

## OBJECTIVES

**Identification** of the financial flows involving all public entities in the individual regional areas

**Reconstruction** of the consolidated accounts for total flows (current and capital) in the public sector

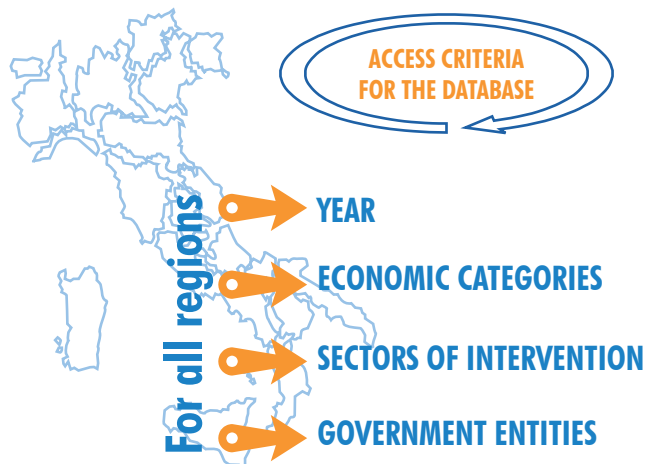
**Reconstruction** of expenditure and revenue flows, thereby achieving, inter alia, the following additional objectives:

**Contributing** to the verification of compliance with the principle enunciated in Article 119(5) of the Italian Constitution by providing information to assess whether and to what extent expenditure financed with additional EU and national funds is in fact "additional" with respect to ordinary spending, thereby satisfying the Community rules regarding additionality (Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 1260/99 and Article 5 of regulation (EC) 1083/06)

**Measuring and analysing** the allocation of public expenditure between the South and the Centre-North of the country and among individual regions

**Measuring and analysing** the composition of public capital expenditure between investment and transfers

**Measuring and analysing** the sectoral composition of capital expenditure for investment and providing a reference base for analysing the effectiveness of that expenditure



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## Consolidated accounts of the public sector at the regional level

### COMPLETENESS

Analysis of overall current and capital account flows  
Broad reference universe

### EXHAUSTIVE DATA

By final expenditure units  
By economic category  
By sector  
By regional area

### COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK

21 operational teams in the Regions and Autonomous Provinces  
Shared methodology

### RELIABILITY

Final accounts of entities analysed

### FLEXIBILITY

Database structured for all types of analysis

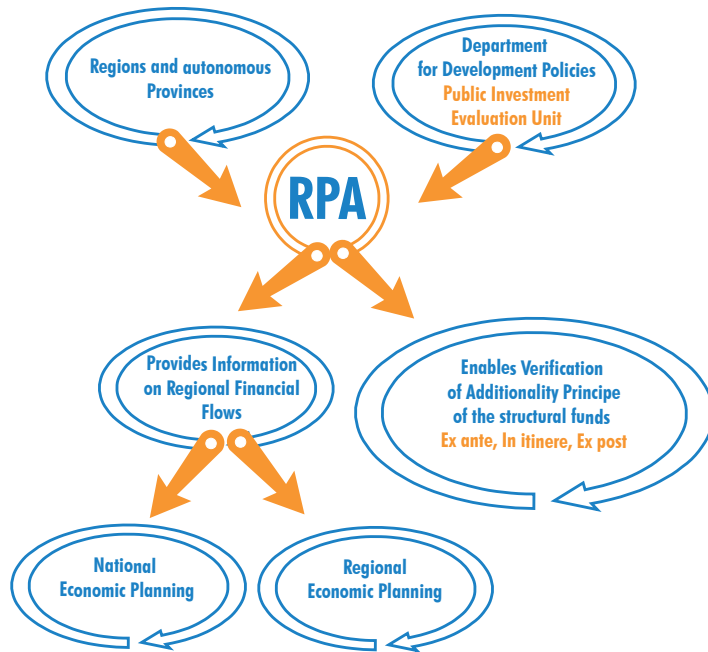


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## THE RPA PROJECT



The RPA Project was launched in 1994 in order to develop a tool to **measure financial flows at the territorial level** and to help Italy meet its commitments under EU regulations.

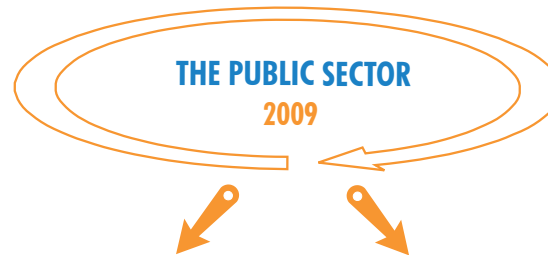
The working group for the RPA Project, which is responsible for constructing the consolidated accounts, is formed of a Central Team (coordinated by the **Public Investment Evaluation Unit - UVAL** - at the Department for Development Policies - DPS) and by 21 operational teams located in each region or autonomous province. It manages the network of teams and maintains contacts with its partner entities.

The organisational model for the RPAs gives a leading role to **regional governments**, which are responsible for processing the regional accounts and gathering financial information on sub-regional entities (entities and companies owned by the Regions, municipalised companies, etc.)

## THE REFERENCE UNIVERSE

The reference universe is formed of a public sector that is considerably wider than that normally used in public accounting. The perimeter of this **public sector** is borrowed from that used in the definition of "public area" used by the EU. It breaks down into two major components: **general government** and **non-general government**. The DPS, within the working group formed together with the National Statistical Institute (ISTAT), the office of the State Accountant General (RGS) and the Institute for Economic Studies and Analysis (ISAE), periodically monitors the entities in the various segments of the public sector.

RPA database includes the local public sector (more than 2.200 entities), which is recorded at a detailed territorial level by the Regional Teams. This component is not examined in a comprehensive manner by any other source



### General government

#### Central government entities

State  
Other central government bodies  
ANAS (State Road Agency)  
Social security institutions  
Equitalia

#### Decentralised government entities

Regions and autonomous provinces  
Entities subordinate to the Regions  
Local health authorities, hospitals, research hospitals  
Provinces and metropolitan cities  
Municipalities  
Mountain communities  
Chambers of commerce  
Universities  
Entities subordinate to local authorities  
Port authorities  
National Parks

### Non-general government

#### National public enterprises

State monopolies  
Cassa Depositi e Prestiti  
ENEL  
Italian Post Office  
State Railways  
ENI (energy sector)  
Italian Automobile Club  
Former IRI (Institute for Industrial Redevelopment) agencies  
National Air Navigation Authority  
National Transmission Grid Operator  
Italia Lavoro (labour policy agency)  
SIMEST (Italian business abroad)  
SOGESID (water infrastructure management)  
SOGIN (nuclear infrastructure management)  
Sviluppo Italia (business development agency)

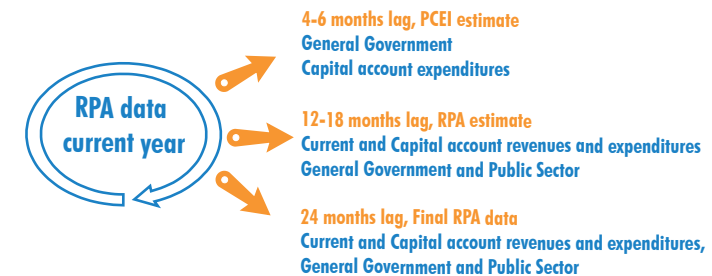
#### Local public enterprises

Local authority consortia and associations  
Local enterprises and institutions  
Companies and foundations with local authority investors

## THE DATA IN THE RPA DATABASE

The database of the Regional Public Accounts Project currently provides annual data with a lag of about **12-18 months**. This reduced lag was achieved thanks to the attainment of the objectives established under the **performance reserve** mechanism for the Regional Teams (CIPE resolution n. 36 of 3 May 2002 and CIPE resolution n. 1/2006).

The need to obtain the most timely data possible prompted the development of the **public capital expenditure indicator (PCEI)**, which anticipates the capital account expenditure figures for the Regional Public Accounts, providing an estimate of expenditure in the current year.



As from the 2005-2007 National Statistics Programme, the RPAs are a product of Italy's National Statistical System (SISTAN), the network of public and private entities that provide official statistical information.