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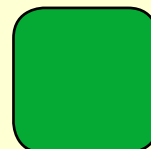
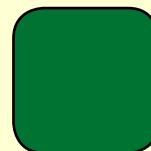
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ROBINWOOD PROJECT SUB-PROJECTS FINANCED THROUGH INTERNATIONAL PARTNER FINANCING WILL CLOSE IN SEPTEMBER. THE PARTNERS WILL MEET FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE FINAL RESULTS.

The 15 subprojects financed through international partnering that started October 1, 2006, will officially close at the end of September. They are part of the Robinwood Project that like other community products is financed by the FESR (European Project for Regional Development) and aims to favor cooperation between European regions, with the goal of promoting awareness and good practice.

The European regions involved in the Robinwood Project include: Liguria Region, Project leader and overall director of management and communication; Brandenburg, in charge of the process area linked to biomass energy; Murcia, in charge of the "Water Improvement" area; Wales, whose Forest Authority is responsible for 'Forest Management' and Eastern Slovakia.

In closing, the partners have organized meetings and visits on the territory to reflect and discuss the final results from each of their respective projects. For more information contact the coordinators of the project from each regional partner and consult the site: www.robin-wood.it.

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I PROGETTI DI PARTENARIATO INTERNAZIONALE FINANZIATI DA ROBINWOOD

In this edition of the newsletter the appointment with the sub-projects of the international partner financed by the Robinwood Project is renewed for the third time. We will look at which projects are in order and the activities that sub projects ROBINFLOOD, FRIARTUC and SFWM are taking part in.

ROBINFLOOD. Planning and forest management tools for reducing hydro-geologic water risk.

The partnership that manages the proposed activities from this sub project is formed by the three city governments of the Spanish region of Murcia: City of Pilego (project leader), City of Moratalla and City of Puerto Lumbreras, and from the research agency of the Wales Forest Commission.

The objectives that the partners had proposed to reach by the end of the project (September 2007) have to do with the development of plans and innovative instruments of natural engineering for the control and reduction of the damages caused by flooding, hydro-geological risk reduction and guide to the use and management of temporary dams formed as a result of flooding.

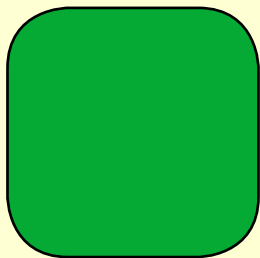
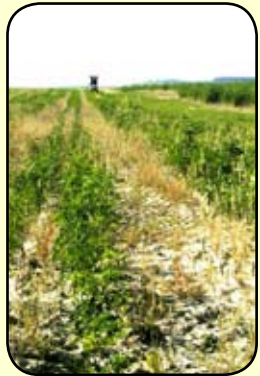
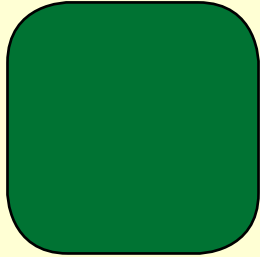
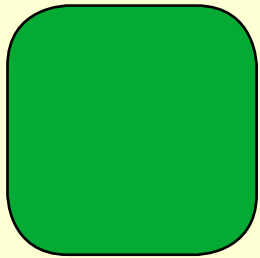
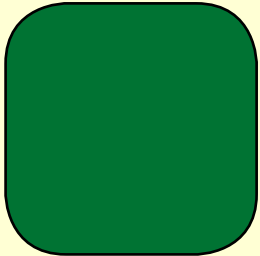
FRIARTUC. Study of the interactions between linear tree installations and superficial and subterranean water.

The subproject FRIARTUC (Flows of waterR above and below round In relAtion to lineaR Tree featUres and water abstrAction), proposed and implemented by the University of Bangor in Wales (project leader) and the University of Murcia, has developed a series of activities this year aimed at thoroughly examining and spreading knowledge of the hydrologic basins in relation to soil use and the collection of water, and to favor sustainable water resource management.

SFWM. Sustainable forest and wildlife management

The subproject is involved in the area of forest management. It was formed with 4 different objectives: to make a comparative analysis of the methods used to monitor wildlife damage in Brandenburg forests; to carefully analyze the ecological characteristics of the study areas, in particular the maintenance of biodiversity; to identify scientific criteria for the development of new forest management strategies; to draw up a series of guidelines to improve biodiversity conservation.

The subproject is administered by a partnership composed of the University Of Applied Sciences Of Eberswalde (project leader) and the University of Murcia.



SECTOR EVENTS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGES 2007 ROME, SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2007- PALAZZO FAO (VIALE DELLE TERME DI CARACALLA)

The National Conference on Climate Changes 2007 will take place in the Palazzo della FAO in Rome, the 12th and 13th of September, 2007. It is being organized by the Ministry of the Environment, Protection of the Territory and Sea and APAT.

The conference will mainly examine the problems of climate change in Italy. It will look at the possible adaptive options as an 'anticipated' choice in terms of the vulnerability of the territory to prevent negative consequences and minimize damages (i.e. passive defence, active defence, assured defence, abandonment). Concrete actions will be proposed on the basis of the contributions coming from the workshop and the pre-congress conference. The topics will be analyzed from the scientific viewpoint as well as the socio-economic view, and include:

- Main risks present in our territory (desertification, glaciers and areas at risk of deglaciation, the marine coastal environment, hydro-geological problems, Venice Laguna and Alto Adriatico)
- The present health dangers due to climate changes
- The state and trend of greenhouse gases in Italy.

Tasks will be directed towards identifying opportunities that could occur and the new roles that institutions must take on: central and local institutions, businesses and society in general.

The conference program on September 12 will address these tasks in the morning with the participation of the Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, GAO General Director FAO Jacques Diouf, the President of APAT Giancarlo Viglione and the Minister of the Environment Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio.

In the afternoon of the same day a series of parallel sessions dedicated to various themes will take place: water resources, agriculture, soil and coastal conservation, biodiversity and forests, mitigation.

On September 13 there will be a thorough examination dedicated to adaptation instruments, with the participation of Ermete Realacci, President of Commission VIII, and the Deputy Chamber. There will be a round table discussion with the following participants: Gianni Riotta, Director of TG1, Giovanni Riotta, Director TG1, the ministers Alfonso Pecoraro Scanio (Environment), Paolo De Castro (Agriculture), Tommaso Padoa Schioppa (Economy), Fabio Mussi (Scientific Research), Pierluigi Bersani (Economic Development), Nobel Prize Winner Carlo Rubbia and the secretary of CGIL Guglielmo Epifani.

In the afternoon plans of adaptation in their international and European dimensions will be discussed. The conference will close with the attendance of Prime Minister Romano Prodi and Senate President Franco Marini.

The tasks of the National Conference will be preceded by a series of workshops, organized in collaboration with the System of the Environmental Agencies, with the objective of preparing documents and themes to be presented in the Conference. There will be two national Conventions to follow that will deal with the topics of climatic changes on health and an update on national emission of greenhouse gases.

www.conferenzacambiamenticlimatici2007.it

LISBON, SEPTEMBER 20-21 2007: FORUM ON EUROPEAN INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION 2007

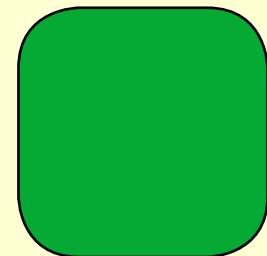
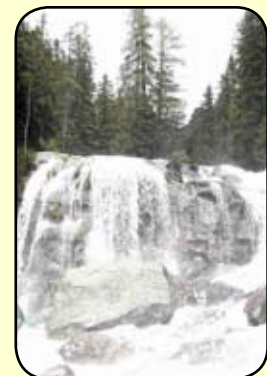
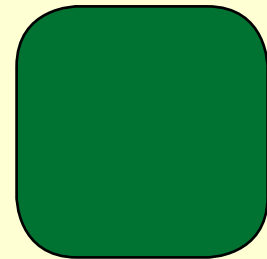
The Forum on European Interregional Cooperation 2007 will take place in Lisbon September 20-21, 2007. The Forum has two objectives: to present the INTERREG IVC program, the new European program of interregional cooperation for 2007-2013, and demonstrate the results from the program INTERREG IIIC.



There will be more than 800 representatives from local, regional and national authorities, besides the general public and representatives of the European Parliament and Regional Committee.

The Forum was formed as a meeting point between representatives of the European regions, members of European institutions, and experts from the program INTERREG IIIC. Beyond that the Forum will be an occasion to provide explanations about the program INTERREG IVC and to open membership.

The program INTERREG IVC, like its predecessor, will help the European regions to share experiences and



projects with the goal of improving their own regional policies. In the presentation of the program particular emphasis is put on the objectives established in Lisbon and Gotheborg: 'Innovation and economy of awareness' and 'environment and risk prevention'.

The following officials participated at the Lisbon Forum: Danuta Hübner, European Commissioner for the political regions; Francisco Nunes Correia, Portuguese Minister of the Environment; Michel Delebarre, President of the Region Committee; and Gerardo Galeote, President of the Committee for Regional Development for the European Parliament and contact for the program INTERREG IVC.

For more information on the Forum program consult the following site:
www.interreg3c.net/interreg4c/index.htm

INTERREG IIIC SOUTH: SEMINAR ON THE CAPITALIZATION OF PROJECT RESULTS (ROME, OCTOBER, 2007)

A seminar that will bring together all the coordinators and partners involved in the program INTERREG III C Sud will take place in Rome on October 2, 2007. All of the participants will reflect on their experiences and results obtained from the program.

During the day the participants will be divided into discussion groups concentrated on the topics of cooperation of INTERREG III C. The event will also represent an opportunity to discuss possible future partnerships. Further information will be published on the INTERREG internet site.

Further information will be available in brief form at www.interreg3c.net

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE: THE PRIMEVAL BEECH FORESTS OF THE CARPATHIANS LISTED AS WORLD HERITAGE OF HUMANITY ON THE BORDERS OF SLOVAKIA, UKRAINE AND POLAND

The Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians, now under the protection of UNESCO, consist of 10 areas located along the mountain chain on the borders between Ukraine, Slovakia and Poland. There are two protected areas within the Slovak border, located in the mountainous regions of Bukovské Vrchy and Vihorlat.

The ten areas put under protection represent a notable example of conservation of temperate primary beech wood forests. The forests show their elevated biodiversity both at the level of species and the genetic level and constitute beyond that an important example of re-colonization and development of terrestrial ecosystems after the last ice age.

Further information is available at site <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1133/>



ROBINWOOD AT THE ROYAL WELSH SHOW

The Welsh Robinwood team was up-dating politicians, the forestry sector and the public on the project's progress at Wales's biggest open air event – the Royal Welsh Show.

Welsh project manager Kim Burnham gave a presentation in the Forestry Commission Wales pavilion to an invited audience from a broad spectrum of interested groups. He is pictured with some of the guests after the presentation.



The Final Report

The Welsh Robinwood team is pulling together all the information for the project final report. "Each country has done a fantastic job on this extremely valuable work programme, and the various different reports are coming in on time," said Wales project manager Kim Burnham. "Now we are pulling them altogether to create a single style document which contains all the vital information which will make a real difference to the way in which we manage the woodlands of Europe in the future," he said.

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