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the project

LIFE IMAGINE is an ambitious project co-financed by the LIFE Programme of the European Commission. The main objective is the implementation of an integrated, coordinated and participatory management strategy of the Natura 2000 Network in the Umbria Region. The project, which lasts 7 years, also aims to mobilize additional funds to synergistically implement nature conservation priorities in Umbria.

The project will involve all the sites of the regional Natura 2000 network and the Umbrian protected areas, with positive consequences on the whole regional territory.

natura 2000 network

Natura 2000 is a network of nature protection area in the European Union aimed at the conservation of habitats and species of flora and fauna that are rare or threatened. In Umbria, the Natura 2000 network is made up of a total of 102 sites, covering about 16% of the regional territory, and represents an essential contribution to the protection of the regional environmental and landscape heritage. In Umbria, the Natura 2000 network hosts 41 habitats of community interest (11 of which are priority habitats), 133 wildlife species (4 of which are priority ones) and 8 plant species.

objectives and actions

The IMAGINE project seeks to implement policies and actions in order to:

- favor the conservation and proactive management of habitats and species, promoting and maintaining their adequate conservation
- ensure coherence between the Natura 2000 network and neighboring territories and increase ecological connectivity and harmonization between the different sites.
- improve governance and ensure the training of stakeholders for the management of the Natura 2000 network.
- involve and inform citizens on the ecological role played by the Natura 2000 network and its significance in terms of value, opportunities and implications.

The planned actions are mainly aimed at the conservation and maintenance of wetlands, agricultural and forest habitats through the implementation of a wide range of concrete interventions to increase the connectivity of aquatic and terrestrial environments and create ecological corridors that terrestrial and aquatic target species will be able to use. The project foresees concrete conservation interventions for many species: large carnivores, birds, amphibians, reptiles, bats, fish and invertebrates.

LIFE IMAGINE foresees the active involvement, through specific agreements, of local administrations, businesses and citizens in the management and conservation of the regional biodiversity heritage. Measures include the identification of new itineraries for tourists in Natura 2000 sites and activities to support the development of skills and "green" jobs. Educational tools will also be provided for schools and training courses will be organized to promote knowledge of the Natura 2000 network.

partners

The Umbria Region, manager of the Natura 2000 network, is the coordinating beneficiary of the project. The Monti Sibillini National Park, the only other Natura 2000 site manager in Umbria.

The Regional Forest Agency for concrete management and restoration interventions of habitats of community interest.

Four Universities, Perugia, Camerino, L'Aquila and Sassari, to provide the best scientific knowledge for the conservation of species and habitats of European Community interest.

Studio Hyla, with experience in amphibian conservation and environmental adaptation.

Comunità Ambiente, with specific multi-year professional experience in the field of nature conservation at national and community level.