

# Regional Capacity Building Initiative

Supporting partner country participation in ENPI CBC Programmes 2007 - 2013



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<b><i>Name of the Project</i></b>	<b>INTERREG IIIC SUD “Parks Network”</b>
<b><i>Regions Involved</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Campania and Sicilia, Italy</li><li>• Andalusia, Murcia and Cordoba, Spain</li><li>• Patras and Alonissos, Greece</li><li>• Malta and Israel</li><li>• Théniet El Had, Djurdjura, El-Kala, Chréa, Taza, Gouraya, Tlemcen and Belezma, Algeria</li></ul>
<b><i>Timeframe</i></b>	October 2004 - December 2007
<b><i>Budget</i></b>	€ 1.325.017,32
<b><i>Sources of Finance</i></b>	ERDF & National Funds
<b><i>Project Partners</i></b>	Many institutions managing protected natural areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministries and National authorities: Ministère de l’Agriculture et du Développement Rural-Direction Générale des Forêts (AL), Israel Nature and National Parks Protection Authority (IS), Malta Environment &amp; Planning Authority (MT)</li><li>• Regional governments: Regione Campania (IT), Regione Siciliana (IT), Consejería de Medio Ambiente de la Junta de Andalucía (ES), Comunidad Autónoma de la Region de Murcia (ES)</li><li>• Park Organizations: Parco Nazionale del Vesuvio – leader (IT), National Marine Park of Alonissos-North Sporadi (GR)</li><li>• Other authorities (Patras Municipal Enterprise of Planning &amp; Development (GR), Diputaciòn de Còrdoba (ES)</li></ul>
<b><i>Field of Intervention</i></b>	Environmental protection



<p><i>Aims of the Project</i></p>	<p>The main objective is to create a new way of dialogue on the common topics of environment management, by establishing a network of Mediterranean protected natural areas in order to contribute to the identification of mutual strategies for long-term collaboration.</p> <p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Increased knowledge:</b> To improve the exchange and transfer of experience and information between the authorities in charge of the protected areas, with the purpose to create new know-how, based on the experience acquired in each local context</li> <li>• <b>Increased skills:</b> To stimulate the transfer of know-how to a wider public</li> <li>• <b>Distribution of skills:</b> To ensure that the analyses and the strategies developed in relation to the objectives above reach all the Mediterranean partners involved in the management of the protected areas and the territories</li> </ul>
<p><i>Activities</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Round tables on “Sustainable Tourism management”, “Forest and Sensitive species management”, “Use of the European Community Funding”, kick-off workshop and final convention, study-visits permitting on-site observation</li> <li>• Technical meetings and a web-based knowledge-repository</li> <li>• Communication plan (information seminars, awareness raising campaigns, workshops and technical conferences), participation to events (international meetings, exhibitions and fairs), production of materials (websites, newsletters, DVDs, CD ROMs) and publishing brochures and booklets. For the follow-up: final publication and DVDs for divulgation, technical catalogue, visiting exhibition.</li> <li>• 7 Piloting Committees and 10 Technical Committees of the partnership, 6 Technical Presentation Meetings of the project.</li> </ul> <p>The exchange of knowledge and skills is focused on the following topics: endangered species, risk and forest management, sustainable tourism management, use of EC funding.</p>



<p><b>Results</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74 good practices presented and/or pursued, of which 29 related to tourism (planning in the tourism sector, management of the touristic offer and demand system, sustainable management of the touristic companies, involvement of the local communities in the tourism strategies), 7 in forest management, 13 related to endangered species, 8 to the management of the European Community programmes, 16 to the projects financed by other programmes, e.g. the Structural Funds</li> <li>• 4 Regulations on project management, 8 Records of Decisions, Activity Plans, Material produced by partners, List of Protected Areas, Methodological Guidelines, Reviews and Summary Working Tables, Questionnaires evaluation, Case studies, Communication Plan</li> <li>• Final Document including a common action plan for the creation of an Operational Programme for the natural protected areas and use of good practices issued from two forms of financing: Community INTERREG IVC programmes and ENPI Mediterranean CBC programme at two levels: the first one related to the regions - regional policies and planning related to the management of the natural protected areas; the second one related to the implementation and development of a Network of Mediterranean protected areas</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cross Border Impact</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthened Network of Mediterranean protected areas</li> <li>• Increased potential for future joint research and development of improved models of nature protection</li> </ul>

**Key Factors For Success**

- The project put in contact institutions in different countries sharing the same type of problems and creating a good cooperation network
- All the participant institutions improved their work at local level thanks to the mutual capacity building provided by the exchange of good practices
- Raised awareness among public administrations concerned on nature protection

