

## **The regional body of laws that accompanied the reconstruction of Friuli**

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In Italy it is commonly accepted that the reconstruction after the 1976 earthquake has been an extraordinary success as compared with the previous and following seismic catastrophes. Probably, on another scale, only after II world war, the process had the same quality and timing. Many factors contribute in this sense and can be found in this volume, but next to the abundance of the resources the main and resolute factor was the devolution of the process to the regional government. The Region has been established in 1965 and, therefore, the structure in 1976 had still the need of full completion of the organization. Anyway when the central government (which had still alive the memory of the disaster that signed the reconstruction after the 1968 Bélice Valley earthquake) asked to the Region of accepting the charge of the full managing of the reconstruction the response was positive. The Region issued a body of laws that followed empirically and step-by-step all the reconstruction process giving to the mayors that have been delegate to administrate the process the new and necessary instruments and the legal shield against the central bureacracy hostile or recalcitrant to recognize the inadequacy of the “time of peace laws an rules” to face the extraordinary conditions of the mass emergency. On the whole in the time-span of 10 years many tenths of laws have been issued and significantly the last one was devoted to establish (first in Italy) the regional service for civil protection ( L.R. 64/31.12.1986) that was also the forerunner of the italian one that followed nearly 6 years later.