4th Stakeholders meeting

San Pietro Avellana, 4th December 2017, h.10:00

Meeting Room of San Pietro Avellana Municipality - viale Emma Rossi Cacciavillani

Minutes meeting
The third stakeholders meeting of Molise Region, partner of the IMPACT project, is held in Riccia, Campobasso Provence (Italy), at the Meeting room of Riccia Municipality premises – Via Zaburri, 2 – on November 10th 2017, starting from 9:30.

There were 16 participants, considering Molise Region Staff and regional and local stakeholders representatives.

The work are opened with greetings and thanks to the stakeholders participating in the meeting of Mr. Sorrentino Fatica, IMPACT Project Manager.

Mr. Fatica presents the project and indicates the dates of the meetings de be held during the fourth semester on the territory and the action plan, underlining the importance of the exchange of experiences that has already been appreciated by the other partners and in this regard communicates that Molise Region Staff has supported the starting of contacts between the Botanical Garden of Flora Appenninica and the Romanian partner to be developed also in the next study visit in Romania scheduled for March 2018.

He also underlines the validity of the good practices identified at regional level considering that the Lithuanian project partner in his draft of the Action Plan recalled the App Guide downloadable made in the MAB Reserve and the ecotourism experience of the Oasis Lipu of Casacalenda.

The Molise Region in its Action Plan must also highlight the experiences reported by the other partners that can be transferred to the region.

Mr. Fatica briefly explains the best practices and shows how they are enhanced on the EUROPARC - Interreg IMPACT website and explains that the good practices gathered by the partnership will be evaluated in order to select 5 or 6 of them that will be published on the INTERREG EUROPE Program website. Through the work of the next working groups, on the basis of an evaluation grid that will be communicated by the EUROPARC partner, it will be decided which ones will be valued because of their innovative contents.

**Mr. Giulio Conte, external expert in charge of the Molise Region** for the assistance of the assistance to the drafting of the project Action, takes the floor and speaks of the internal areas and says that the Matese is the most advanced in the state of realization, there are already defined actions schemes and so we have not to collect new ideas on actions but suggestions on how to support the actions yet identified.

Mr. Conte emphasizes the importance of finding ideas from stakeholders and that these meetings are useful for this purpose and in particular talks about the ideas emerged in the last meeting held in Riccia and considers interesting the payment of eco-systemic services to drain resources from areas developed to those less developed, for example the maintenance of forests or areas where no fertilizers are used. UNIMOL has studied four such actions.

Moreover, hen riminds that Fortore’s development strategy is characterized by the health and well-being area of the Municipality of Riccia.

Mr. Conte continues his speech bringing the very interesting example of the Trans-Siberian of Italy. This is a strong idea that is linked to the use of the train as a tool of tourist valorization experienced in other areas of Italy, as in the Cinque Terre where the train has stops in four stations, where there are information points and from where we start to visit the neighboring places, with very frequent trains. On our territory, Mr. Conte continues,
maybe it is difficult and, in winter, only organized trips are made, but in summer there are at least four trains (two on the way and two on the way back).

At this point Mr. Fatica invites the participants to provide their contributions and suggestions, also looking at the previous programming period (2007-2013), since the other meetings showed that the old measures of the ROP had presented a criticality in not sufficiently providing interventions for the management of the investments made and therefore for the sustainability of the same.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF MOLISE**

Mrs. Gemma Laurelli takes the floor on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce of Molise that brings to the attention of the participants the existence of a registered trademark owned by the Chamber of Commerce of Molise (so-called Piacere Molise) having a regional coverage, for which one could think of a specific type "Pleasure Molise Wellness", and which could be an umbrella mark for products / services that characterize areas where there are protected areas and reserves.

**UNIVERSITY OF MOLISE - UNIMOL**

Mr. Paolo Di Martino from UNIMOL speaks about the Upper and Middle Sannio area. In particular, Mr. De Martino talks about the indicators linked to the 5.1.1 measure of the ROP, in particular about the one linked to the "Surface of the habitats beneficiaries of a support aimed at achieving a better conservation status" quantified in 3,500 hectares. It should be better understood what kind of physical intervention indicators are admissible.

**ASSOMAB CONSORTIUM**

Mr. Francesco Lombardi, representative of the Municipality of San Pietro Avellana, is one of the seven municipalities of the ASSOMAB Collemeluccio-Montedimezzo Alto Molise Reserve Management Committee.

In particular, he informs the participants about the progress made in implementing the territorialisation principle for the Measures of Axis 5 of the ERDF/FSE ROP 2014-2020 concerning the Internal Areas Strategy for Alto Molise - Medio Sannio.

He reported that last week a meeting was held in which the Alto Molise LAG was identified as a body connecting the 62 municipalities covered by the strategy area, which in turn was divided into three sub-areas and in particular the “Alto Molise”, with municipality of Agnone as referring body, the “Medio Sannio” with the municipality of Frosolone as referring body, the Trigno with the Municipality of Trivento a referring body.

**INTRAMONTES ASSOCIATION**

Intramontes is a Social Promotion Association whose main activities concern the study, protection, enhancement and promotion of the Alto Molise.

Mrs. Caterina Palombo intervenes, with reference to the Good Practice "Trans-Siberian of Italy" shows how this initiative, valid and innovative, has a weak point in the poor qualification of the tourist facilities of the stations touched by the train and in the scarce presence of qualified personnel in the management of tourist flows and itineraries.
The stations are in good condition, but the infopoints are missing, the routes and the exploitation of local products are missing. As for the app guide, this should be improved.
She also indicates as possible action to be included in the Action Plan an environmental rehabilitation, considering the problems of cohabitation between man and invasive species as in the case of wild boar and conservation of forest habitats (excessive forest cuts, not attentive to naturalistic aspects).
It is also important that the construction of the tourist development path of the areas connected with the "Trans-Siberian" allows the training of local people, perhaps forming an environmental / tourist guide, carrying out capacity building measures.

Italia Nostra ONLUS
Mr. Di Cerbo suggests to report to the Management Authority the need to avoid mistakes made in the past, i.e. publication of different calls that take into account the needs of individual municipalities requesting small interventions without an integrated vision, minor maintenance and therefore without an overview of area development.
Instead, the interventions must be consistent with an integrated tourism strategy.

Carmen Giancola – Botanical Garden Flora Appenninica of Capracotta
It would be interesting to realize a scientific mapping of the ecological corridors, to keep them under management and therefore to allow a controlled management of the forest advancement and conservation of grassland areas (including those destined to pasture and transhumance routes, such as the cattle track).

At the end of the interventions, Mr. Conte considers interesting to be explored in order to insert into the Action Plan the suggestions concerning a possible action related to the cohabitation between invasive species and man, considered both the animal species (the wild boar) and vegetable ones (forest advancement).
He also believes that it is interesting to explore the theme of tourism enhancement of the natural areas crossed by the Trans-Siberian in Italy and therefore an intervention for the qualification of the tourism offer of the territories and the involvement of local populations.