



6° Stakeholders Meeting

*Conference Centre - Casacalenda Municipality(CB)
Corso Roma, 78
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Minutes meeting

Coordinators of the Event :

- **Sorrentino Fatica** - IMPACT Project Manager– Technical Assistance - European Territorial Cooperation Office - Molise Region;
- **Giulio Conte** - Ambiente Italia, External Technical Expert assigned by Molise Region;

The 6th Stakeholders meeting took place at the Conference Hall of the Municipality of Casacalenda (CB) and it was organized in cooperation of the LIPU Oasis of Casacalenda and with the Casacalenda Municipality.

The works were opened with the greetings and thanks of Mr. Fatica, Project Manager of the IMPACT project, to the stakeholders present at the meeting.

Mr. Fatica begins the speech by illustrating the IMPACT project, a project of European territorial cooperation, funded under the Interreg Europe 2014-2020 Program, explaining that the project supports the preparation of sustainable development plans and the implementation of pilot actions to promote development, socio-economic activities and environmental and ecological preservation in protected areas and nature reserves.

In order to achieve those results a comparison with the other partner countries is needed in particular as regards the exchange and transfer of good practices.

The IMPACT Project Manager underlines the importance of the involvement of all local stakeholders to promote the exchange of experiences that lead to propose ideas of actions that can be implemented within the management of the 2014-2020 ROP funds. One of the objectives of the IMPACT project is to better orient the mechanisms of the ROP.

Mr. Fatica communicates that in the planning activities concerning the drafting of the Action Plan, the Molise Region has assigned an external company, named AMBIENTE ITALIA, whose contact person is Mr. Giulio Conte, present at the event.



Mr. Fatica gives the floor to the **Mayor of Casacalenda, Mr. Michele Giambarba**, and after initial greetings and thanks, the Mayor focuses on the fact that if we want to talk about the development and protection of protected areas and nature reserves, we must also talk about the problems that the agricultural territory is going through.

The presence of many representatives of the agricultural sector, the Mayor reiterates, underlines how the problem of damages to crops due to the excessive presence of ungulates (wild boar), is a very sensitive problem in the territory of Casacalenda.

According to the Mayor Giambarba, everything that can lead to a socio-economic response linked to the environmental areas and the enhancement of archaeological / naturalistic

areas such as the Historical and Natural Park of the ancient Gerione, present in the territory of Casacalenda, is a positive thing .

Mr.Fatica gives the floor to **Mr. Giulio Conte, external expert of the AMBIENTE ITALIA Society**, in order to allow him to talk about about all that emerged from the various meetings / exchanges in the various territories.

Mr. Conte explains to participants that for some years the Government has implemented a National and Regional Strategy of the Internal Areas that results strongly integrated with the lines of the ROP, but the two lines according to Mr. Conte, they have to make synergy.



Mr. Conte communicates that the actions of the Action Plan are linked to the Measures of Axis 5 of the ERDF / FSE POR 2014-2020 indicated as policy instruments of the IMPACT Project.

Mr. Conte details the 4 actions envisaged in the Action Plan, which resulted from the meetings held and the good practices of the other project partners:

Action 1 - Conservation of mountain habitats: forests and open spaces. The idea is to protect mountain habitats by keeping open spaces in the mountains and then encourage grazing at high altitudes with specific incentives, the second aspect concerns the cutting methods of forests, which too often damage with excessive cuts in wooded areas of greater value, one could according to dr. Count give greater guarantees to those who perform these cutting actions.

At this point, Mr. Conte reminds the participants that given the perceived problematic of damage to agricultural crops due to the excessive presence of ungulates, emerged from the fact that, farms that fall in the area of the LIPU Oasis of Casacalenda, have complained about the ban on hunting selective, it could be assumed to introduce a fifth action within the Action Plan.

Mr. Conte then goes on to examine the titles of the three actions provided for in the Action Plan, namely:

- Action 2: Valorisation of the Trans-Siberian of Italy, with a tourist use of the railway lines, to develop a tourist offer that involves the territories crossed by the railway line, which could therefore offer a lot in terms of hospitality, catering and typical products.

- Action 3: Natura 2000 trademark of Molise, to create a brand for the enhancement of the products / services of the Natura 2000 areas thus making them recognizable.

On this point in the meeting it emerged that wheat producers aim to improve the quality of their product but this quality of excellence is poorly recognized in terms of the price of grain sales. The locally produced high quality grain is used in small quantities to improve the product of large companies that largely use foreign wheat. The opportunity has therefore emerged to favor high quality products that use only local wheat.

- Action 4: Protection and redevelopment of freshwater habitats, the idea is to enhance and protect the part of the valley floor to ensure that these populations of various aquatic species of Community interest (from crayfish to otter, trout Mediterranean) are not extinguished.



After those explanations, Mr. Fatica illustrates to participants the good practices identified in the Molise region through the cooperation with stakeholders, in particular:

1. WWF Oasis Guardiaregia-Campochiaro Regional Reserve;
2. Paths and ICT apps for self guiding tours in Biosphere Reserve « Alto Molise » ;
3. Protection of a river in the « CASALE » woods – LIPU Oasis –Casacalenda ;
4. Actions for the Promotion of Natural Resources of the WWF Guardiaregia – Campochiaro Oasis through the WWF Oasis Network ;
5. Transiberiana d'Italia ;
6. CucinAcostO – Cooking lessons for young cooks apprentices (from high school) on how to cook edible wild plants ;
7. « Percorso dei sensi » - Path for disable people with aromatic plants to touch and smell – Botanical Garden of Capracotta ;
8. Co- operative « La Ramegna » Small Social Cooperative of Guardiaregia (CB) ;
9. Ecotourism in Casacalenda (CB) ;
10. Regional Reserve Callora River : environmental restoration actions and environmental education ;
11. Establishment of the Regional Nature Reserve Monte Palatecchia and Lorda and Longaniello rivers ;
12. Sustainable management of Pine processionary moth, *T. pytiocampa*, in a protected area using eco-friendly control methods.



The representative of the farmers of Casacalenda took the floor, underlining the critical nature of the relationship between the need to protect the LIPU Oasis Reserve and the practical needs of local farmers. The two things are not always compatible.

Farmers therefore ask that, whatever the actions proposed by the Action Plan envisaged by the project, if they have to create impact in the territory of Casacalenda, they must take in consideration farmers' interests, in order to identify interventions able to produce added value for all and not a limit for economic activities.

Mrs. Cannarsa, of the CAI TAM (Mountain Environment Protection), took the floor and reminds those present of the importance of enhancing the natural resources that the territory of Casacalenda has, because they represent opportunities for growth.

In particular, Mrs. Cannarsa, asks the project staff whether it is possible to include among the actions of the Action Plan something that allows to enhance the experience of the Natural Park of Gerione.

Mr. Fatica, takes up the floor and emphasizes to those present that these 12 Good Practices along with all the other good practices of the other partners have been evaluated by each local stakeholder involved and that during that cooperation process with stakeholders and project's partners as well, the Romanian partner asked for contacts of one Good Practice of Molise Region, communicating the interest of an University for possible transferability of experience.

After the closure of the evaluation process, the best experiences will be uploaded on the INTERREG EUROPE website.

The meeting closed at 1.15 pm