



8° Stakeholders Meeting

*Conference Room Pasteur – University of Molise
Campobasso
March 26th, 2018, h.9:00*

Minutes meeting

Coordinators of the Event:

- **Sorrentino Fatica** – IMPACT Project Manager – AT CTE Regione Molise;
- **Giulio Conte** - External expert of the AMBIENTE ITALIA Society;
- **Andrea Sciarretta** – Representative of University of Molise.

The 8th Stakeholders meeting took place at the Conference Room « Lous Pasteur » at Molise University premises in Campobasso and it was organized in cooperation of the University of Molise.

The works were opened with the greetings 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.

Mr. Fatica says that the present Meeting is the last of 8 meetings foreseen by the project at local level (previous one were held in Campobasso in 2016, in Isernia, Riccia, San Pietro Avellana, Guardiaregia in 2017 and in Casacalenda and Roccamandolfi in 2018), an all that gives the opportunity today to draw a balance of what has been done and the results achieved.

In particular, Mr. Fatica emphasizes the success of the formula used for the carrying out of the meetings, held in the various municipalities in the Molise Region with the collaboration of the relevant stakeholders as regards protection and enhancement of natural resources.

A special thanks for all the representatives of associations and organizations that took part in the working group meetings, underlining the capabilities to transform ideas coming from the events in activities to be proposed for the Action Plan.

The stakeholders were also actively involved in the identification, improvement and evaluation of good practices; Mr. Fatica remembers that the 12 good practices identified in Molise Region have to be uploaded in the INTERREG EUROPE Website directly by stakeholders, and that after Easter holidays the Project Staff will contact the holders of the weaker good practices in order to assist them in the process of improvement and uploading on the programme's web portal.

A special thanks has been given to stakeholders that took part in the Interregional Events and in the study visits realized in the other Countries, that made it possible the exchange and comparison of experiences.

Mr. Fatica anticipates that in the Second Phase of the Project two International Events will be held, the Yearly Europarc Conference in Scotland in September 2018 and in October 2019 the High Dissemination Event in Brussels. The LP will check with Programme Authorities if a participation of stakeholders in such activities is foreseen, anyway the IMPACT Project Staff will continue updating local stakeholders on project's executions regarding the 2nd phase of the project.

Mr. Fatica communicates that the Action Plan, drafted with the support of an external company, named AMBIENTE ITALIA, will be transmitted to the Managing Authority of

MOLISE ROP ERDF/ESF 2014.2020, in order to make it possible its taking charge for the realization.

Mr. Fatica gives the floor to **Mr. Giulio Conte, external expert of the AMBIENTE ITALIA Society**, in order to resume all that emerged from the various meetings / exchanges in the previous activities.



Mr. Conte says that the idea is to directly consider territory's needs and what has already been done (good practices) and try to direct the Molise Region to go to finance specific Actions (natural habitats and presence of numbers for the tourism sector).

Mr. Giulio Conte gives a brief description of the 4 hypotheses of Actions included in the Action Plan Draft:

Action 1 - Conservation of mountain habitats: forests and open spaces ;

Action 2 - Valorisation of the Transiberiana of Italy: enhancement for tourism use of railway lines ;

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

Action 4 - Protection and redevelopment of freshwater habitats ;

For the first Action, says Mr. Conte, the idea is to protect mountain habitats by keeping open spaces in the mountains and then encourage grazing at high altitudes (such as the land bank to encourage young people to maintain high-altitude zoning activity) with community 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 For the second Action, Mr. Conte continues, the idea is the valorisation of the Transiberiana of Italy, with a tourist use of Sulmona-Isernia railway lines to develop a tourist offer that could involve the territories crossed by the railway line, which could therefore offer a lot in terms of hospitality, catering and typical products.

For the third Action, the idea is to create a brand for the enhancement of the products / services of the Natura 2000 areas thus making them recognizable. Molise is a little

contaminated territory, the idea is to introduce this territory with a specific brand and understand why the old « Piacere Molise » brand did not work.

For the fourth Action, protection and redevelopment of freshwater habitats, the peculiarity is that in Molise there are portions of aquatic environments that protect wildlife species, 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 are not extinguished.

During the meetings held, another theme emerged, that of the management of wildlife species, but it was decided not to include it as a fifth action since it is very specific and contingent.

The proposals for integration and modification suggested by the stakeholders were accepted, and Mr. Conte says that during the present meeting he had a confrontation with the **representative of the good practice "Transiberiana d'Italia" (Mr. Gianluca Di Lonardo – Le Rotaie Association)** in order to make some adjustments to the contents of the Action 2.

An estimate was also made of the total costs of the proposed actions, amounting to around € 800.000,00.



Mr. Bruno Paura, a professor and researcher of University of Molise intervenes in the debate asking how IMPACT Action Plan could interact with the management plans of the SIC (so called « Siti di Importanza Comunitaria ») areas in Molise Region.

Mr. Conte says that the management plans of the SIC areas are regulatory actions tools, and in particular their adoption is compulsory according to the provisions of the EU Habitat Directive 92/43. The IMPACT Action Plan is not a « financing tool » for the ordinary running of the above mentioned Management Plans, but just an addition tool placed at disposal of organizations dealing with ROP ERDF/ESF executions for their better management and efficiency.

Mr. Andrea Sciarretta, a professor of Molise University makes a question about the further involvement of stakeholders in project activities during the second phase of the project.

Mr. Fatica says that the stakeholders will be continuously updated about Action plan executions, and in this regard the best wish is that stakeholders are also directly involved in

the implementation of action plan actions, through the awarding of calls, through participation in working groups or other implementation tool.

Periodic reports will be certainly made and sent to stakeholders and stakeholders will be beneficiaries of project dissemination activities.

Mr. Fatica thanks the participants of the event anticipating that after a break the « IMPACT DAY » at the University will continue with a Dissemination Event, which will have as beneficiaries university students, following the one carried out at Riccia in November 2017 that had as beneficiaries the students of a local secondary school.

The meeting closed at 11.00 a.m.