

Long Networks. Ecomuseums and Europe.

Workshop/04. Autonomous County of Trento and Ires.

5-8 May 2004

Basic assumptions

Prosperous and vital communities rely more on endogenous sustainable development abilities than on subordinate connections to the larger route of global and unsustainable markets. This belief, not a common one until few years ago, is now increasingly spreading among public officers and populations of European regions.

In such a perspective, the competitiveness of a local system is benefited, with a growing relevance, by strong and extended local networks, with a rich endowment of social relations, and by policies targeted to raise the profile of local heritage. This is crucial to decide local systems success, from an economic but also social side view.

Ecomuseums can play a central role in this context, both as catalysts in social networks building and as supporters of local heritage maintenance. Their proclivity to sustain local identity and their special expertise to interpret the “character” of places, give them a significant authoritativeness in this task.

Nonetheless, the future rate of success of a local community will not be determined in the narrow space of its valley or rural district. The so-called long networks, providing connections between distant local systems and promoting their cooperation, assume more and more importance in a larger scenario.

But, if we can assume that ecomuseums' role in local network contexts is well known and tested, which could be their responsibility in a wider European perspective?

On these premises, a group of European ecomuseums and ecomuseum professionals will compare their past European cooperation experience but, first and foremost, their projects and future opportunities and expectations.

Our goals

This workshop has two main goals.

First of all, we would like to connect people and initiatives in order to plan, as soon as possible, common European projects. Our limited mutual acquaintance emerged as a key weakness, in recent communitarian experience. In European initiatives, the extemporaneous character of many teams seldom can properly merge with projects both coherent and motivating for the whole partnership. Projects come often from the team leader agenda and so they are consistent but have limited motivations for other partners. In many cases, on the contrary, projects reflect many agendas, providing motivations for all partners but with a severe lack of coherence. A deeper reciprocal knowledge and a sound common network could dramatically improve our projects' quality.

A second and very important result could be the educational fall-out of the workshop. A common analysis of our European experience, comparing successes and failures, can help us to better understand its rules, procedures and opportunities, especially in front of the present Enlargement and the consequences it will have on the European cooperation background.

Ires survey

Ires¹ has set up a survey on Italian ecomuseums and the European cooperation experiences. The survey will try to outline expectations and opportunities as well as weaknesses and strengths of about 60 different initiatives. A questionnaire was sent and in-depth interviews are progressing.

First results are expected to be available in the first half of April and an executive report will be communicated to all participants before the beginning of the workshop. Similar results about other participant countries are expected to be directly communicated during the workshop.

¹ IRES is the Institute for Social and Economic Research, public body of the Regional Government of Piemonte.

Participants

The Autonomous County of Trento and Ires will organize the workshop.

About 15 Italian ecomuseums are expected to take part to the initiative, together with ecomuseum professionals from Poland, Czech Republic, France, Sweden.

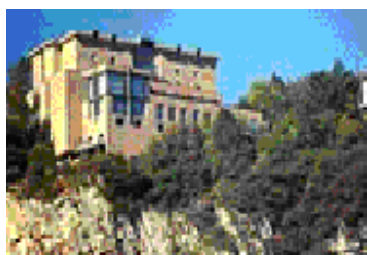
- Ecomuseo del Vanoi
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- Ecomuseo della Val di Pejo
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- Ecomuseo delle Bonifiche di Argenta
- Ecomuseo del Casentino
- Ecomuseo dell'Argilla
- Ecomuseo dei Terrazzamenti e della Vite
- Ecomuseo degli Aranceti di Milis
- Ecomuseo delle Miniere in Val Germanasca
- Ecomuseum Bergslagen (SW)
- EPCE Poland (PL)
- EPCE Czech Republic (CZ)
- Lanckorona Ekomuzeum (PL)
- Rozmberk family Ekomuzeum -Five Petaled Rose (CZ)
- French Federation of Ecomuseums (FR)
- Autonomous County of Trento
- Ires Piemonte



Agenda

Organisational details could be modified, due to practical reasons. The scientific program will of course be modified according with the workshop's development

5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May
	9.00: briefing at Sardagna and welcome from the vice-president of the Region	9.00: briefing at the Sardagna centre	9.00: briefing at the Sardagna centre
	Presentation of organizers and Workshop goals	Forum, talkings, questions and first project draft proposals	Forum, talkings, questions
	Ires survey results and overview of Italian ecomuseums European perspectives	EU projects: how to submit a proposal (timing, costs, procedure, tips)	A summary of the workshop results
	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break
	Other countries and ecomuseums overview and perspectives	12.00: leaving for Chiese Ecomuseum	Future agenda
	Lunch (13.00)	Lunch (13.30, at Cimego)	Lunch (13.00)
In the afternoon: Arrival in Trento	15.00: Short visit of Argentarium (Monte Calisio) ecomuseum	15.30: visit of the Ethnographic Trail of the ecomuseum	
17.00: Visit of the town or arrival at Sardagna	17.45: International Filmfestival of Mountains and Exploration	Visit of the ecomuseum and its places	
Dinner in downtown Trento	Forum, talkings, questions	Forum, talkings, questions	
Acc. at Sardagna	Acc. at Sardagna	Acc. at Sardagna	



Accommodations will be at the Sardagna Centre, a '20s building, with panoramic view, 7 km from Trento, 560 m. altitude, also connected by cableway.

Further details (in Italian) at:

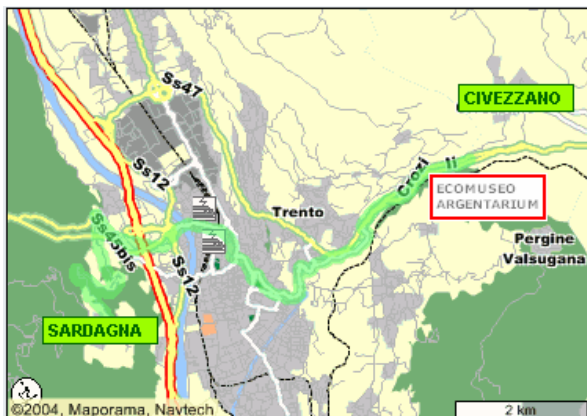
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Meetings will take place in the Sardagna Centre, in order to provide all participants the opportunity to easily visit the charming medieval downtown.

Transportations

Two on-the-field visits are planned.



The former (Argentarium Ecomuseum, around the Calisio Mount) will take less than half a day. It is very close to Trento (12 km from SARDAGNA and about 5 from Trento downtown).

Argentarium Ecomuseum is on the making and is devoted to mining and military archaeology: medieval silver mines (argentarium means of silver in Latin) and WWI fortresses ruins.



A second visit will take participants to the Ecomuseum of the Chiese Valley (The Door of the Trento county). It will take half day, devoted to an on-the-field visit (Ethnographic Discovery Path of Caino Stream) and to in-situ work.

Chiese Valley Ecomuseum have been operating since some years and provides meeting facilities as well as exploration opportunities.

The initiative is organized by

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