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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES FOR INCREASING BIODIVERSITY  
IN AGRO PONTINO AND MALTESE RURAL AREAS

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# Towards a pact for Biodiversity in the Mediterranean

## *Verso un patto per la biodiversità nel Mediterraneo*

Teams seminar

*10<sup>th</sup> of may 2023*

10.00 - 13.30



## Green New Deal and agricultural entrepreneurship: farmers for land stewardship

The Green New Deal draws a renewed role for farmers within the new Common Agricultural Policy and related strategies and instruments. Its green architecture, although to be discussed at Member State Level in terms of activated measures, conditionalities and priorities, boosts the so-called reinforced conditionalities, transforming the previous greening measures from the I pillar into unavoidable conditions for payments. Furthermore, eco-schemes ease and potentially reinforce farmers' commitment to climate and environmental measures.

At the same time, the new EU Biodiversity Strategy stresses the role of sustainable farming for protecting species and restoring habitats. It mirrors into the Farm to fork Strategy focus on the sustainability of food system, aiming at recognizing and rewarding farmers already committed to sustainability, while stimulating the others to engage in the transition.

In recent years, several farmers' associations, Member States and organizations claimed for the recognition of farmers as land stewards, promoting agreements and collaborating tools.

Basing on the outcomes of LIFE Greenchange project in Italy, the seminar aims to discuss the opportunities for promoting land stewardship in the renewed European framework. At the same time, it aims to reflect on the further conditions needed at different territorial levels to root ongoing experiences and practices while boosting wider farmers' commitment to the stewardship, with a particular view to Mediterranean engagement.

### session 1 10.00/11.45

## Land stewardship for the sustainability of farming: networks and practices

Federica Benelli (Poliedra), Serena Muccitelli (Uspace) - **LIFE Greenchange**

Sylvie Rockel (Landcare Europe) - **LANDCARE EUROPE - the network that brings together agriculture, nature conservation and communities**

Mathias Brummer (XarXa per la conservacio de la natura) - **Tools for private land conservation, from Catalonia to Europe**

Simona Colombo (Legambiente lombardia), Giovanna Garrone (Università di Torino) - **LIFE Orchids**

Carlos Ruiz Gonzales (SEO/Birdlife) - **LIFE Olivares Vivos**

Luca Filippi (Consorzio di Bonifica dell'Emilia Centrale) - **Life Agriculture**

## The role of public institutions

Jesmond Xuereb (Environmental Regional Agency Malta)

Danilo Marandola e Luigi Servadei (National Rural Network of the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry)

## session 2 12.00/13.30

### Widening the network: the potential of Mediterranean towards a shared Pact for Biodiversity

#### ROUND TABLE

Damiano di Simine (Legambiente Lombardia) - **Rural Pact as a common perspective**

Joseph Van der Stegen (CINEA - European Commission) - **The role of private land conservation in achieving the EU biodiversity objectives -**

Mercedes Muñoz Cañas (IUCN - Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation) - **Engaging the Mediterranean**

#### WORKING SESSION

A facilitated session among key questions will focus on if and how to carry on a joint work on an AGRIMED Pact for the Mediterranean

All participants will interact in the discussion.

Session outputs will feed a position paper "Towards a Pact for Biodiversity in the Mediterranean"