



CAPACities Project

Competitiveness Actions and Policies for Alpine Cities

PP institution and pilot project presentation

Lead Partner – Lombardy Region

1. PP Institution presentation

Lombardy Region's mission is to promote what society is able to construct in its various forms, by creating the conditions and the framework necessary for people, undertakings, entities and organisations to achieve their own projects and their own ideas. The mission originates from the subsidiarity principle, which the Lombardy Regional Government has committed itself to and which the European Union included among its guiding principles in 1992 – the year in which the principle was introduced in the Treaty of Maastricht.

The growth of the Lombardy region is based on the central role played by work, entrepreneurial freedom and cultural, scientific and technological innovation. Lombardy is sure enough the region with the highest number of universities and totals the highest expenditure in scientific research.

Lombardy is the Italian region that has the highest concentration of people, businesses and wealth: the region represents 15.6% of the overall national population with approximately 9 million inhabitants and it is one of the most densely populated regions in Italy. The balanced use of the territory and of its resources represents an essential asset in improving the quality of life, as well as an instrument rich in potential to foster growth and employment. The present regulatory framework for powers and jurisdiction assign the Regions with a duty to define the overall environmental planning policies.

Lombardy Region participates in CAPACities project through the **Territory and Spatial Planning General Direction**, whose main goal is the valorisation of regional territory. The achievement of this objective is ensured by the following activities: spatial planning and land defence, environmental and landscape assessment of plans and projects, territorial knowledge through the development of Territorial Informative Systems, urban development and upgrading.



2. Reasons for PP participation in CAPACities project

Lombardy Region is situated in the heart of the Alpine Space, and mountain represents a great part of its territory. The 9 million of inhabitants are distributed in 11 provinces, of which 6 are inserted in the Alpine area (1 completely and 5 only in part). Moreover, there are more than 1.500 municipalities and 30 mountain communities. As a consequence, the promotion of efficient and innovative actions for urban centres in the Alpine areas is a relevant issue for the Region.

Within this framework, and in light of the regional governance objective "Valorisation of territorial planning", one of the operational objectives is the implementation of the Regional Territorial Plan, and CAPACities project is considered by Lombardy Region as one of the main tools to reach this goal, for what concerns the mountain system.

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Lombardy Region pilot projects

1. Pilot project description

Pilot Project n.1: "Integrated Strategic Local Actions and Plans to improve citizens quality of life and competitiveness of Alpine Centers" - Verbano Valley Mountain Community

Location: Lombardy Region, Province of Varese

Stakeholders: Municipalities belonging to the Verbano Valley Mountain Community; Province of Varese; Regional Center decentralized in the Province of Varese (STER); Institute of Search for the Ecology and the Economy Applied to the Alpine Areas (IREALP); territorial associations of local promotion (PROLOCO); University of Milan - University of Mountain, Center of Edolo.

Pilot action description: The newly constituted Verbano Valley Mountain Community offers a first-time opportunity to look at Lombardy Verbano as a whole system and devise new strategies in order to improving quality of life and promote local competitiveness. For this reason, the general idea of the pilot project lies in drawing up a common framework of existing projects and studies, rationalizing public services and public management information systems as a strategic element for territorial planning and governance.

Pilot Project n.2: "Place-making in Chiavenna Valley - environment and heritage recovery for the valley floor and hillsides of the middle-valley (Province of Sondrio)"

Location: Lombardy Region, Union of Municipalities of the middle section of Chiavenna Valley (Province of Sondrio)

Stakeholders: Municipalities belonging to the middle section of Chiavenna Valley, in particular the Municipality of Prata Camportaccio; Province of Sondrio; Regional Center decentralized in the Province of Sondrio (STER); Institute of Search for the Ecology and the



Economy Applied to the Alpine Areas (IREALP); territorial associations of local promotion (PROLOCO); University of Milan - University of Mountain, Center of Edolo.

Pilot action description: The middle-valley communities urge to rethink themselves from mere periphery to new poles of economic growth and attractiveness. Therefore, the project will engage local governments on a cooperative effort providing an overview of existing policy guidelines at municipal and regional level and tools to transform them into operation-oriented documents.

Pilot Project n.3: “The Valle Seriana Cultural District: training and education initiatives as an engine for local development (Province of Bergamo)”

Location: Lombardy Region, Province Bergamo

Other stakeholders: Municipalities belonging to the Mountain Community Valle Seriana; Province of Bergamo; Regional Center decentralized in the Province of Bergamo (STER); Institute of Search for the Ecology and the Economy Applied to the Alpine Areas (IREALP); territorial associations of local promotion (PROLOCO); University of Milan - University of Mountain, Center of Edolo.

Pilot action description: The realization of a Cultural District to reinforce the importance of the Mountain Community identity by promoting training and education initiatives. The project aims to overcome possible divisions among the 38 municipalities of Mountain Community, to contribute to the diffusion of values of culture and to improve public and private investments.

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