

Project: **BioDiversity**

In the frame of Erasmus+

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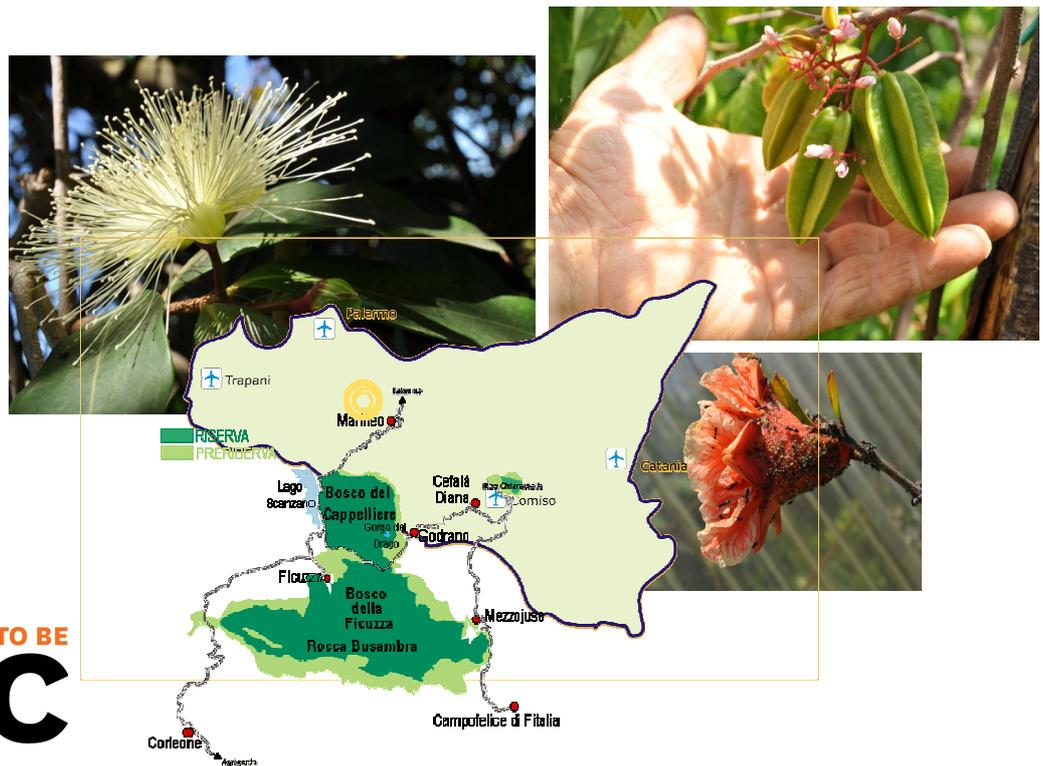
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Background:

The idea of the BioDiversity project comes from the crisis that has taken root in recent years and is profoundly changing our society: an economic, social and environmental crisis.

Despite this contraction and this general trend, in all parts of Europe, citizens are committed to projects of collective action and social transformation. There is a growing awareness of "other ways" of acting and living together: the research offers more and more tangible examples that we actually have the necessary resources to ensure sustainable development of our territories and our society.

We have to keep focus on the basis of our life, the "scenario" that hosts us: the ecosystem that today, more than ever, needs us and our responsibility.

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Objective:

The BioDiversity project aims to contribute to the creation of an European society more sensitive about the protection of ecosystems and biodiversity, and more aware of its relevance to our lives. To achieve this, we aim to train youth workers who become promoters of a collective knowledge and a healthy approach to nature. According to the objectives of the Erasmus + and more specifically those identified for key action 1, the training aims to:

- Develop personal and professional skills of youth workers
- Improve the quality of education and youth work in Europe;
- Develop new synergies and transitions between theory and practice, encouraging the use of non formal education.
- Raise the awareness of young people about global issues such as sustainable development.
- Encourage young people to participate in 'green volunteering' and 'green' patterns of consumption and production.

Contents:

The working methods used: the activities will be based on non-formal education, experiential learning and outdoor activities. We will use different approaches of non-formal education: simulations, role plays, research and observation, creative and artistic activities, theater etc.

The expected results and long term impact will be:

- Development of personal and professional skills of youth workers;
- Strengthened cooperation between youth organizations in the field;
- Increased quality of youth work;
- Sensitization of young people about biodiversity and the impact of humanity on the ecosystems;
- Contribution to the growth of a responsible, cohesive society, respectful of nature and ecosystems.

Partnership:

The Training Course born from the common determination of 7 european youth organisations dealing with non-formal education and sustainable development in order to share their experience in leading collective projects which can contribute to social change :

Green Spirit, from Greece (GR)	Brno for You, from Czech Republic (CZ)
Holy Nature, from Bulgaria (BU)	VoVo, from Croatia (CR)
Atac, from Romania (RO)	Zavod CMLC, from Slovenia (SI)
Galicia Connection, from Spain (ES)	Eliotropi, from Italy (IT)





Participants:

28 youth workers, trainers or people involved in social projects (3 persons per country of partners)

who:

- have experience in sustainable systems;
- want to acquire new skills in local and sustainable development, self-organisation and social change in order to develop his knowledge;
- believe in experience sharing and are interested in European networking;
- are available for the whole duration of the training course;

There is no age limit.

An average level in English is required.

Participants will be involved at every stage of the project. □

Steps:

Before the training: They will prepare the training with the support of the sending organisation.

During the training: They will actively contribute to the group's dynamics and get involved in the workshops. We will encourage them to take initiatives and responsibilities.

After the training: We will encourage them to assess the project and take part in dissemination activities.

Program:

DAY 1 - 13/09/2016 - Introduce yourself and build your Team	
AM	Non-formal activities to break the ice; name game; activities creative to know us better. Recognition of the roles within the group: trainers, participants, staff, the local community. Presentation of the location and the logistics.
	Evaluation of expectations, the educational objectives and contributions through 'graphic facilitation'
	An presentation of Erasmus + program. Plenary session on the program's objectives and the opportunities it offers. Presentation of the training program and the objectives of the project.
PM	Team building activities organized by "study alos", focuses on several essential skills to a group to function: active participation, communication, cooperation, listening through art therapy. 'Debriefing' on the group dynamics.
	Simulation of different ecosystems - RPG. The activity introduces what the differences and divergent elements are essential for a macro-functioning system. Our play our World.
DAY 2 - 14/09/2016 - What's biodiversity?	
AM	Observation in the woods. Reflection in small groups on the observation made and the definition of biodiversity.
	Participants reflect on several issues related to sustainable development.
	Collective session in the consumer society and the massive production. Recovery and artistic recycling of waste material for the creation of useful and reusable utensils
PM	Peer learning. Participants will exchange good practices of their organizations and biodiversity in their home countries.
	Peer-learning: sharing tastes, traditions, music, etc. the different participating countries. Participants will bring ingredients, fruits, vegetables etc., that are not found in other countries. Focus on the importance of culinary and gastronomic diversity for sustainable development of a pro-European dimension.



DAY 3 - 15/09/2016 - The study of Biodiversity	
AM	Field activities within the Nature Reserve and testing methods of research and analysis in wooded areas. Participants are divided into three groups. One does research for the recognition of plant species present; the other species of wildlife.
PM	Participants were divided into three groups as previously, they will create new activities and new ways to transmit knowledge about the importance of biodiversity. The forest at night: the difference of night life from that day and how this affects on biodiversity
DAY 4 - 16/09/2016 - Breaking balance	
AM	Simulation on the ecosystem alterations
PM	Session of collective debate, on the understanding of social complexity and the multiple instances daily dialogue in our society on biodiversity.
DAY 5 - 17/09/2016 -	
AM	Summary of the know-how emerged during training. Creating a Mind Map. Assessment of learning outcomes, with the help of the participants Diary. Planning of future projects
PM	The participants are eligible for free and in-formal time, so you have room to share and exchange knowledge, experiences and moments with the other participants
	Trasfer to Palermo
	Creating a slide show of pictures taken during the training; Video-editing; writing articles and-bound for the web and update social profiles created specifically for the project. The final event: Presentation of dissemination materials created by the participants (video, photos etc.) And oral presentation. The event is open to the public.

PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS

1-TRANSPORT

The arrival date is the 12th of September 2015 and the departure date is the 18th of September 2015.

There are three international airports in Sicily: in Trapani, Palermo and Catania. From each airport buses and metro go to Palermo city centre regularly.

For information on the timetable please consult the following sites:

Palermo airport – Palermo city centre:

Bus: <http://www.prestiaecomande.it/?idPlugin=20000&idx=317> (IT)

Metropolitan Line A: <http://metropalermo.xoom.it/Timetable.html> (EN)

Catania – Palermo: <http://www.saisautolinee.it/regionali.html> (IT)

Trapani – Palermo: http://www.terravision.eu/trapani_palermo.html (EN)

NOTE: Please don't buy the tickets before consulting with the coordinating organisation!

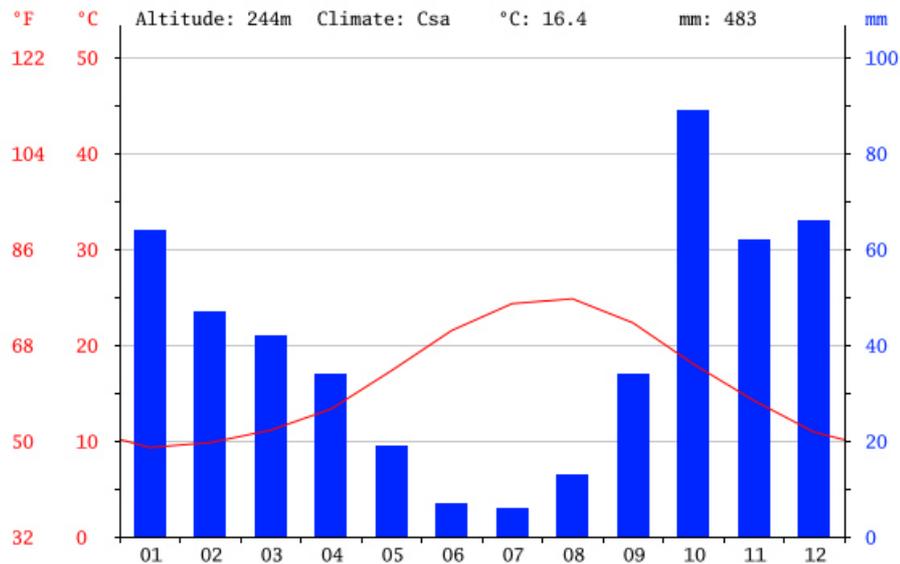
Local transport will be organised by the means of public city transportation and will be arranged by the hosting organisation.

For participant: once you arrived to the airport and got on the Bus or Metro with your group, please send Salvatore an SMS so we will know what time to pick you up at the Central Station (Stazione Centrale), where you have to get off!
Dora's number: +39 3332336001

2-CLIMATIC CONDITION

For information on the climate situation you can consult the following graphic:





Even if weather conditions are good in the Training Course period we recommend it to provide for a kit for the rain and warm clothes and trekking clothes.

3-OTHER INFORMATIONS

The organization will set up the camp, the participants will have to bring sleeping bags and camping mats.

To promote the exchange of cultural traditions and knowledge among the participants of each group can bring typical food from the country of origin to prepare the dishes during Training Course.

Each group will carry a video or the material to present their country of origin during meetings

