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# Statistical Register of Places: opportunities for climate change and disaster risk related indicators

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# From global to local and from local to global: climate change, hazardous events and disasters, sustainability

## Which goals and which statistical measures ?

UNECE Guidelines for **Climate Change (CC) 2020 UNECE CC Core indicators (44)**, 2022 **UN FDES Indicators (130)**

UNECE Guidelines related to (2019) **Measuring Hazardous Events and Disasters (MHED) and Core indicators (55) 2023**

UN-IAEG **SDGs Indicators: 231 indicators**

**The proposal revolution** of all these frameworks: the economic, social, environmental and institutional goals have to be developed considering an **integrated approach from global to local to leave no one behind**

**Statistical measures for a common language** and is crucial to consider

**Common geographies for a common language and for integration among domains**

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**The effectiveness of indicators** and of data depends not only on the statistical design of the data, but also on an adequate **geographical disaggregation** that can demonstrate geographical variations of phenomena

This involves the creation of a **spatial data infrastructure** enabling standardized location references **for mapping spatial location to statistical data units**. It is recommended that the statistical data are **referenced to the finest geographical scale possible, down to a geographic coordinate**.

**The assignment of a unique identifier to each location area allows linking with other statistical and geospatial data associated with the same geographic space.**

The **geocoding** of statistical data considerably **expands the analytical possibilities**, including integrating them into indicators and other data, but also **analyzing the data from a geographical point of view**.

The provision of these **common geographies** allow the generation of statistical data in a consistent manner, through **cartographic grids or units with administrative or statistical boundaries**. These allow statistical data to be aggregated/disaggregated at different levels for the purpose of their integration.

**Common geographies for a common language and for integration among domains**

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# Administrative and statistical data, a big challenge: Statistical Register of Places (RSBL)

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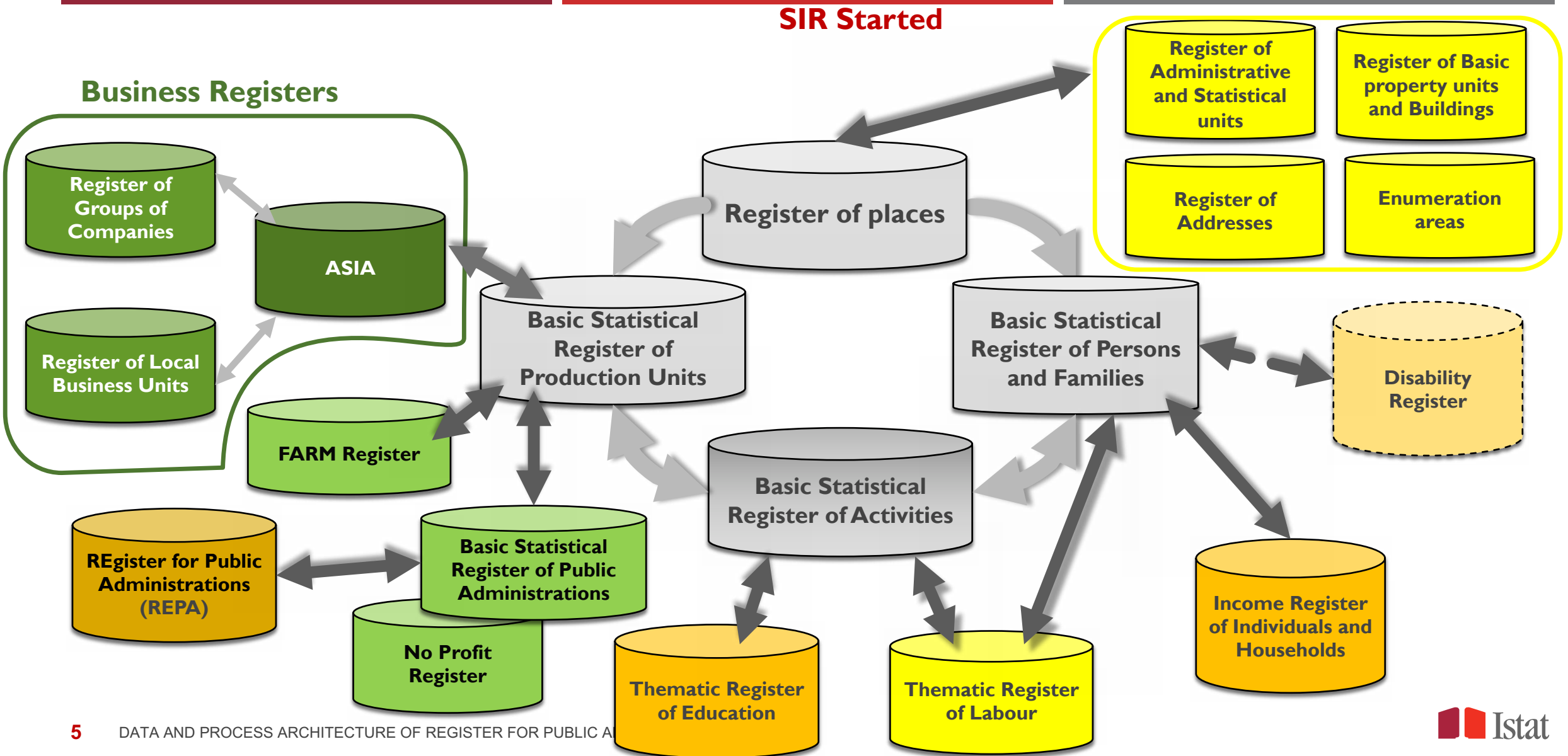
## An essential step

Istat is changing its production processes and aiming to an **Integrated System of Statistical Registers**: at the **very heart** of it lies the **Statistical Register of Places (RSBL)**.

The **geographical statistical information of Statistical Register of Places** has an **increasing potential** to consider **statistical measures** related to **climate change and sustainability**.

**The use of administrative data and of Statistical Registers is essential but it is a big challenge for methodological and institutional reasons related also to confidentiality issues**

# Italian Integrated System of Statistical Registers (ISSR)



# Administrative and statistical data, a big challenge: Statistical Register of Places (RSBL)

**RSBL: a complex system with several components**

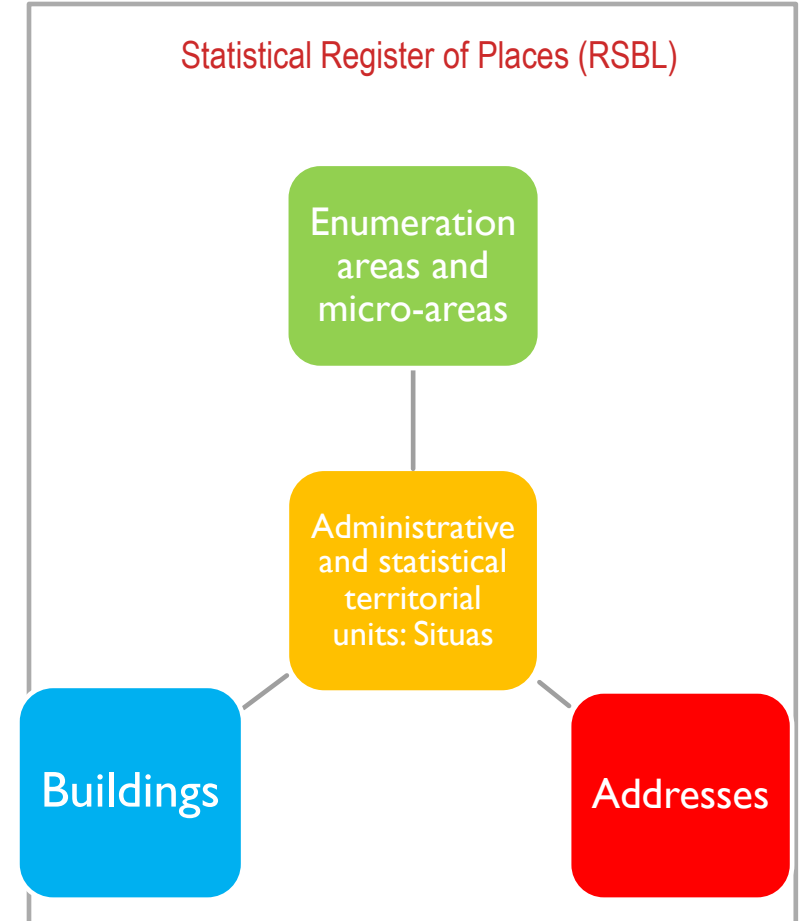
For **each register component**, variables are being built detailing several characteristics of the entity under study and information on their **quality**.

The **challenge** is the production of spatial information able to respond to the heightened need of detail statistical data integrating the different component

The **goal** is **to have a detailed geography for the statistical units of all the other social and economic statistical register** and of some surveys to improve statistical analyses

The **construction process** is **complex** and faces several issues:

- the **very high number of objects** involved and
- the **integration** of components stemming from different sources independent from each other.



# Administrative and statistical data, a big challenge for sustainability and climate change: Statistical Register of Places (RSBL)

## Statistical Register of Places: Which components ?

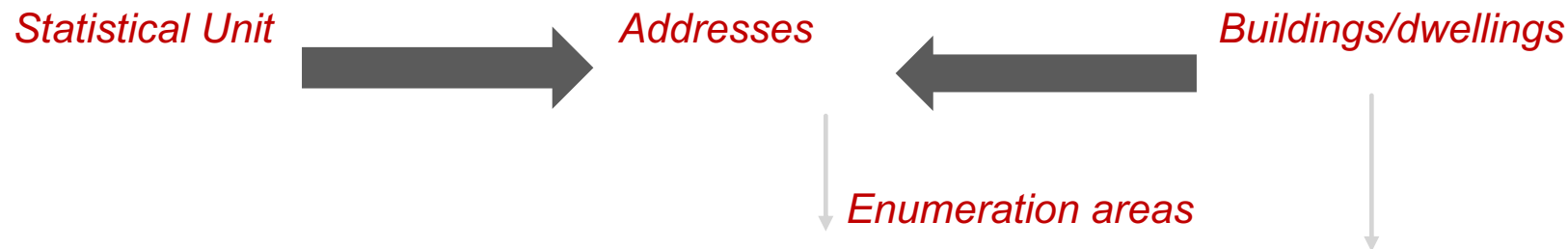
**Administrative territorial units and functional areas** (7904 municipalities and LLMA, FUA, DEGURBA ...)

**Enumeration areas:** many different archives of geographic data for **800000** georeferenced enumeration areas and **1,1 million** microzones (infrastructures, green areas, ....)

**Addresses and geographic coordinates:** many administrative archives of data for **30** millions CUI Unique Identification Code of addresses geographic coordination XY of CUI, Quality indicators.

**Buildings and basic property units:** administrative archives Real Estate Registry from Cadastral agency, geographic agencies and open sources. Buildings are georefered. In 2021 **29** millions Buildings of which **14.4** millions are residential

The **integration process** has seen **different methods** applied to different entities in order to reach the **highest quality** possible result.



The first result can be seen with the production of a preliminary 1km population grid, dwelling data, enumeration areas



# Register of administrative and statistical territorial units with its dynamic portal to enquire structure and changes of territories



## Territories

### Ancient geographies

Municipalities, Provinces, Circondari, Compartimenti (1861-1947)

### Administrative geographies

Municipalities, Provinces, Metropolitan cities, Liberi consorzi, Regions (dal 1948)

### Statistical geographies

Labour Market Areas and Industrial Districts; NUTS; Functional Urban Areas (FUA); Project Areas (SNAI, non-core areas)



## Classifications

### Policy areas (cohesion policy)

### Geographic and territorial

Elevation zones, Ecoregions, Littoral municipalities, etc.

### European (Tercet)

Degree of urbanisat., Coastal areas, Mountain, Ecoregion etc .



## Functionalities

Free search by date for lists of territories/ classifications

Free search by period for variations, history of units, legislations

Visualisations of code changes by period

Geography comparisons at different dates





# RSBL Enumeration areas

It is a **geo-referenced archive** in which the territory of all 7,904 Italian municipalities is divided into **enumeration areas (400.000 to 800.000)** and micro-zones based on land cover (built-up, natural, infrastructure, water, etc.)

- Improved precision and detail of the drawing (significant increase in the number of vertices that make up the polygons of the sections)
- Consistency with land cover, evidenced through aerial photos
- Greater articulation of the 2011 sections of "scattered houses" (part of the residual territory with respect to inhabited localities)
- Delimitation of particular geographical objects (roads, infrastructures, rivers, agricultural and forest areas, etc.)
- In the **past 2006 and 2016 dissemination** .... provisional Enumeration Area's 2021 is going to be published
- **Integration validation** and national mosaication is going to take place: first results in the **next months**





## RSBL Enumeration Area: an example of land classification



- 1 Area or building for residential use
- 5 Urban park
- 6 Port area
- 8 Military barracks
- 9 Hospital, care institute,
- 10 Rail and railway infrastructure
- 12 Productive activities
- 16 Sports facility
- 19 Temporary detention centres for foreigners
- 22 Woodland
- 24 Penal institutions
- 25 Hotel, campsites, ecc.
- 26 Agricultural area
- 27 Lighthouse
- 29 Communal house
- 31 Museum area
- 37 Community services: schools, telecommunications etc.
- 50 Potabilizers
- 55 Shopping centers





## Enumeration Area's 2021: an example of land classification



64 Olive trees

63 Fruit trees

26 Cropland

28 Sparsely  
vegetated areas

21 Quarries

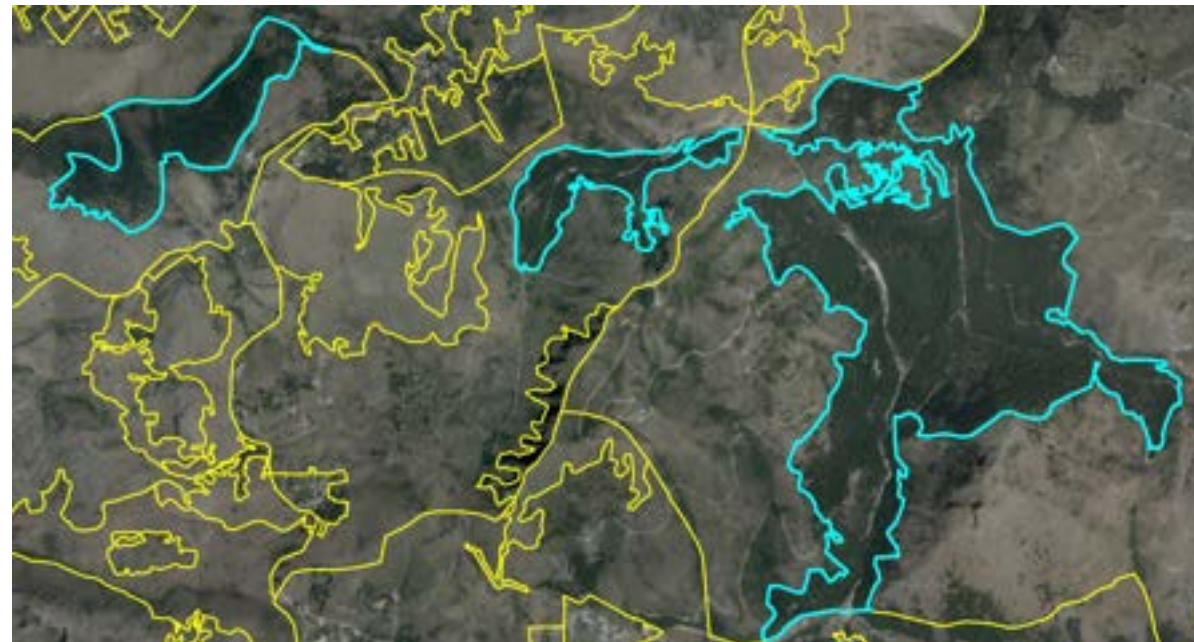


## Enumeration Area's 2021: Green areas



Monumental villa: A very big elegant building surrounded by gardens of historical significance

Green Urban areas: parks in urban areas rich in meadows and trees



Woodland:  
FAO definition  
'land with tree  
crown cover (or  
equivalent  
stocking level) of  
more than 10  
percent and an  
area of more  
than 0,5  
hectares (ha)

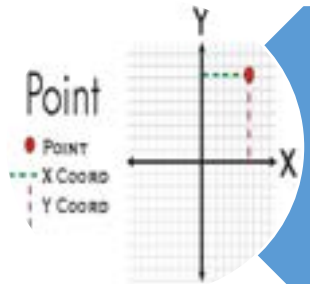


# RSBL- Addresses



**CUI: Unique identification code of address**

[CUI]: 30 mln  
[CUI-EAs]: 27,8 mln (95%)  
[CUI-XY]: 24,1 mln (80%)



**Geographic Coordinates**

**Anncsu**: National Archive of Addresses of Urban Streets  
**LAC**: Administrative Archive of resident population  
**AT**: Internal Revenue Agency  
**Cens2011**: Addresses used in Census Population 2011  
**RLP**: Real Estate Registry



# RSBL: Buildings and Basic property units Register

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The main administrative source is the **Cadastral Administrative Archive**, which registers any Real Estate unit, therefore not only residential buildings. **Other sources** are considered: Regional Cartography, National Geoportal, Open Street Maps

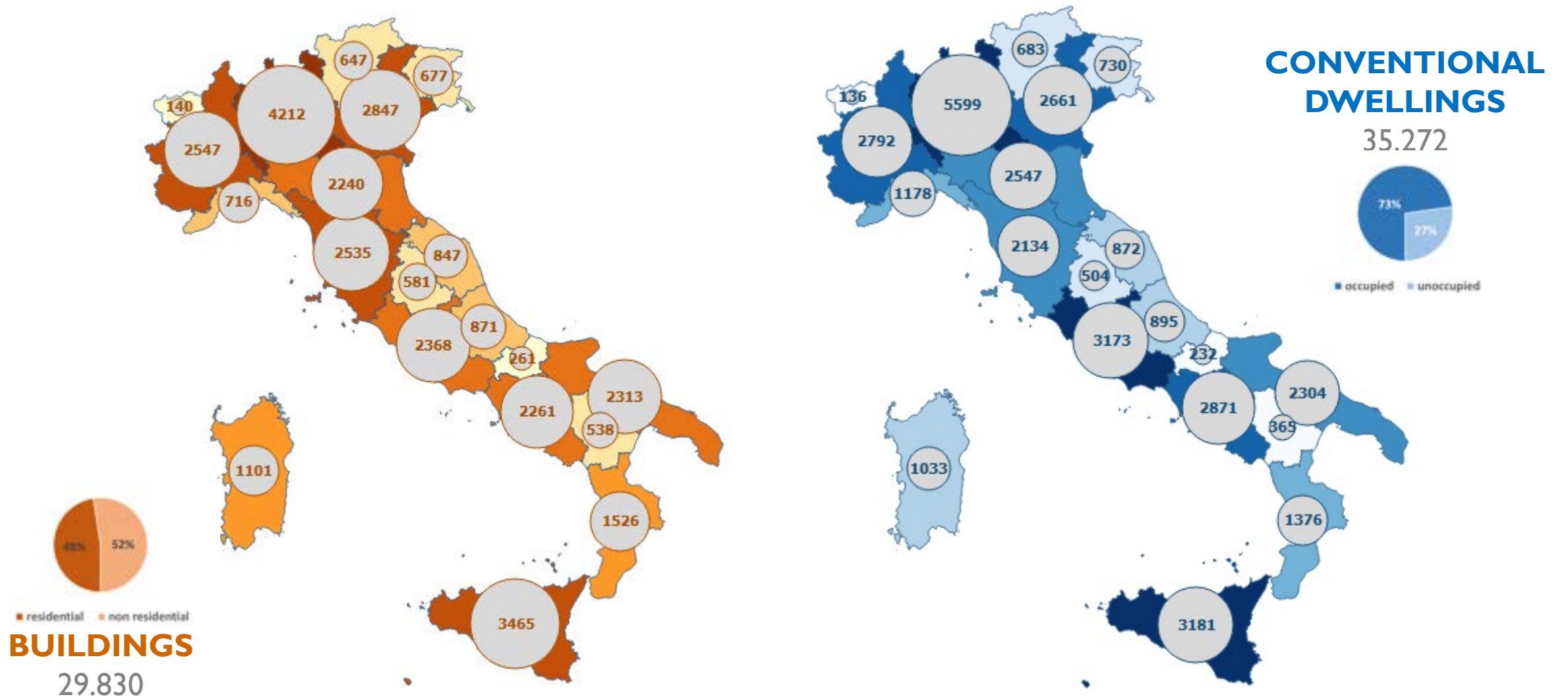
**Buildings have been georeferenced.** The information of the geographical center of gravity is used to improve the quality of the georeferencing of the statistical units. The **addresses** of the buildings and of the dwellings are considered.

**Dissemination** of dwelling May 2023.

**Geostatistical analyses, integrated new indicators and possible future uses for climate change and disaster risk statistics are on going ...also with Civil Protection and Ministry of Environment and Energy**



# RSBL: Buildings and Basic property units Register *(data expressed in thousands)*



# From administrative data to statistical data, a big challenge for RSBL integration and for Integrated Register System



**Process:** updates of administrative archives, processing to check the **quality** of data

Methodological approach to consider the **interlinkages and complex integration strategies** considering the confidentiality issues

**Integration** of **RSBI** population register (also census) with the **RSBL** Register of the Places to consider the population in. **Integration** of **Economic registers** with the RSBL in progress: **experimental** phase

**Every kind of information with geographic coordinates could be integrated.** The final integrated product will allow the possibility of geo-referencing information for flexible outputs.

**Climate change and sustainability statistics can be improved considering anthropic pressure**



## From administrative data to statistical data:

a big challenge for RSBL integration and for the Integrated System of Statistical Registers

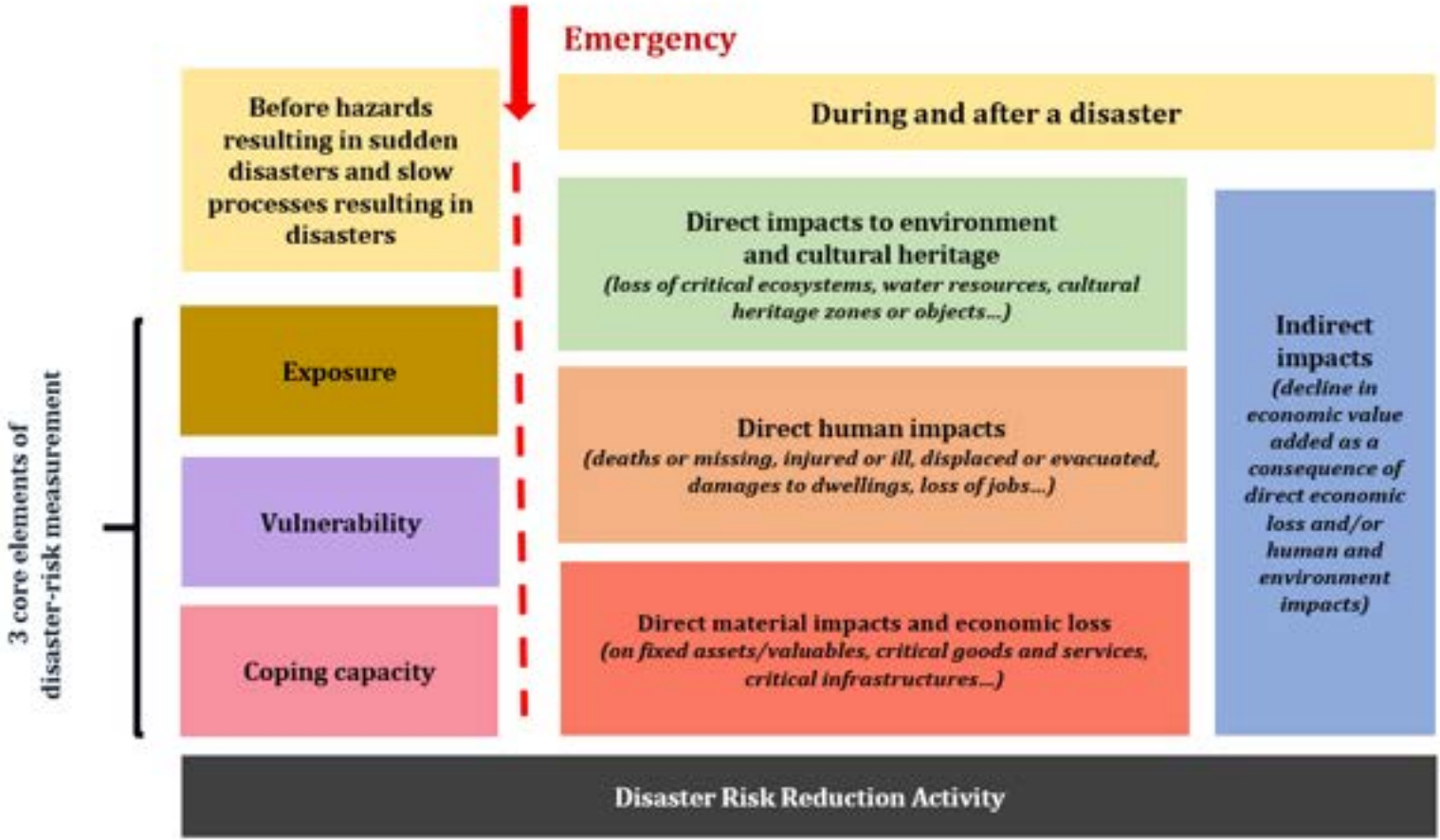


CUI = Address identifier  
UIU = Basic property unit identifier

CUI – UIU = Link stemming from the integration process in RSBL

# From administrative to statistical data, a big challenge for climate change, hazardous events and disasters, sustainability: Statistical Register of Places (RSBL)

## Looking at hazardous events and disasters



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The geographical statistical information of **Statistical Register of Places** has an **increasing potential** to consider **statistical measures** related to **climate change, hazardous events and disasters, sustainability**.

- **Ex-ante analysis** of areas presenting high risks of **fires, flood, or earthquake, ....**
- **Ex-post analyses** of areas hit by natural disasters, **production of tool-set of ready statistical indicators**
- **Disaster Prevention: Building** at less than a specified distance from rivers, lakes, sea ... Buildings next to industries, Buildings in contaminated toxic areas
- **Disaster Recovery: Building** in areas hit by earthquakes, landslides, floods, extreme weather conditions, caught on fires ...
- **Building** involved in **severe heatwave in large municipalities**
- **Green cover** in urban areas using high resolution remote sensed images via the production of vegetation indices, and extraction of statistical information linked to the total vegetation cover **in the major Italian urban centres**; very useful to consider sustainability and climate change indicators
- **Air pollution** analysed considering very **detailed territorial area** and linked with exposed population
- **Land consumption, Protected areas, Energy consumption in residential buildings ...**



# WebGIS for geo-referenced statistics

Census mapping cartography and indicators with hospitals overlaid

The screenshot displays the GISTAT web application interface. At the top, the header includes the logo "GISTAT", the text "il sistema informativo geografico dell'Istat", and navigation links for "User guide", "Note legali", "Dichiarazione di accessibilità", "Privacy", and "ISTAT VIEWER". A search bar on the left contains the text "Ind places...". The main map area shows an aerial view of Naples, Italy, with red lines representing census data and red dots representing hospital locations. A "Layer List" panel on the right side of the map is expanded, showing a list of layers with checkboxes and expand/collapse icons. The layers include "Operational Layers", "Ospedali", "webcensus", "etichette", "dati", "Limiti regionali", "Limiti provinciali", "Limiti comunali", "Località", "Centri", "Nuclei", "Produttive", "Sezioni", and "Sezioni". Two data pop-up windows are visible over the map. The first window, titled "Ospedali", shows details for "Ospedale San Gennaro" with fields for NAME, MUNCD, MUNNAME, longitude, latitude, and Objectid. The second window, titled "PROVINCIA Napoli", shows a list of administrative codes and their corresponding values.

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MUNCD	63049
MUNNAME	Napoli
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latitude	40.862381008
Objectid	200

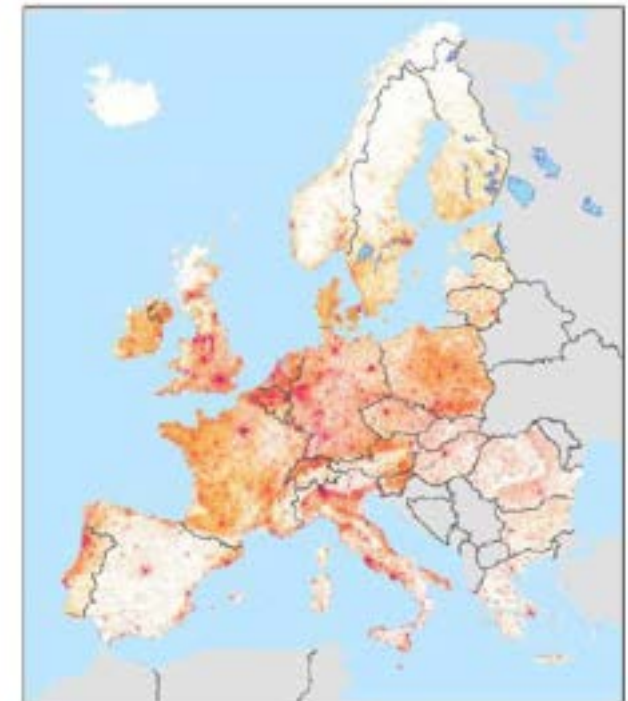
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COMUNE	Napoli
PROCOM	63,049.00
SEZ2011	630,495,608,361.00
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ACE	61.00
CODLOC	10,001.00
CODASC	6.00
P1	349.00
P2	149.00
P3	200.00
P4	163.00
P5	153.00
P6	5.00



# Population Grids: from local to global

**Population grid statistics** as an alternative to population statistics for administrative areas. Population grids are a powerful tool to describe our society and to study the interrelationships between human activities and the environment. They are particularly useful for analyzing phenomena, and their causes, which are independent of administrative boundaries, such as, **fires, flooding, commuting and urban sprawl, air pollution ...**

**GEOSTAT 1A – Representing Census data in a European population grid**



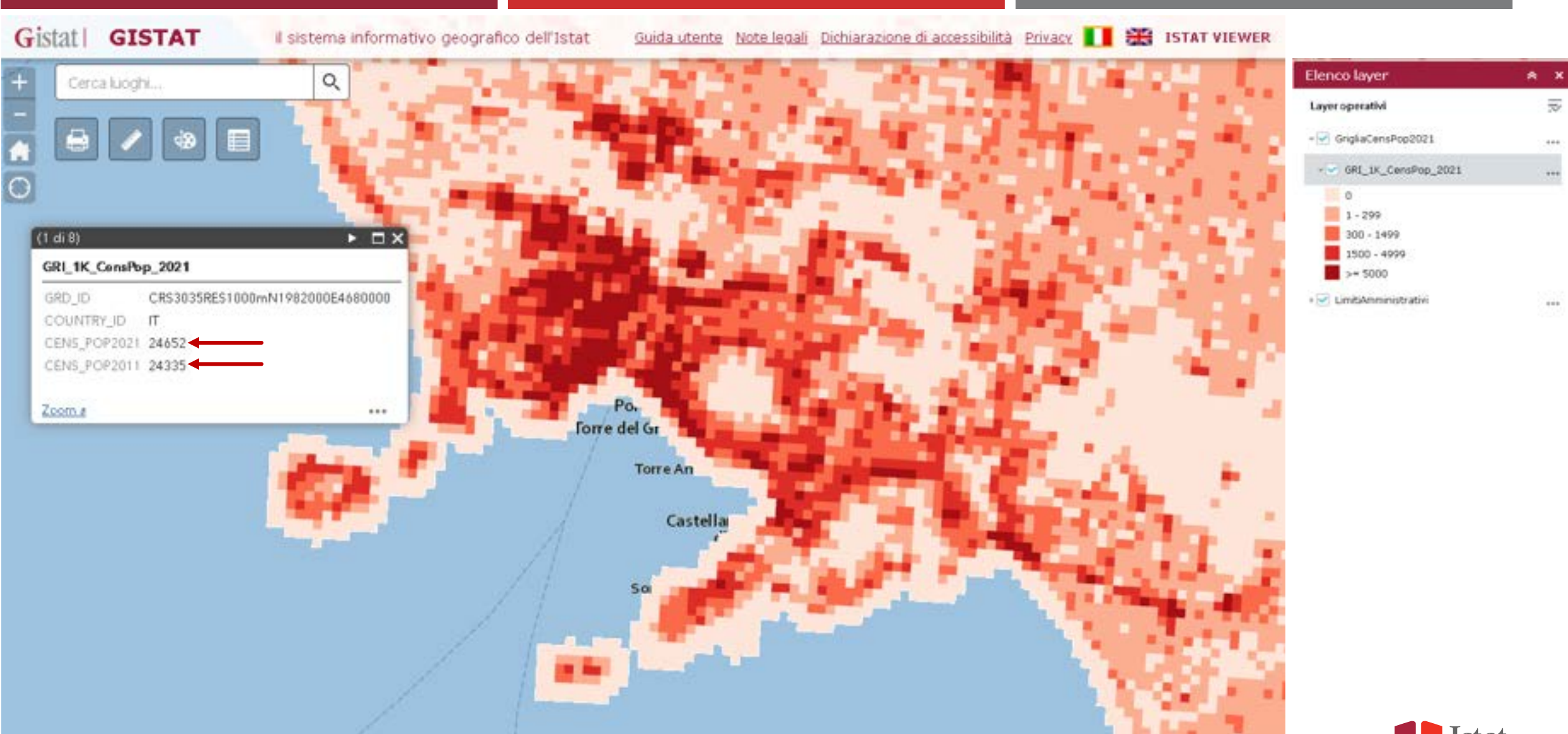
320.000 cells

400mila polygons in EAs2011

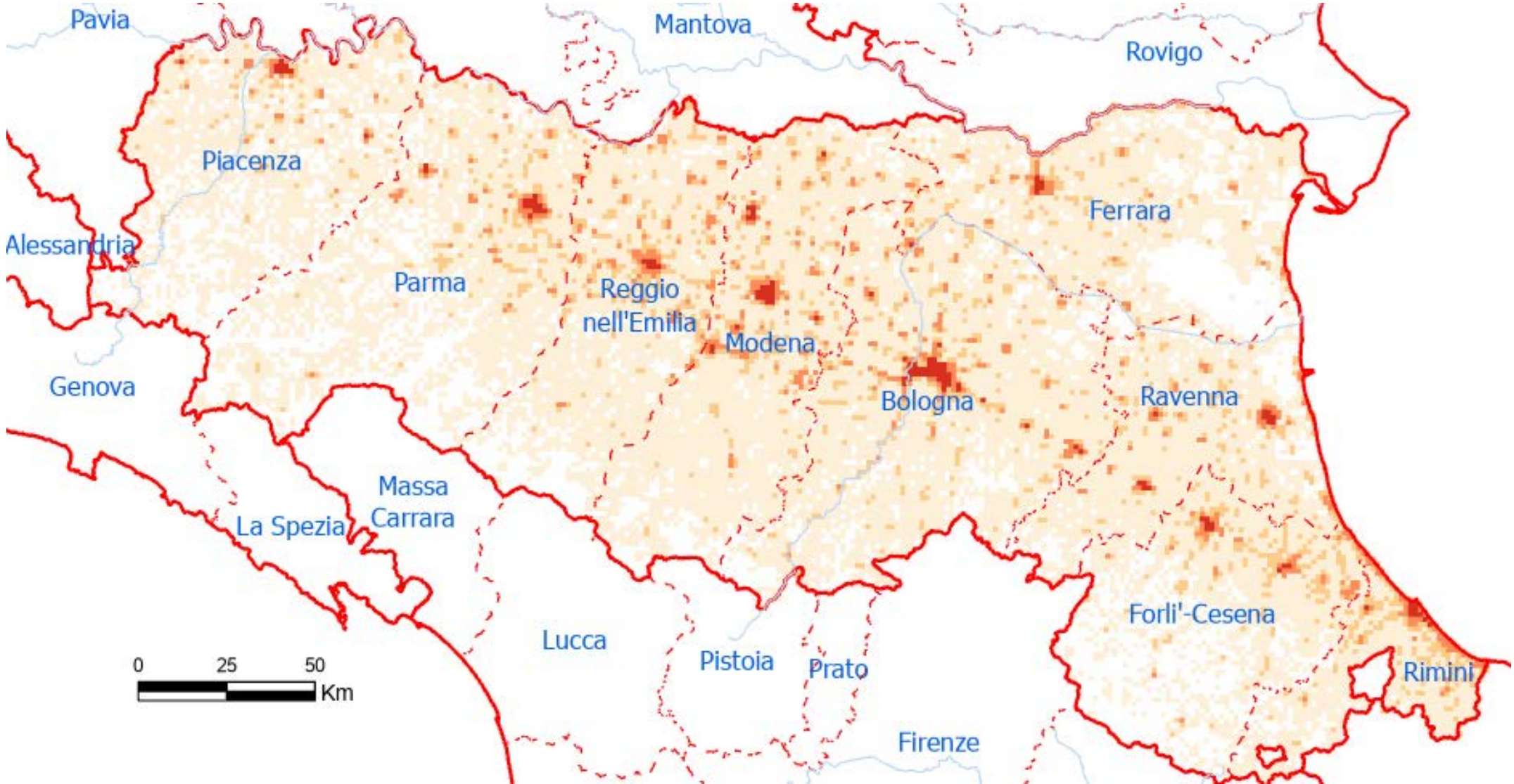
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# Population Grids on Gistat

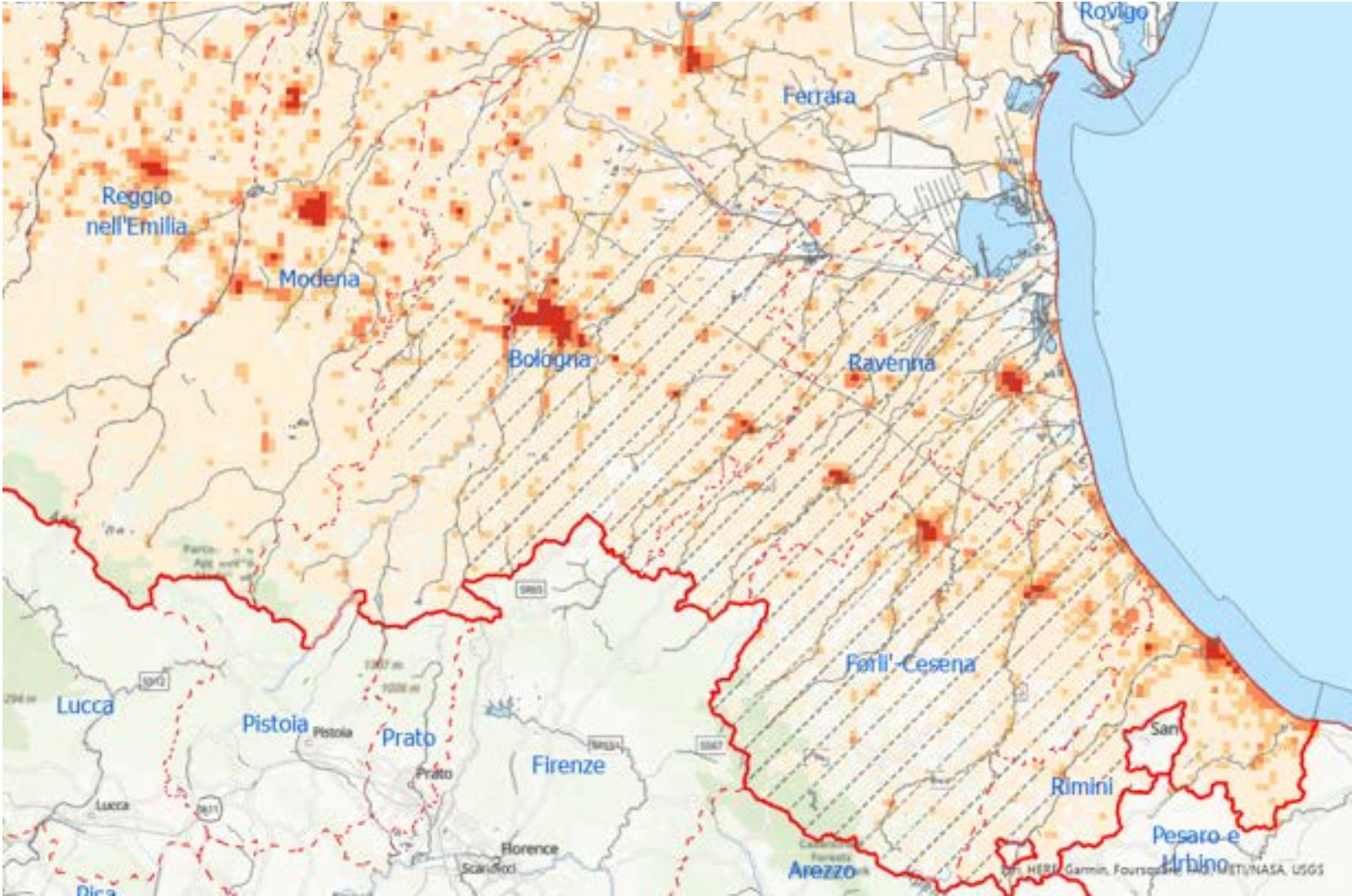


# Population Grids on Gistat: flood in Emilia Romagna





# Population Grids on Gistat: flood in Emilia Romagna



# Population Grids on Gistat: fires in Palermo (waste release) and airpollution

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Ho fatto una rapida stima della popolazione che ricade nei 4 km citati nell'ordinanza sulla diossina di ieri del sindaco [Roberto Lagalla](#). Secondo i grigliati chilometrici di Istat sulla popolazione, si tratta di circa 60.000 persone. Se riesco, pubblico dati e mappa interattiva (ma sono giornate per me complicate, non sarò veloce)

**Contributori di OpenStreetMap**

See all photos

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**Facendo riferimento ai grigliati chilometrici di Istat sulla popolazione, la popolazione che ricade nei 4 km da Bellolampo è pari a circa 60.000 persone. È un valore impreciso, ma che dà un'idea.**

**Numero di persone**  
0 - 100  
100 - 200  
200 - 300  
300 - 400  
400 - 500  
500 - 600  
600 - 700  
700 - 800  
800 - 900  
900 - 1000  
1000 - 1100  
1100 - 1200  
1200 - 1300  
1300 - 1400  
1400 - 1500

# Climate Change, Disaster and Hazardous events, territorial and geographic data: statistics to not leave behind are necessary and possible

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A **richer statistical mosaic** to integrate the different dimensions promoting improvements in the production of statistical measures inside the national statistical system

**From Global to local and from local to global for a common language:**

**geostatistical and territorial analyses are integration factors because in territory the integration among economic, social, environmental, institutional domains could improve looking forward to Climate change, hazardous events and Sustainability**

An **increasing** work in progress... **dissemination** ready and in the next months:

- **Gis tool for Population Grid and for enumeration areas**

<https://www.istat.it/it/archivio/155162>

- **Final Population Grid 2021**
- **Final enumeration areas 2021 considering 2021 Population**

**Thanks for your attention**

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