



5th Stakeholders meeting

Guardiaregia (CB), December 12th 2017

*Meeting Room of Visiting Centre of WWF Oasis Guardiaregia -
Campochiaro*

Minutes meeting

The fifth stakeholders meeting of Molise Region, partner of the IMPACT project, is held in Guardiaregia, Campobasso Province (Italy), at the Meeting room of the Visiting Centre of the WWF Oasis Guardiaregia–Campochiaro, in Guardiaregia (Campobasso Province) – on December 12th 2017, starting from 10:30.

There were 11 participants, considering members of Molise Region Staff and regional and local stakeholders representatives.

The session is opened by 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:

1. The IMPACT Action Plan: Purposes, Actions and Progress
2. The participation of the OASI WWF Guardiaregia - Campochiaro Reserve to the project activities
3. The good practices identified by the project partnership: stakeholder contribution for the identification of the Best Practices for the Policy Learning Platform of the INTERREG EUROPE Program
4. The Pilot Project MATESE as Strategy for Internal Areas: stakeholder contribution to the identification of possible actions object of 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.

As regards the first three points, Mr. Fatica gave to participants a brief overview of the work in progress, in particular as regards the identification of the best practices to be put in the specific section of the INTERREG EUROPE Program website. There is a postponing of deadlines set in the Project's Meetings held in Lithuania, and so the improvement of the cases has yet to be closed and in the next weeks Molise Region will receive the evaluation grid prepared by EUROPARC and it will share with Working Group and Stakeholders Groups members in order to involve them in the evaluation process.

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.

In particular he gave to participants an overview of the possible action interesting to be enclosed in Molise Region Action Plan and coming from exchange of experiences events and stakeholders events held in the region. The possible actions are:

- One about the promotion of immaterial and material goods and services, also considering the experience named “Health Trips” of the project partner ENRX, by the possible use of a brand that identifies a product that comes from territories belonging to protected area;
- One about an intervention that could protect natural areas by invasive species, considering animal species and vegetal as well and that could deal also with policies for a controlled and well planned forest management able to preserve the habitats;
- One about the 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.
- One about the improvement of services related to the « Transiberiana d’Italia » Initiative, in particular as regards information services, info points instalments, itineraries and improvement of selfguided APPs regarding paths and storic and cultural information.

Mr. Fatica involves in the debate the stakeholders participating in the meeting, in order to receive by them useful suggestions as regards the implementation of the Pilot Project Mates – Internal Area Strategies, that has been approved as a whole by the Molise Region, but that is still waiting for the launch of related calls and tenders.

Hereafter the summary of each intervention in the debate:

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

The representative of Italia Nostra Association declares that the IMPACT project could give a significant contribution for the consideration of the Matese area as a whole, sharing also common characteristics with other significant protected areas existing in the Region.

He suggests as possible action an intervention focused on the network of secondary rivers linking the regional territories from North to South and aimed to the preservation of the habitats and species, citing as example of habitats to be preserved the « rivershrimp » case.

That kind of vision could allow to link the Lorda and Longaniello Rivers to the Vandra one.

He says that it is also necessary to ensure that any actions aimed at favoring tourism and use do not cause impacts on the well-preserved sites that host populations of rare species.

He also signals the need to resist to the proliferation of hydroelectric power stations that have potential impacts on the high and best preserved parts of the water basins.

APS INTRAMONTES

Mrs. Palombo, representative of the INTRAMONTES Association, agrees with Mr. Di Cerbo of Italia Nostra in such a kind of vision, in particular on an action that could achieve as output the re-qualification of riverbeds, linking the several territories in which protected area are located.

Mrs. Palombo says also that the action to be developed could realize a mapping of the Network of Natural Ecological Corridors.

Mrs. Palombo reminds also the urgency to preserve the lawn surfaces and as regards such a point she suggests to evaluate how to link that need to the so called « Bank of the Lands » in terms of controlled management of public lands to be given for agricultural and productive aims. As regards that issue, she agrees upon the fact that we have to avoid overlapping with actions foreseen by the Rural Development Plan 2014-2020 of Molise Region.

WWF MOLISE:

Mr. Lino Cirucci says that that kind of action, focused on the preservation of habitats located along the riverbeds, have not to be aimed to the preservation of a single species, but has to be able to identify a strategy which characteristics have to be capable to cover different habitats and as many species as possible.

He agrees upon an action dealing with the protection of micro-habitats located in a larger area. He communicates with participants that during the last years the situation has deteriorated, not only for water emergencies, but also owing to human interventions.

GUARDIAREGIA MUNICIPALITY :

The representative of Guardiaregia Municipality says that environmental policies need to be supported by complying policies in infrastructural works and as example talks about the Dim on the Quirino River, built in the territory of the Municipality, and that represents a work not well linked to environmental preservation.

GIULIO CONTE – EXTERNAL EXPERT of Molise Region

Considering the interventions of the participants, Mr. Conte says that a choice has to be made : we prefer to support with the Action Plan preservation actions or we have to open to exploitation actions opportunities ?

He says that a possible action focused on the preservation of habitats along secondary riverbeds between Trigno , Biferno, Volturno Rivers is an interesting option to be evaluated.

CONCLUSIONS

The Molise Region Staff and Mr. Conte share with the participants the following steps :

- Definition of a scheme for the presentation of the actions ideas identified up to now;
- Filling in by Mr. Conte of several forms for each idea to be sent to IMPACT Staff at the beginning of January 2018 ;
- Forwarding to the Working Group Members of the several Actions' Forms in order to discuss about them during the next Working Group Meeting, planned for January 12th , 2017

The meeting ends at 12:30.