

## Tutelare la biodiversità nei siti della rete Natura 2000 in Sicilia e Malta attraverso le banche del germoplasma e il rinforzo delle popolazioni

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



# PARTNER 4

## MINISTRY FOR GOZO



## Gozo – an overview

The second largest island of the Maltese archipelago

Population: 31,296\*

Shoreline Gozo and Comino: 71.2 kms\*\*

Administrative Set-Up:

- Ministry for Gozo
- 14 local councils
- 3 administrative committees

**SOURCE:**

\* National Statistics Office, *Gozo in Figures*, 2012

\*\* NSO (2012), *Malta in Figures 2012*



## Ministry for Gozo

Mission statement:

“The creation of sustainable, good quality and productive jobs in Gozo through the creation of a conducive socio-economic environment while at the same time protecting the inherent and distinctive natural features that distinguish the Island”



## ecoGozo

Action for a better Gozo

*EcoGozo is a Local Sustainable Development Strategy for the Island of Gozo, based on the principles enshrined in Agenda 21 (UNCED)*

Based on the 4 main pillars of Sustainability:

the Environment

the Economy

Society

Culture and Identity



## A vision for an ecoisland

*EcoGozo is not merely thinking green, but a vision to achieve a stable and healthy environment for a better quality of life.*

*It is therefore not a quest to bring about environmental improvement on the island in isolation, but to think constantly of the environment in whatever we do as that fundamental element which determines our health, our well-being and what makes the island so special.*

*Sustainable Development implies a thriving economy in the long term, a society at peace with itself and its environment, and an environment which provides us with all that we require, without degenerating.*



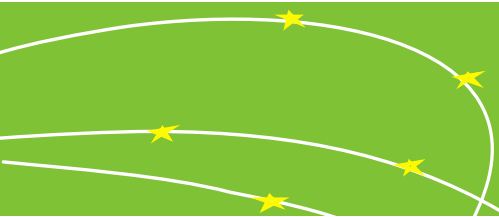


## Simaseed - context





Economy – rural tourism strategy







Environment









Environment – Agriculture – Biodiversity – Tourism





Society - Education



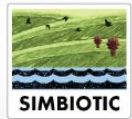


Through AGRISLES the islands of the Mediterranean cooperated to promote non-technological innovation in their agricultural and rural development.

The general objective of the project was the creation of a new framework of cooperation between islands, for innovation in agriculture, through the creation of networks at regional and transnational levels, between the public and private innovation capacities, within “poles of competencies”. The AGRISLES NETWORK used these “poles of competencies” for concrete actions, planned in a coordinated manner in the frame of the implementation of regional policies.







# SIMBIOTIC

Enhancing Sicily-Malta BIOgeographical Transboundary Insular Connectivity



SIMBIOTIC was an environmental restoration project aiming at enhancing the ecological connectivity of the South East Sicily-Gozo transboundary migratory route through ecological restoration, improved area management, integrated environmental planning and policy and enhanced local environmental consciousness. Partners included the Botany Department of the University of Catania, the Comune di Pachino and the Institute of Earth Systems of the University of Malta.

The project ran between April 2011 and March 2013, with a budget of €1.16 million. The Ministry for Gozo contributed an additional 184,000 Euro from ecoGozo funds for this project.



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