

# 3rd Stakeholders meeting

*Riccia (CB), November 10th 2017  
Meeting Room of Riccia Municipality*

## Minutes meeting

The third stakeholders meeting of Molise Region, partner of the IMPACT project, is held in Riccia, Campobasso Province (Italy), at the Meeting room of Riccia Municipality premises – Via Ziburri, 2 – on November 10th 2017, starting from 9:30.

There were 16 participants, considering Molise Region Staff and regional and local stakeholders representatives.

**The session is opened by Mrs. Antonella Di Domenico, Assessor to Social Policies of Riccia Municipality** who, after greeting and thanking those present for participating in the meeting, and after giving the greetings on behalf of the Mayor, Mrs. Micaela Fanelli, engaged abroad in European Region Committee activities, briefly illustrates the aims of the meeting and its importance for the collection of suggestions coming from territories to the improvement of Regional policies as regards environment protection and exploitation.

Mrs. Di Domenico gives the floor to **Mr. Sorrentino FATICA, IMPACT project Manager**, who makes a presentation on strategic importance of stakeholders participation in projects activities, summarizing their contributions received up to now, the activities in which they have taken part, the outputs of their cooperation.



Finally Mr. Fatica points out the Key issues of the Meeting:

- ✓ The IMPACT Action Plan: Purposes, Actions and Progress
- ✓ The Collection of stakeholders' action proposals to be included in the Action Plan related to IMPACT Policy Instruments

- ✓ Possible territorialized actions in the Fortore Area to be proposed in the IMPACT Action Plan

He underlines that after the meeting a FOLLOW UP will be made with external expert assigned by Molise Region in order to verify the compliance of stakeholders proposals to ROP ERDF/ESF 2014-2020, to Area Priorities, to Exchanges of Experiences and Good Practice Recognized with IMPACT Project.

**Takes the floor Mr. Giulio Conte, the external expert assigned by the Molise Region** for the assistance activities in drafting the action plan.

Mr. Conte in his presentation lists the Axis 5 Measures of ROP 2014-2020 cited as IMPACT Project Policy Instruments, specifying that the resources are not solely for conservation interventions, one of the measures is all about tourism in the internal areas and one for heritage of cultural and/or natural value. Looking at the case studies reported by the stakeholders, it emerges that the same are consistent with the ROP measures.

He also speaks about the documents sent to him by Mr. Fatica presented during the project's meetings held in Lithuania, in particular as regards work in progress of other partners related their Action Plan finalization.

On one hand we have the Lithuanian partner that in its Action Plan deal with two main actions, well structured and justified and that have an advanced status, considering also the financial coverage plan. On the other hand we could have a list of more than ten or twenty actions, with a lower level of details and definition.

We have to make a choice for the Molise Region Action Plan foreseen by IMPACT.

Mr. Fatica involves in the debate the stakeholders participating in the meeting, in particular the representatives of Molise Region Administration having as task the definition of the territorialization plans for the implementation in the Fortore Area of the ROP ERDF/ESF Policy Instruments mentioned by IMPACT Application Form.

Hereafter the summary of each intervention in the debate:

#### **MOLISE REGION AUTHORITIES:**

The Local Development Strategy for the Fortore area aims to promote local territory as a place of health, understood in the widest sense possible. The underlying idea is that good health depends not only on the availability of health facilities (which are also necessary), but above all by environmental conditions, nutrition - which in turn depends on the availability of quality agri-food products - etc.

The strategy of the Fortore area is at an intermediate stage, the schedules of interventions are being drafted with the aim of completing them by 2017.

They are aware about the strategic importance of IMPACT project as operating tool able to mobilize stakeholders in order to collect ideas for the definition of implementation tools of priority interventions to be made in the area.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF MOLISE:**

The University of Molise is involved in developing the strategy for all the internal areas of Molise with competences that operate in different sectors. Representatives of the University attending the meeting are particularly involved in developing strategies for enhancing ecosystem services. Some ecosystem services provided by the Fortore territory have already been identified: landscape, typical products such as bean, hydrogeological risk protection,

CO2 absorption. Some identified ecosystem services also concern health, such as the ability to intercept air pollutants harmful to health such as fine particulate matter (so-called PM10). The representatives of the University underline another key issue about they are working. In fact the theme of ecosystem services is very innovative and it would be interesting to introduce in the IMPACT Action Plan at least one action on Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES). However, it is difficult to conceive and implement such an action because it is very difficult to identify and persuade ES users to pay for it.

More often, solutions are offered to those who provide the ES (e.g. forest farmers or managers) with public resources. In other words, the public entity acts as an intermediary: it pays service providers with public resources (thus collected through general taxation).

**ITALIA NOSTRA - Managing association of the Regional Reserves of Patalecchia Mountain and Callora Torrent:**

The representative of Italia Nostra Association declares that the incentives for certain activities, such as sheep-farming, would have positive effects on the environment (maintaining free areas, which in that context contribute to maintaining a greater biodiversity than the forest's further expansion) and social (contrast to depopulation of centers lived more and more). So a PES able to be support those activities would be very useful.

**WWF Oasis Guardiola-regia- Campochiaro**

The representative of WWF Oasis management body asked to University representatives some clarifications as regards ecosystem services, in order to have a better understanding about their consistency related to territories needs.

**Mr. Fatica** remember to participants that one of the characteristic of the Action Plan has to be the "Lesson Learnt" chapter, in other words the link of the several action to be included in the Action plan with the experiences known and the good practices communicated by project's partners and/or experienced during International Study Visits.

As regards such point, **the MOLISE REGION representatives** responsible for territorialization processes of internal areas co-financed by ERDF/ESF measures asked to the IMPACT project to forward them the complete list of the **IMPACT PARTNERSHIP GOOD PRACTICES**, in order to have a deeper knowledge on what could be transferred at regional level.

Mr. Fatica answered that he has yet requested to the IMPACT Lead Partner (Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of Andalusia, Regional Government of Andalucía) detailed information about their Pilot Action regarding ecosystem services and in addition to that he says that by the end of November the IMPACT Staff will have a definitive overview of the good practices identified at project level, considering that during these days an improvement processes is occurring.

At the end of such a period, the IMPACT Staff will be able to transfer to MOLISE REGION Authorities the several Info Factsheets of the IMPACT Good Practices of all the countries involved (Italy, Spain, Romania, Lithuania, France).

The meeting ends at 11:00.