

## **GREEN WEEK 2015 "NATURE - our health, our wealth"**

Principal subject: Nature And Biodiversity

**BRUXELLES, 3-5 GIUGNO, ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT  
EVENTO SATELLITE CONVEGNO "BIODIVERSITÀ E GOVERNANCE IN BASILICATA"  
MATERA, Jazzo Gattini - 5TH JUNE 2015**

### **REPORT on the Conference "BIODIVERSITY AND GOVERNANCE IN BASILICATA"**

Environmental sustainability express itself preserving natural capital, is "to learn to respect" and is a protection, preservation and management strategic tool of natural and semi-natural areas of high environmental importance habitat and species are control units of subsidiaries procedures for the favorable biodiversity maintenance.

The Basilicata biodiversity wealth is rich in natural and semi-natural habitat and for their protection have been identified 58 sites belonging to the Natura 2000 network, including 20 Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), equal to 17.2% of the regional surface.

Basing on this situation, thanks to the conference "BIODIVERSITY AND GOVERNANCE IN BASILICATA" (SATELLITE EVENT GREEN WEEK 2015 - Matera 5 June 2015) was intended to highlight the various activities undertaken to communicate procedures and working methods about the Project called Natura 2000Network of Basilicata which have been proven update methodologies of data and preparation of management tools with common format across the entire land area of the Basilicata region. The results of the program showed the importance of the Biodiversity heritage: about 1000 species marked and protected in various ways; 63 Community interest habitats of which 13 priority of 34 protected at European level. These data and their elaboration were the subject of a publication, a work consisting of three volumes on Biological Diversity entitled "Environmental Systems and Natura 2000 network of Basilicata: discover and protect natural environments and cultural landscapes of Lucania", conducted as part of the Communication Plan "INN2000 Intesa Natura 2000", and presented in Matera in support of "Matera Culture Capital 2019", inside the mentioned conference. .

The conference "Biodiversity and Governance in Basilicata" and the presentation of the work took place in the building "Jazzo Gattini" located in the SAC "Gravina di Matera" with interventions (about species, habitats, and ecological aspects of Common sites) held by sector experts, followed by a Panel Discussion about governance action of biodiversity (with the participation of management bodies of SACs and the Centres for Environmental Education for Sustainability). SACs managers bodies were involved through a series of preliminary meetings, as part of the ongoing project "Basilicata Ecological Green Hub", an innovative tool to find out new learning and mentoring / tutoring experiences directed to Managing Bodies of Natura 2000 Sites and municipalities in which the sites RN2000 fall. To close the conference, there was a path of "guided trek" which focused on the main habitat in the SAC "Gravina di Matera IT9220135".

### **OUR QUALITY COMMENTS ABOUT EVENT**

(How successful your event? You have enjoyed the support of the European Commission?)

Basilicata Region, at the first experience, was among the few regions of southern Italy to organize a Satellite Event of Green Week 2015, basing on the certainty that this was a great opportunity to support and to publicize Environmental Policy of European Commission thanks to GREEN WEEK 2015.

With the Natura 2000 network of Basilicata Project and the first results of the project "Basilicata Ecological Green Hub", it has created a demand for tutoring / technical information, for the governance and management of Natura 2000 sites, by: Managing Bodies, Parks, Provinces, Regional Departments and Local Communities. With the Basilicata Region Satellite Event of Green Week it has been possible to activate a circle of active exchange among different actors, depending on the beneficiaries to communicate "at the territories" timely information and tools which would be useful to make the conservation and protection of Nature 2000 Sites and to activate "simplified participatory processes" based on cyclical planning reconstruction and sustainable management of nature in Europe.

1) The event's success is attributable to the following quality factors activated:

- care of the effectiveness of information on good environmental practices;
- possibility of comparing sources, data and views of sector experts nationwide;
- opportunities of policies integration at European, Regional and local level thanks to biodiversity information and communications actions;
- online documentation of the event, accessible by European users;
- participation, sharing and coordination as a key element in the protection of biodiversity in Europe;
- tutoring / technical information aimed at the governance and management of Natura 2000 Sites;
- Location expressing both environmental and cultural value in an international dimension

2) Particularly appreciated action of European Commission:

-the storefront where the event has been proposed at European level, the specially crafted Web page dedicated to the event and the overall international in which it is consumed;

-the provision of graphic material (posters, logos customizable, other material that was inserted in posters and roll-up);

- the big supporter-hands intrigued the participants as well as to make it possible to use them both for the call for questions, in particular during the panel discussion, that for recording the guided walk..

#### **PROMOTER**

BASILICATA REGION-DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND TERRITORY INFRASTRUCTURE PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORT- GENERAL DIRECTORATE-

General Manager: Lawyer Carmen SANTORO

Internal support: PARKS, BIODIVERSITY AND PROTECTION OF NATURE OFFICE

Manager: Dr. Francesco Ricciardi - Satellite Event Coordinator and Head of Organization: Dott. For. Antonella Logiurato

#### **PARTICIPANTS TARGET**

Institutions, Managers, Technicians Local Authorities (Regions, Provinces, Municipalities, Mountain Communities, Program Areas, park authorities), Local and Scientific Communities, Professional and Environmental Consultants, Educational and Environmental Centres and Environmental Observatories, Environmental Associations, Police Corps.

#### **AREAS OF INTERVENTION**

The "work in progress" Parks Office: knowledge, data and management of natural resources in Basilicata.

The project INN2000 and the three-volume work "Environmental systems and Natura 2000 network of Basilicata".

To discover and to protect the natural environment of Basilicata.

Landscape and biodiversity.

A look at the animal biodiversity of Basilicata with emphasis on terrestrial vertebrates. "

The Governance of Biodiversity: application to the Special Areas of Conservation RN2000 Basilicata (Panel Discussion).

Micro-enterprise and Biodiversity: challenges and future directions.

Speakers: Carmen SANTORO; Francesco Ricciardi; Patrizia MENEGONI; Sandro PIGNATTI; Maria Valeria MININNI; Sandro TRIPEPI.

Institutional Greetings: Aldo BERLINGUER, Environment Assessor of Basilicata Region; Salvatore ADDUCE, Mayor in charge of Matera; Pier Francesco PELLECCIA President of the Park of the Rock Churches of Matera; Roberto CIFARELLI Councilor of Basilicata Region.

#### **DOCUMENTATION / SUPPORT ACTIVITIES:**

Report of experiences; presentations, photos, audio / video recordings and reports; technical references; documentation and European legislation, national, regional and local reference.

[www.natura2000basilicata.it](http://www.natura2000basilicata.it) - [www.eposbasilicata.it](http://www.eposbasilicata.it) - [www.retecologicabasilicata.it](http://www.retecologicabasilicata.it) - [www2.greenweek2015.eu](http://www2.greenweek2015.eu)