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La agricultura social como herramienta de las políticas sociales europeas

Event. N.2

Zaragoza, España
28-30 May, 2014



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- 1) The Programme “Europe for Citizens”;
- 2) Molise Region;
- 3) The project RURACT;
- 4) Main activities of the project;
- 5) RURACT Methodology.



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Action 1: Active Citizens for Europe

Misure 1.2 “Network of twinned towns”

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General objectives

- Opportunity to interact and participating in constructing an ever closer Europe;
- Sense of European Identity: values, history and culture;
- Sense of ownership of the European Union among its citizens;
- Tolerance and mutual understanding between European Citizens.

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Action 1 – Measure 1.2 «Network of twinned towns»

Creation of strategic networks which are important for ensuring structured and intense cooperation.

- ❖ **Town/Municipalities**
- ❖ **Federations/Associations of local authorities**
- ❖ **Local and regional authorities**
- ❖ **Non profit associations representing local authorities**



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2) Molise Region



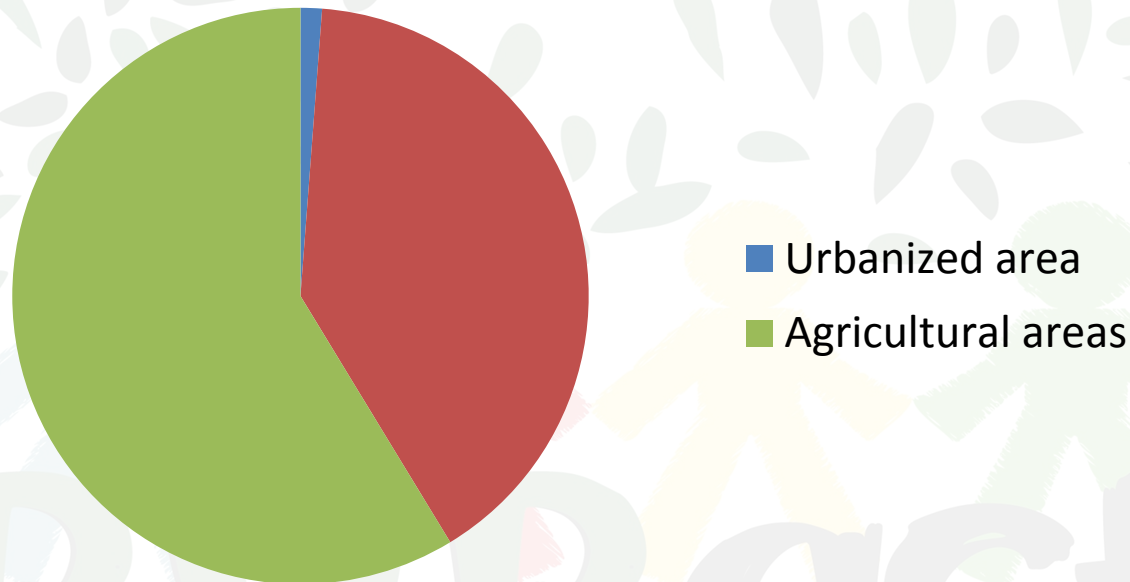
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Molise Region – Agricultural region



-Urbanized area: 1,2 %

-Agricultural area: 58,7 %



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Agricultural development – Challenges

- 1) Geomorphological and climate factors;
- 2) Weaknesses of the socio economic environment;
- 3) Great distance from markets and major centres;
- 4) Limited access to credit;
- 5) High territorial fragmentations;
- 6) Lack of technological equipments and facilities.

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RURACT – Overall Objective

The creation of a network of towns to implement social, cultural and economic synergies to better face common challenges related to the revaluation of rural areas in Europe through the development of social farming businesses as a criteria of sustainability and solidarity.

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RURACT – Specific Objectives

- ✓ Make social farming as a strategy to improve the competitiveness among business and rural areas;
- ✓ Raise awareness about European policies and opportunities in the field of social inclusion and social protection;
- ✓ Create a new sense of development, social protection and environmental preservation in rural areas;
- ✓ Improve the condition so that disadvantaged people with low contract capacities can give a sense to their capabilities through the agricultural activities;
- ✓ Create an ideal framework for the development of future collaborative actions.



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RURACT – TIMETABLE

- **31 August, 2013: Submission of the project to the European Commission;**
- **6 December, 2013: the project was approved;**
- **1 January, 2014: Start date;**
- **31 December, 2015: Closure of the project.**

Projects submitted: 186

Projects funded: 18

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RURACT classification: 4° !



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Lead Partner



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Region of Skhodra (Albania)

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Municipality of Konispol (**Albania**)

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Association of Danube River municipalities (**Bulgaria**)



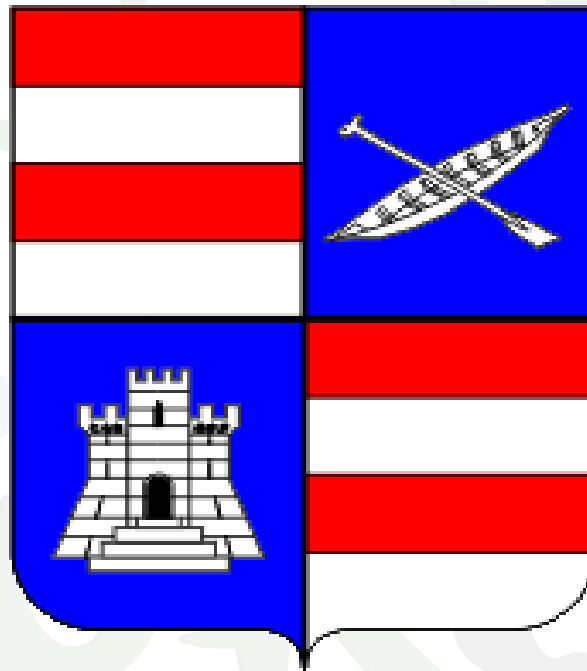
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County of Dubrovnik (**Croazia**)



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Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (**Croatia**)



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Municipality of Agia (Greece)

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Città Cultura

Municipality of Potenza (Italy)

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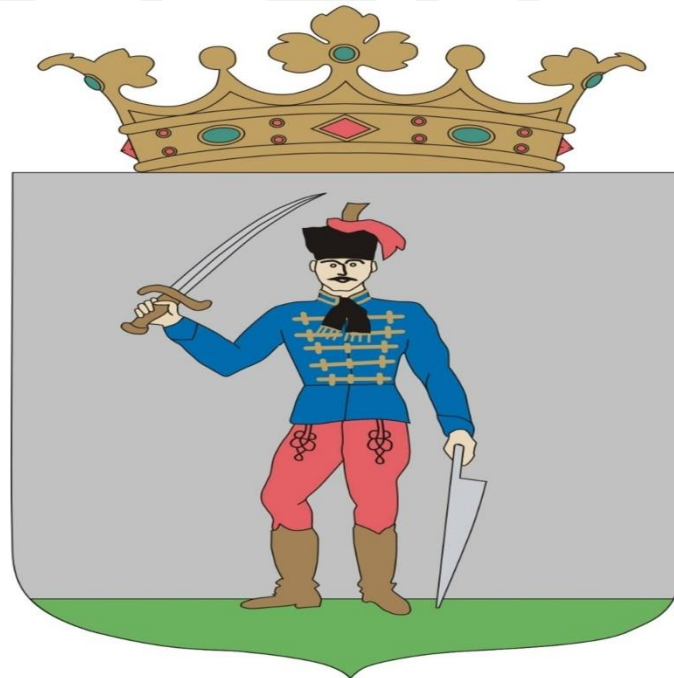
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Government of Extremadura (**Spain**)



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2017

Tarragona Foundation 2017 (**Spain**)

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Calatayud

Community of Calatayud (Spain)



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DIPUTACION D ZARAGOZA

Province of Saragozza (Spain)



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RURACT – Target groups

- **policy makers;**
- **public officials,**
- **schools, youth and older people's organizations,**
- **local and regional authorities;**
- **voluntary associations,**
- **university departments,**
- **public and private health bodies,**
- **agriculture organizations.**



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RURACT – ACTIVITIES

Event. 1

10 – 11 March 2014, Campobasso (IT)

- Presentation of the project RURACT;
- State of the Art “Social Farming in Europe;
- Typologies of social farming activities;
- Rural policies and absence of references in the European legislation supporting social farming activities;
- Social farming and sustainable development.

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RURACT – ACTIVITIES

Event. 2

28 – 30 May 2014, Saragozza (SP)

- Social farming between environmental sustainability and social inclusion;
- Inclusion and social protection European policies;
- Social inclusion in the partners' histories;
- Social inclusion of disabled people;
- Social farming: prospects of development for the social inclusion;
- Social farming and inclusion networks.



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RURACT – ACTIVITIES

Event. 3

13 – 15 October 2014, Potenza (IT)

- Educational farms and best practices in Europe;
- Study visit in local Educational farm;
- Tagesmutter and best practices in Europe;
- Study visiting in local tagesmutter;
- Social gardens and best practices in Europe;
- Study visit in local social gardens.

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RURACT – ACTIVITIES

Event. 4

02 – 04 March 2015, Kanjiža (RS)

- Guidelines for planning social farming initiatives;
- Workshop: “Planning together social farming activities”;
- Social Farming = New professional opportunities in Europe;
- State of the Art of the research in Europe;
- Presentation of results of research projects in Europe.

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RURACT – ACTIVITIES

Event. 5

07 – 09 December 2015, Campobasso (IT)

- Partners' experiences in the project RURACT;
- Presentation of the project' results to the citizenship and policy makers;
- Potentials of the twinning in Europe;
- One to one meetings between mayors and representatives of towns to discuss on possible future collaborations;
- Conclusion.

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RURACT – ACTIVITIES

- **Publication IT/EN** on social farming proposals ;
- **DVD video-storytelling IT/EN** on the results of the project;
- **Web portal IT/EN** .

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RURACT – METHODOLOGY

- Bottom up approach;
- Member states (Italy, Croatia, Spain, Bulgaria, Greece);
- Candidate countries (the Former Republic Yugoslava of Macedonia);
- Potential candidates (Serbia, Albania),
- Cultural, geographic and historical diversity;
- Different experiences in the field of European projects.



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Thank you for your attention !

ANY QUESTIONS?

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