



# BIG Project

Greece-Italy 2007-2013

“Improving governance, management and sustainability of rural and coastal protected areas and contributing to the implementation of the Natura 2000 provisions in IT and GR”

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## Partner 6 - APULIA REGION

The Apulia Region - Department of Land Quality - parks and biodiversity conservation Office is the managing authority of the Natura 2000 network that, in accordance with directives issued at national, EU and international, develops and promotes strategies to disseminate tools and sustainability initiatives and environmental protection. From several years, it supports the plans for the conservation of nature and biodiversity protection.

The BIG pilot actions are tailored in order to comply with these scopes as well as to the Italian regulation. In fact, the Italian National Strategy for Biodiversity foresees the establishment of a regional observatory for biodiversity, and it is mandatory for each administrative region and needs to be strengthened with monitoring tools to collect and systematize biodiversity data.

Total Budget € 450.000,00



Regional observatories on biodiversity (which are EU and national commitments for regional administrations) are strategically important for monitoring and guaranteeing a continuous update of data about biodiversity emergencies.

Actually, In the Apulia region the observatory needs to be improved and strengthened through new means.

The EU commitments of Member States, and therefore of each region, also concern the drafting and updating of the PAF (Priority Action Framework) in order to optimize the use of funds for biodiversity.

Both observatories and PAF represent fundamental elements for the definition of cross-border strategies for biodiversity.

BIG general objective is thus to improve governance, management and sustainability of rural and coastal protected areas and contributing to the implementation of the Natura 2000 provisions in Italy and Greece.



## *Work Packages and Actions Apulia Region involved*

### **WP 1 Management & Coordination**

Action 1.2 - Project coordination meetings

Action 1.3 - Project management and external audit



## *Work Packages and Actions Apulia Region involved*

### **WP 2 Information & Publicity**

Action 2.2 - Publications, Photodocumentaries and Website

Action 2.3 - Kick-off and final meeting



## *Work Packages and Actions Apulia Region involved*

### **WP 3 Strengthening of the regional observatories on biodiversity in Greece and in Italy through the establishment of a network of local authorities**

Action 3.1 - Creation of a trans-boundary network among regional/local authorities and scientific institutions for the management, governance and valorization of protected areas and setting of priorities and measures of the 2014-2020 programming period

Action 3.2 - Defining common standards (protocols) for the monitoring of species and habitats in order to prevent risks and to safeguard and valorize protected areas and sharing and fine-tuning with regional/local stakeholders (local meetings)

Action 3.3 - Development of Database and Information System



## *Work Packages and Actions Apulia Region involved*

### **WP 4 Common trans-boundary strategies for the sustainable management and valorization of natural resources**

Action 4.1 - Best practises, management and valorization of natural resource

Action 4.2 - Realization of a decision-makers support tool for the management, for the assessment and prevention of emerging risks and for suggesting solutions in conflicts in land use, with particular attention to protected areas



## *Deliverables Apulia Region involved*

**1.2.6 - n. 5 minutes of the project coordination meetings**

**1.3.6 - n. 5 progress reports & n. 8 auditing report**

**2.2.6 - website**

**2.3.6 - Kick-off and final meeting**

**3.1.6 - Report about networking on governance, management and valorization of protected areas**

**3.2.6 - Joint protocols for monitoring and safeguard species and habitats**

**3.3.6 - Biodiversity database & Information system implemented with regional and international data**

**4.1.5 - List and related sheet of best practices & Guidelines for the management and valorization of protected areas**

**4.2.4 - Project of the common decision-makers support tool**



## *Apulia Region Contribution to Deliverable*

**1.2.6 - Participation in n. 5 coordination meetings**

**1.3.6 - Partner contribution to the progress report & Drafting and sending to the LP the auditing reports**

**2.2.6 - updating of the project website with technical information**

**2.3.6 - Participation in the kick-off and final meeting**

**3.1.6 - Organization of n. 2 meetings with project partners for the networking, n. 2 signatures lists, n. 2 minutes of the meetings & Continuous revisal of the priorities and measures of the 2014-2020 programming period**

**3.2.6 - Drafting of protocols, organization and attendance in n. 3 local meetings, revisal of the protocols and sharing with project partners.**

**3.3.6 - Structuring the biodiversity database and definition of the biodiversity database characteristics, collection of biodiversity regional data & Realization of the information system & Population of the Information System with regional data**

**4.1.5 - Collection of best practices and Identification of common strategies & Survey of the existing documents, updating with the latest information**

**4.2.4 - Technical contribution to the design of the decision-makers support tool**

*About the action 1.3 we would like to appoint an administrative and financial employee dedicated to the project:*

*About the actions 3.1-4.1-4.2 we would like to proceed with the involvement of environmental associations (WWF, LIPU, Legambiente) in particular for:*

3.1.6 - Organization of n. 2 meetings with project partners for the networking, n. 2 signatures lists, n. 2 minutes of the meetings & Continuous revisal of the priorities and measures of the 2014-2020 programming period;

4.1.5 - Collection of best practices and Identification of common strategies & Survey of the existing documents, updating with the latest information

4.2.4 - Technical contribution to the design of the decision-makers support tool

*About the actions 3.2-3.3 we would like to proceed with the involvement of regional Universities and Innova Puglia (in-house company) in particular for:*

3.2.6 - Drafting of protocols, organization and attendance in n. 3 local meetings, revisal of the protocols and sharing with project partners.

3.3.6 - Structuring the biodiversity database and definition of the biodiversity database characteristics, collection of biodiversity regional data.

Realization of the information system and population of the information system with regional data

## Budget Modification

| Cost to be shifted from |    |         |           | Cost to be shifted to |    |         |           | Balance € |
|-------------------------|----|---------|-----------|-----------------------|----|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Budget line             | WP | Partner | Amount €  | Budget line           | WP | Partner | Amount €  |           |
| EXT EXP                 | 1  | P6      | 13.000,00 | STAFF COST            | 1  | P6      | 30.200,00 | 0,00      |
| EXT EXP                 | 3  | P6      | 17.200,00 |                       |    |         |           |           |

### Reason for requested budget changes:

*Apulia Region needs to appoint an administrative and financial employee dedicated to the project and so it's necessary to increase the staff project of the action 1.3, removing that from external expertise budget of actions 1.3 and 3.1, that are good enough*

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|-------------------------|----|---------|-----------|-----------------------|----|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Budget line             | WP | Partner | Amount €  | Budget line           | WP | Partner | Amount €  |           |
| EQUIPMENT               | 3  | P6      | 77.000,00 | EXT EXP               | 3  | P6      | 79.500,00 | 0,00      |
| EXT EXP                 | 4  | P6      | 2.500,00  |                       |    |         |           |           |

### Reason for requested budget changes:

*In order to realize the information system, so required by the project, Apulia Region needs to appoint a commission. So it is necessary shift part of cost from budget line "equipment" to "external expertise".*

**TOTAL FROM € 109.700,00**

**TOTAL TO € 109.700,00**

**0,00**