

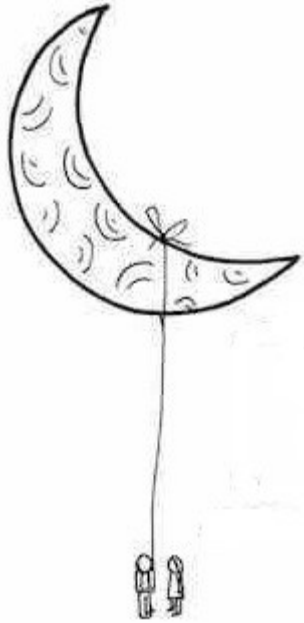
Tutelare la biodiversità nei siti della rete Natura 2000 in Sicilia e a Malta attraverso le Banche del germoplasma e il rafforzamento di popolazioni

Protecting biodiversity in Sicily-Malta Natura 2000 sites through Seed Banks and population reinforcement

Dalla programmazione alla gestione
La conservazione della biodiversità nella pratica quotidiana:
beneficiari, lezioni apprese, stakeholders

LETIZIA FERLITO





Design a project is like a dream... it is like design a perfect life in a perfect world

All the ideas are logically organized, all the things are perfectly shaped, there are no conflict and everyone is happy!



Formulation/design phase

programmazione



... Dream about perfect activities in a perfect world

The time challenge



Formulation/design phase

programmazione

AT INTERREG
LEVEL

And more...

All the indicators, deliverables,
project activities, expected results,
partners, etc... **MUST / DO**

Project scale

inTERREG

EU scale

respect

be consistent

consolidate

contribute

etc..., etc...

INTERREG (Programme) level

Thematic Objective:
Protection of the
Environment

Axis 3

Protecting the environment and
promoting an efficient use of

Priority Investment

Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soils;
promoting services for ecosystems, even through
Natura 2000/green infrastructures

Specific Objective 3.1

To contribute towards the arrest of the loss of terrestrial and marine biodiversity in the area, maintain and reactivate the ecosystem and the protected

EU level

EU policies
EU strategies
EU of cohesion and GREEN development

Global challenges

CBD
UNFCCC
SDGs

Equality between men and women

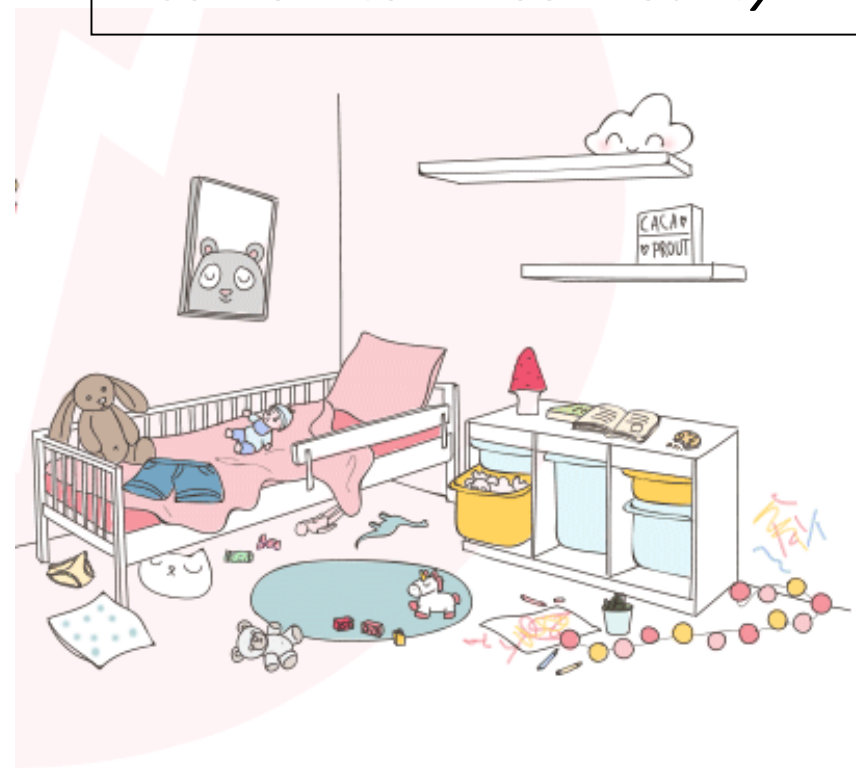


Then the activities leave the paper

*the dream of a perfect
life...and its order*



...come into MESSY reality



La gestione – implementation phase



In the dream

4 partners

The perfect partnership

5 Work packages
30 deliverables
15 indicators
6 project output
6 programme outcome

The perfect design

44 months

The perfect timing

1,806,577 euro

The perfect allocation resources



...in the reality

It means: **4** different entities: with **4** different rules, **4** different governance and consequent number of persons to put in dialogue.

It means: very different activities (including management, communication, pure research, Applying research, field intervention activities) to manage, to implement... all of them facing with daily constraints with a lot of different people, multiple services, etc...

It means **_ A race against time!** Face with pandemic

It means spend money in time, for real activities, respecting the rules, demonstrating expenditure ability

IMPLEMENTATION – LA GESTIONE

*How have we turned the
dream into reality?*

Through a good Management tools

- Coordination with financial and administrative staff internal and external of all beneficiaries
- Facilitate partner's dialogue
- Elaborate action plans and reports
- Schedule of activities

Through a
Supervision and
monitoring of the
activities and
expenses

Through the increasing
accountability of the partnership –
where everybody did them part!



and... of course



Università
di Catania



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of Malta



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Regionale Sviluppo
Rurale e Territoriale



Ministry
for Gozo



Through the
best staff,
ever!

Achievements

I prodotti della gestione

	Valore target	Achievements
Detailed action plans	6	DONE
Steering Committee	7	DONE
quarterly project financial reports	15	DONE
semester project financial reports	6	DONE

I prodotti del progetto e il loro posizionamento nei risultati attesi dal programma INTERREG

I prodotti della comunicazione

	Valore Target	ACHIEVEMENTS
Communication plan	1	DONE
kick off meeting in Catania	1	DONE
SC in Malta	1	DONE
SC in Marianelli (SR)	1	DONE
SC in Gozo	1	COVID
Closure meeting in Catania	1	In progress
MoU signed with interested local administrations to use the results of the project for future interventions, in Malta and in Sicily	5	
seminar for students	100	DONE
training _Gozo operators in Malta, Marianelli, Catania	3	DONE
Technical documents	5	DONE
Internet website/ page on Facebook	3500 viewer	DONE
Articles /publication/ brochure and Depliant	3	DONE
Attendance sheet with the total number of participating students - At least 500 students	1	COVID

Indicatore di output del Programma	Output di Progetto	Unità di misura	Valore Target	ACHIEVEMENT S
3.1.1 - Interventi di ripristino e valorizzazione delle aree della rete Natura 2000 Altro Altro	Seeds storage	Number	400	445
	Germination protocols	Number	20	36
	Upgrading and creation of Seed Banks	number	3	3
	Production of native species - Plantlets of 20 targeted species produced	number	28000	8700
	Production of wild Orchids	number	12000	700
	Plant species identification through DNA barcoding	number	20	12
CO023 - Superficie degli habitat beneficiari di un sostegno finalizzato al raggiungimento di un migliore stato di conservazione Altro	Surface of Natura 2000 habitats restocked	hectares	400	106
	Monitoring and evaluation of interventions	sKm	4	1,06
Building awareness	Skilled technicians in restocking activities	number	18	60

What has been done

the achievement of all the technical deliverables and outputs

Realization of common protocols/common interventions and common monitoring tools in Malta and in Sicily

Creating a link between scientific research and its application in the public sector, (local administrations, managing authority of natura 2000 sites)

What does it mean?

Directly contribute to the European environmental protection objectives ... throughout plant species repopulation activities in the degraded habitat of the Natura 2000 network sites (according with CBD, SDGs ..)

- Protected areas and Natura2000 sites put in place common initiatives for biodiversity conservation.
- Consolidating collaboration between member states

Creating Environmental Standard transferable and replicable
(in the field of biodiversity conservation).



But.... There is a big BUT coming

Bottleneck

About....	WHAT?	WHY?
Expenditure monitoring process imposed by interreg	expenditure claims each 3 months (including collection of documentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time consuming • Too many documents requested • Difficulties in the appropriation of claiming process by the beneficiaries
Equipment purchases	Long time to buy costly equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long procedures • Lack in procurement organization
Internal organization	Bureaucracy of the beneficiaries VS bureaucracy of the donor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barely sensibilized employees at beneficiary level • External funding still considered as “third league job”
External staff	Essential external expertise (both in technical and management issues)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long procedures to recruit • Limitations in the type of contract (beneficiary rule)
Communication activities/stakeholders involvement	COVID restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Useless to say...

LESSONS LEARNED

Establishing continuous KNOWLEDGE Sharing and
KNOWLEDGE transfer

EXTERNAL
staff

INTERNAL -
staff

Encourage staff participation *“To facilitate project management knowledge sharing across the implementing entities and award recipients*

“SiMaSeed should formally serves to share best practices “conserve biodiversity conservation both in situ and ex situ” invest in COMMUNICATION (essential)

Encouraging stakeholders (municipality, managing authority of the natural park) and target groups to get involved in the project findings.

Increase the flexibility of the beneficiaries

“capitalize the instructive experiences from projects to inform policies and practices to strengthen the management of future projects.”



Focus

NOT PAPERED...BUT WORTH TO MENTION RESULTS

*We demonstrated that environmental protection/
biodiversity conservation ... Is possible!*
joining dream and daily job

*Well skilled Human resources are the added
values of SiMaSeed*

- *We put in place the real **transboundary**
spirit...which inspired **the INTERREG***

Grazie!

LP, PP2, PP3, PP4

To make simaseed happen!

