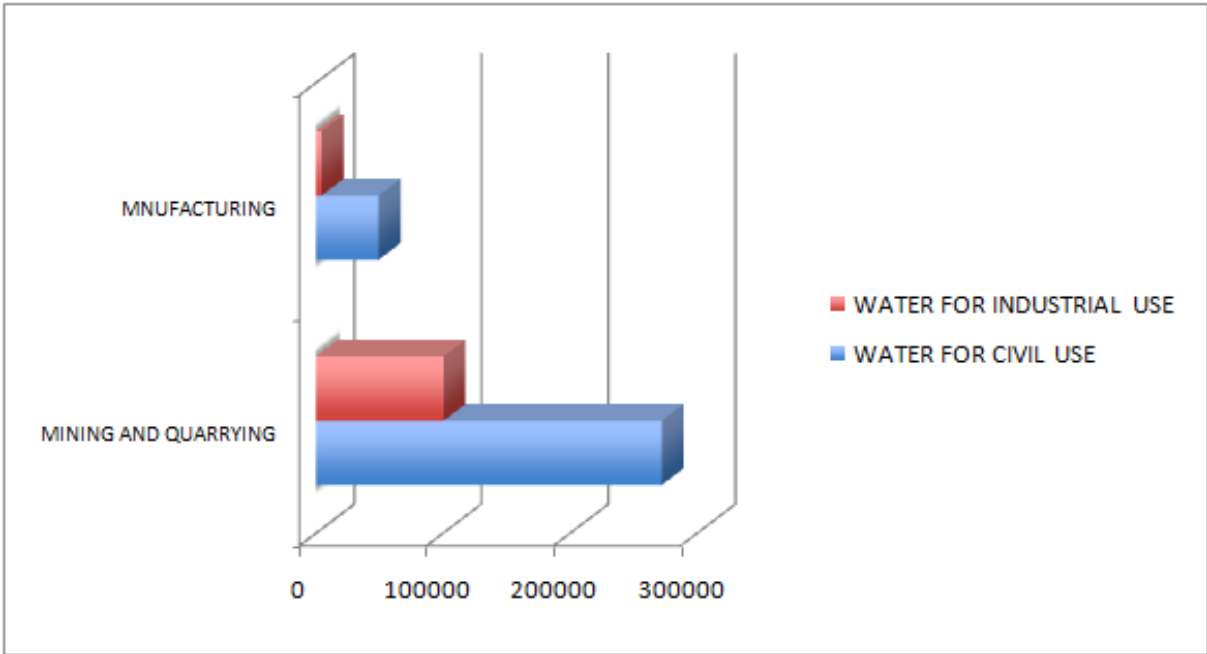
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4 **Figure 1.** (a) Map of the analyzed area in which are highlighted the Alta Val d'Agri industrial  
5 area, the location of wastewater reinjection well (Costa Molina 2) and Montemurro (Source:  
6 Google Earth, 2013), and (b) Site plan of Alta Val d'Agri industrial district with highlighted  
7 by the boxes the most relevant industrial activities (Source: CNR-IMAA elaboration on  
8 Bonaduce's image)

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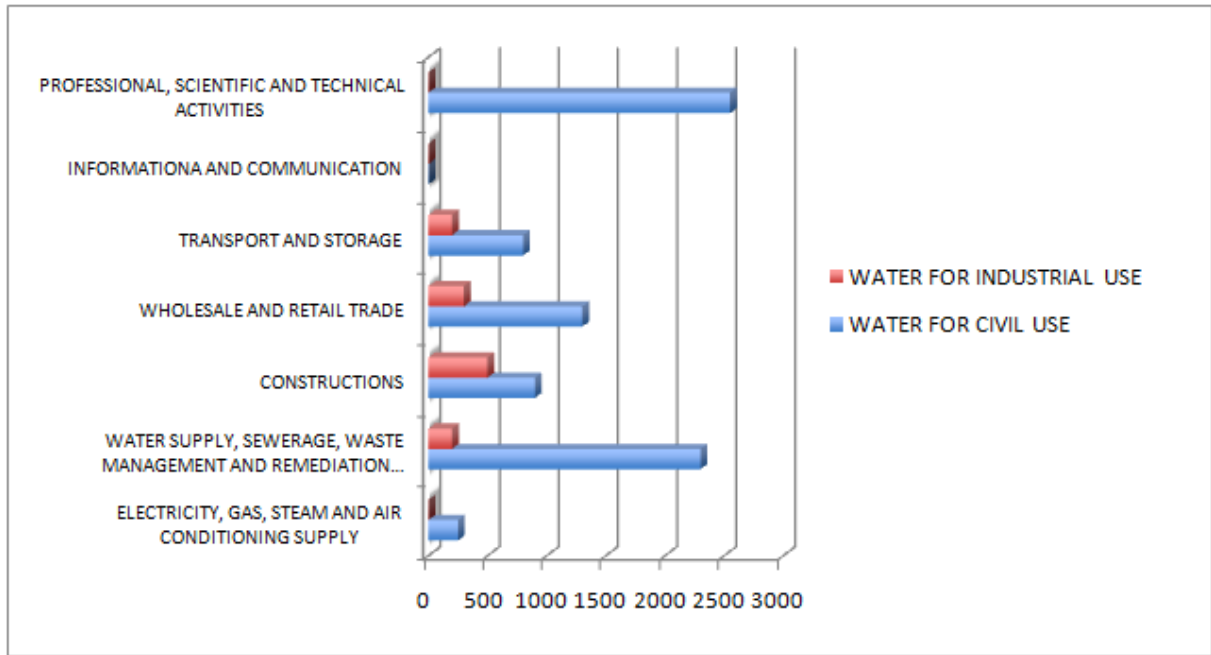


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2 **Figure 2.** Water consumption for industrial and civil use for mining and quarrying and  
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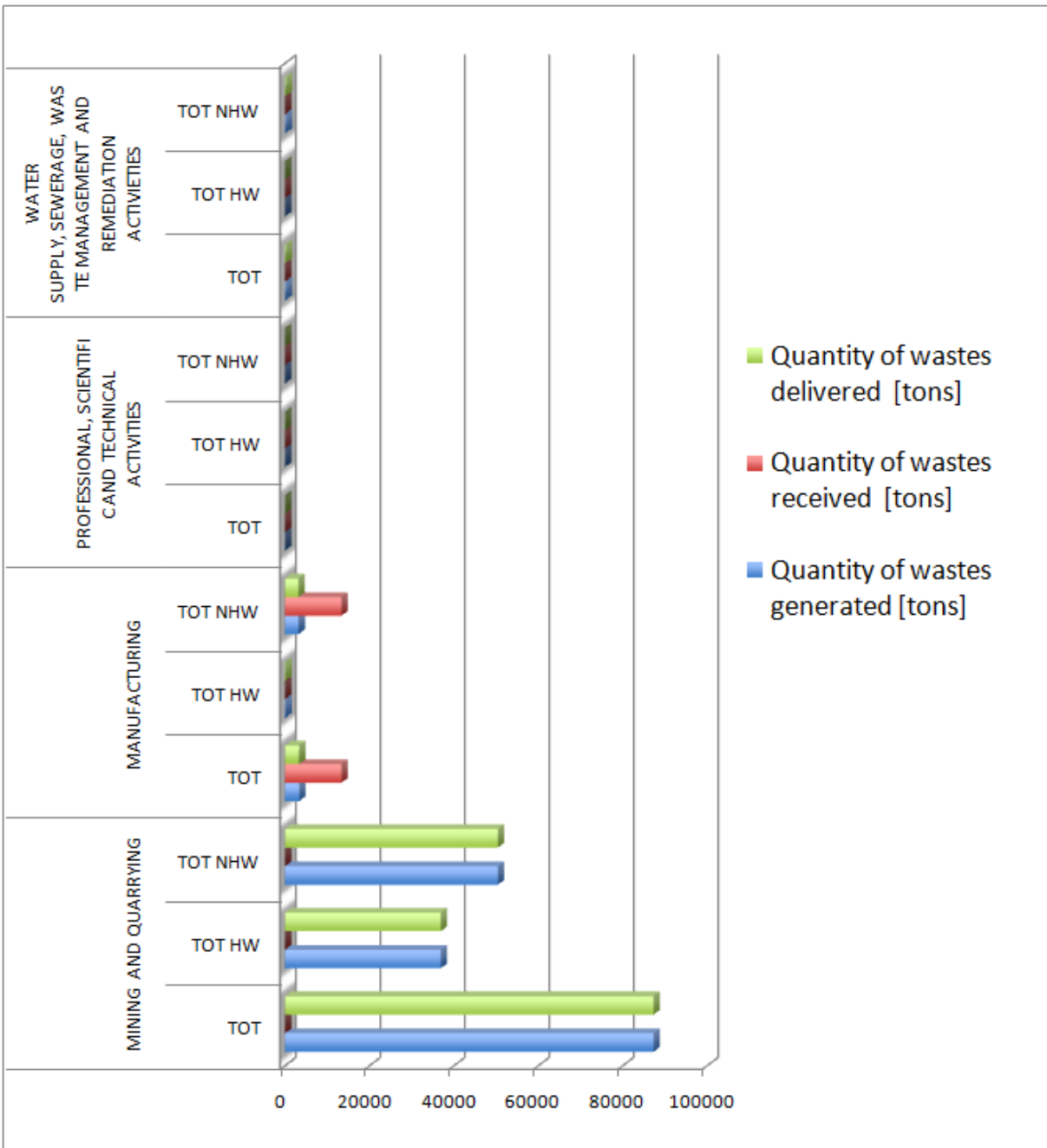
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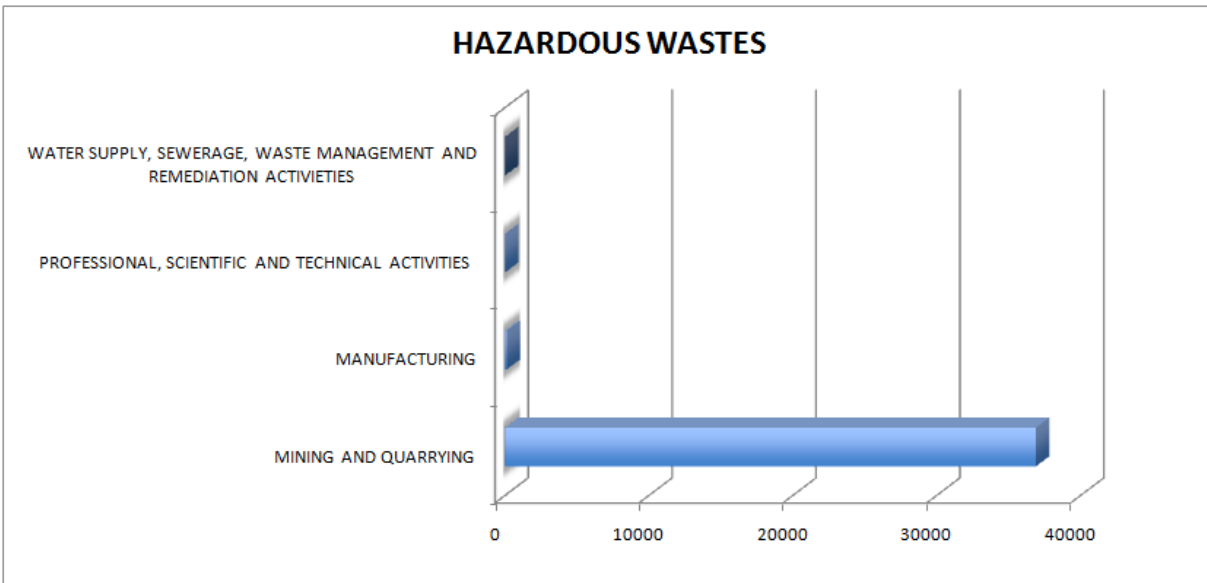
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3 **Figure 3.** Water consumption for industrial and civil use by industrial sector [m<sup>3</sup>] (Source:  
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 2 **Figure 4.** Hazardous (HW) and non hazardous (NHW) waste flows by sector (source:  
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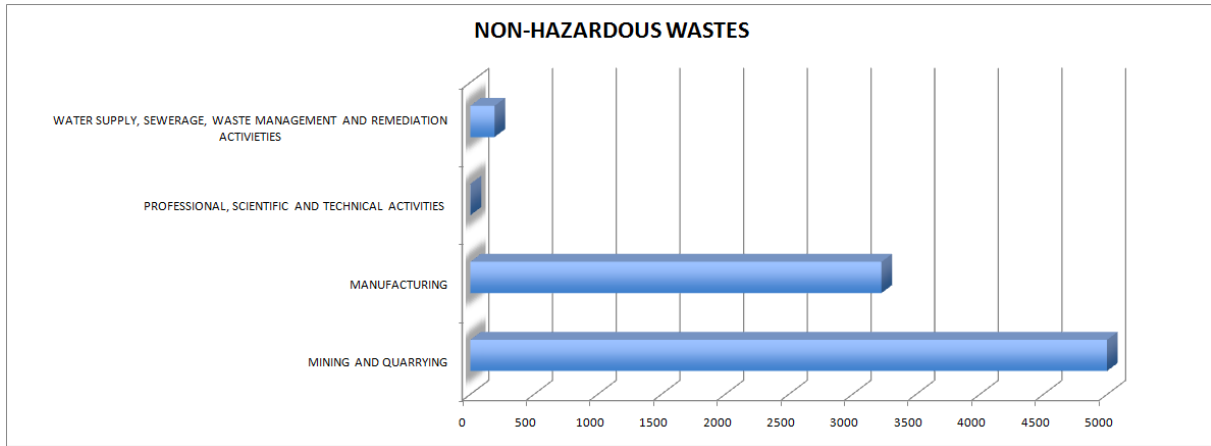


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2 **Figure 5.** Hazardous waste (HW) flows by sector [tons] (CNR- IMAA elaborations)

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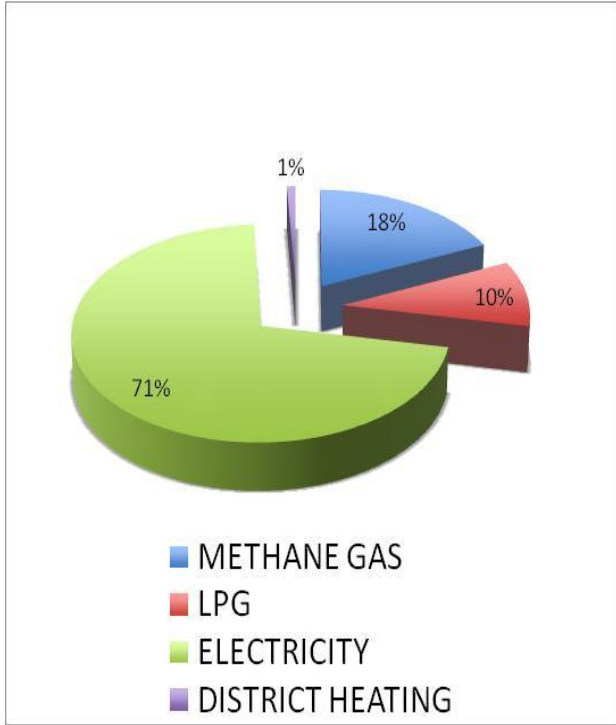


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3 **Figure 6.** Non hazardous waste (NHW) flows by sector [tons] (source: CNR-IMAA  
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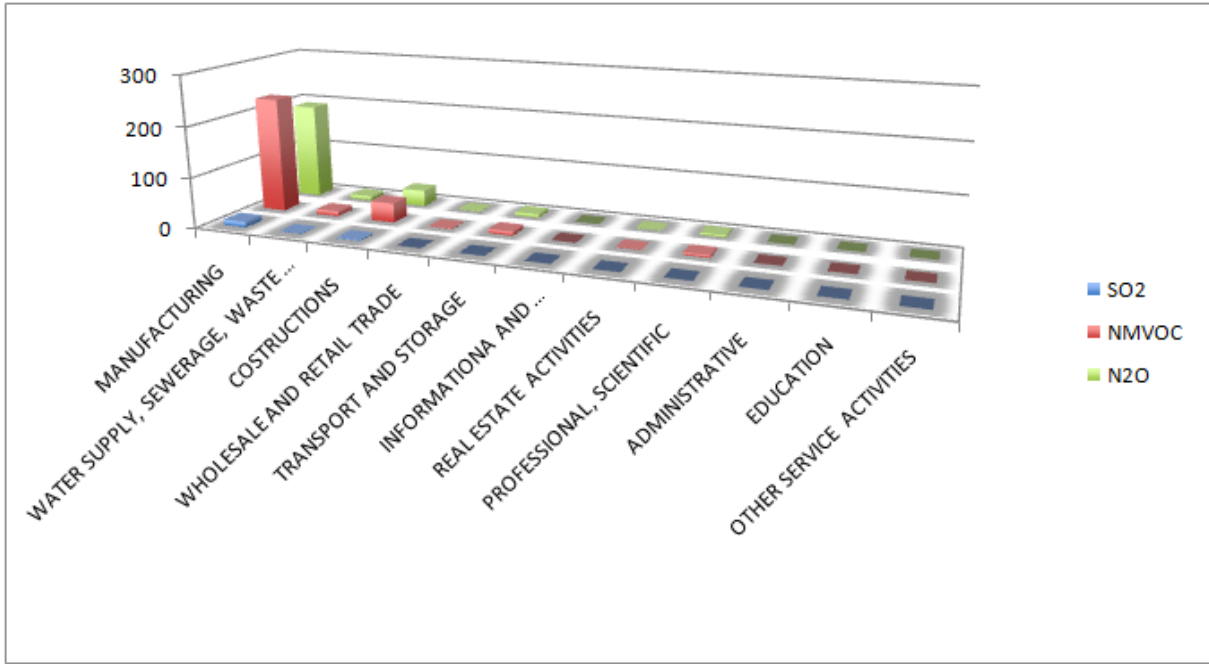
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**Figure 7.** Energy consumption by energy carrier - Industry (year 2012)

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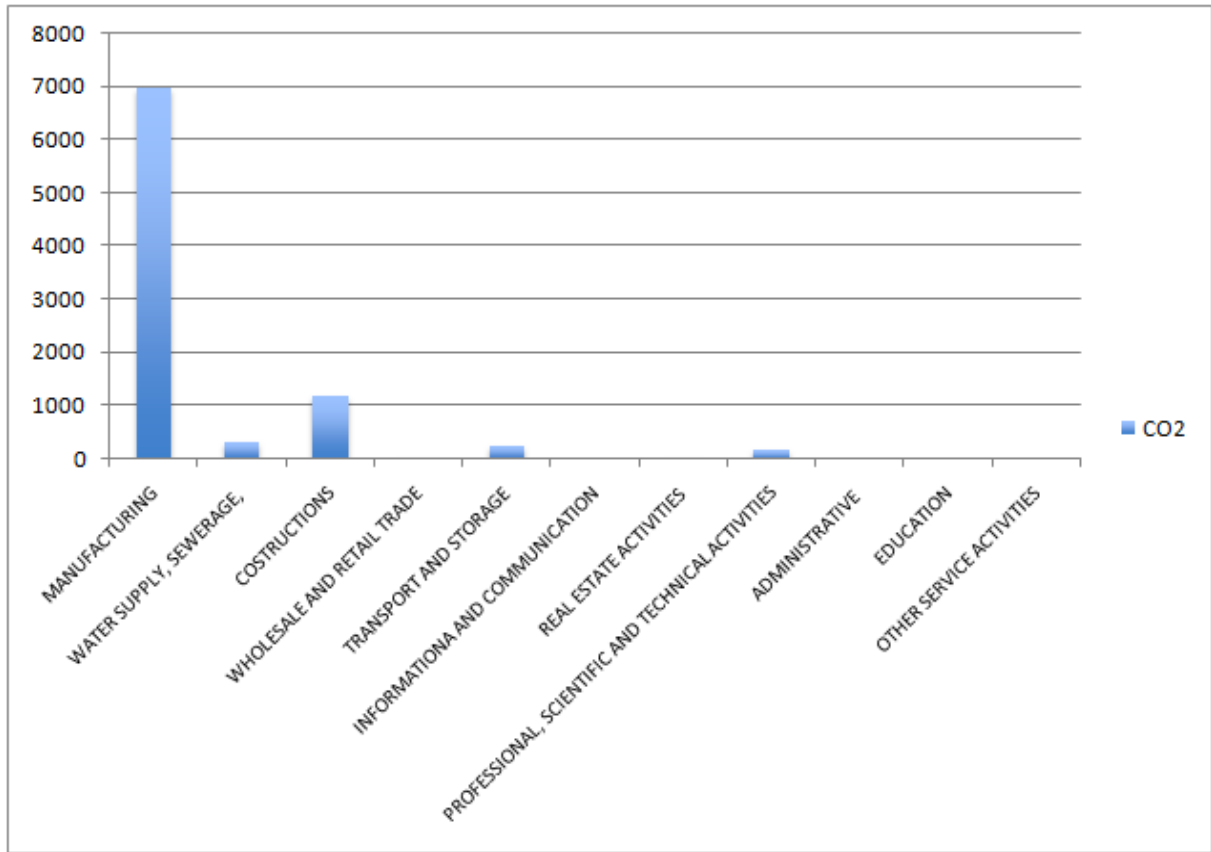
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3 **Figure 8.** Local air pollutant emissions from energy processes by sector [kg/year]

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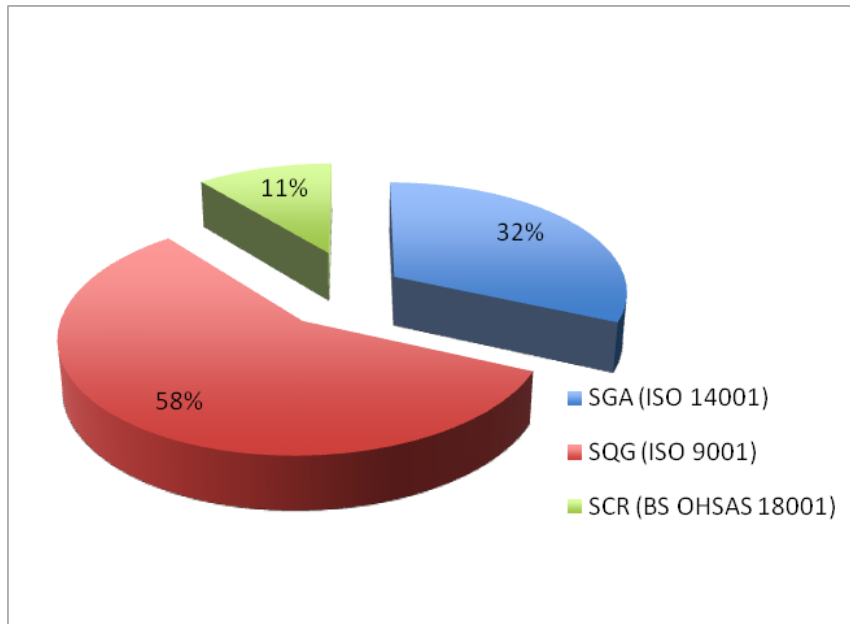


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3 **Figure 9.** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy processes by sector [tons]

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