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The GREENCHANGE project is co-financed by the LIFE programme, the EU instrument for the conservation of nature and biodiversity



The idea of implementing green infrastructures and multi-functional interventions to increase the ecological value of rural systems has guided us

on the right track.

In 2018 the **LIFE GREENCHANGE project**, led by the Province of Latina and aimed to protect and enhance biodiversity in Italian and Maltese rural areas, was co-financed by the **LIFE programme**, the EU instrument supporting projects on environment and climate change.

GREENCHANGE activities started immediately, thanks to the cooperation of project partners **POLIEDRA CONSORTIUM Polytechnic of Milan**, **CIRF - Italian Centre for River Restoration**, **U-SPACE**, **CONFAGRICOLTURA LATINA** and **MIEMA - Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency**.



Project activities started contextually in Italy and Malta. Partners carried out informative meetings, mapped and evaluated ecosystems and ecosystem services, started to raise awareness among farmers, activated communication actions through the **project website** and social accounts on **Facebook** and **Instagram**. Collaboration networks among public bodies, associations and farmers were established.

Then suddenly, **the Coronavirus emergency slowed the entire world down** triggering an unprecedented global crisis. Long months of inactivity have elapsed, but now life and production can start again. A new awareness has arisen, though: given the recent events, it will be necessary to re-think our way of living and the environment we live in.

For GREENCHANGE, it is about reaffirming the need of protecting the resources of our territory, trying to balance agricultural production and safeguarding our rural and natural habitats. This is the vision that

underpinned our project right from the start.

Now we wish to present it to you in this first issue of the GREENCHANGE #Newsletter.

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What we do

We intervene in rural areas where the quality of natural habitats is currently compromised, promoting a management model able targeting the needs of agricultural production and of environmental protection.

Where

The Maltese target area includes the northern part of the island of Malta and the island of Gozo, for a total of more than 15,700 hectares.



For more information

How



- Establishing a governance system based on the signature of a Pact for Agro-biodiversity;
- Building green infrastructure in rural, semi-rural and natural areas;
- Creating, in pilot rural areas, new ecological corridors, wildflower strips and other solutions to enhance the ecological quality and connectivity of the rural territory;
- Evaluating the ecosystem services provided by agro-ecosystems and promoting their acknowledgement in decision-making processes (both public and private), also through the direct involvement of bodies and persons in charge of land management;

- Mitigating the environmental impact of agricultural activities through awareness-raising, communication, training and direct involvement of farmers and farm holdings;
- Transferring the GREENCHANGE model at national, Mediterranean and EU level (AGRIMED Pact).

For more information on objectives

For more information on expected results



The Pact for Agro-Biodiversity

The Land-Stewardship
is a strategy aimed at engaging landowners and users in the

is an open, permanent working group where public institutions, agricultural holdings and farmers can share the ways for a sustainable management of rural areas. Within the Pact, consultancy services are provided, and guidelines for both institutions and farmers are produced, defining priorities, funding mechanisms, procedures and operational features of the actions to undertake.

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protection, enhancement and good management of the natural, cultural and landscape resources of a given territory. It is implemented through voluntary agreements between landowners or managers, and land stewardship organizations, which can be either public or private no-profit bodies.

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