BADDE SALIGHES, CENTRAL SARDINIA

24th -27th March

International Exchange of Experts (EoE Forest) on Rural Economy Development to Support and Increase Landscapes and Forests Resilience in Central Sardinia

Sardinia Badde Salighes camp, from risk reduction to bioeconomy

For land managers, forestry managers, fire practitioners, local community representatives, civil protection, scientists, etc. Participants from all across Europe are welcome

Organizer

EFI

Collaborators

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Badde Salighes

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Sponsors

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Regional challenges

During thousands of years, Sardinia, as other Mediterranean regions, developed a socio-ecological mosaic landscape composed by agriculture, forest and shrublands. Nowadays, the idea of mosaic is still considered as one of the best infrastructures to mitigate the impact of natural hazards, such us wildfires, pests and flooding. However, in the last 60 years, the migrations due to industrialization from rural to urban areas, caused a devaluation of rural economies and led to rural abandonment. The impacts of this abandonment are still very visible in the land, thus dense forest and shrublands now occupy the traditionally managed landscapes. These unmanaged lands generate a much higher risk, e.g. of large wildfires, for rural communities and also for urban population living in wildland urban interfaces under highly vulnerable conditions.

Understanding the way societies need to co-exist with natural risks, enhancing risk mitigation from a bottom-up approach, encouraging actions done by local communities and discussing the best way to apply traditional land management, are key actions needed in order to improve risk management. To succeed, all these actions shall be linked to a sustainable economic model that is not only based in the economic values, but a model that includes other values contributing to build resilient landscapes and societies.

Languages

Fee of 50€ will be collected in cash on arrival

Camp objectives

During 4 days, participants from across Europe will exchange experiences about effective land management techniques that aim at developing **sustainable local bio-economy** and support **risk reduction**.
The camp will be a great opportunity to participate in the discussions on **how to generate added value in rural environments**, as a combination of agriculture, tourism, forestry and grazing. All with the ultimate purpose of **taking local action to enhance risk mitigation, rather waiting for a response to natural disasters**.
The camp is also an opportunity to **get hands-on experience** on a combination of techniques used for management of Mediterranean landscape and forest (i.e. prescribed fire).

Programme

24th March

8:30 – 10:00 Registration. Welcome words and introduction (EFI, PCF, CFVA)

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 Visit to Percy House and neighborhood (Associazione Badde Salighes 1879)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch break

14:00 – 17:00 Face-to-face discussion on (EFI, PCF, CFVA, Ag. Forestas, Regional Civil Protection):

- Recent fires in Sardinia. Traditional fire knowledge in Mediterranean Region
  - Weakness and strengths in fire landscape
  - Water and fire in Sardinia: a lookout
- Climate change and new vision about prevention

17:00 – 19:00 Planning for the coming days

20:00 Welcome dinner

25th March

8:30 – 11:30 Fieldtrip to Natural park with *Ilex aquifolium*, *Taxus baccata* and *Quercus sp.*

11:30 – 13:00 Discussion about forest and pasture management: changes in landscape, issues about conservation management or active silviculture, how local communities contribute to more resilient landscapes?

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 17:00 Bioeconomy presentations:

- Tourism and local products. Is it compatible with resilient landscape management?
- Lessons learnt from the FireFlocks project: extensive livestock for fuel reduction
- EFI bio-economy experts

17:00 – 18:00 New vision in self-protection of rural settlements. Are the actual measures against fire effective? What can we do to improve our safety?

20:00 Dinner and networking

26th March

8:30 – 9:00 Travel to visit a burnt area or performance of a prescribed burn

9:00 – 12:30 Opening of the prescribed burn (Sardinia CFVA GAUF+ EFRS and other operators)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 17:30 Conclusion of the prescribed burn and mop-up

17:30 – 19:00 Face-to-face discussion with locals: could we recover ancient traditions by creating local groups of experts in the use of fire?

19:00 – 20:00 Travel back to the forestry house

20:00 Dinner

27th March

8:30 – 10:00 Communication workshop: "How to facilitate the communication within local managers and interactions with policymakers?" (By Ewa Hermanowicz)

10:00 – 12:00 Discussion and approval of "Carta di Badde Salighes": best practices to enhance landscape resilience in rural communities

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch and departure

To register, please, contact Núria Prat info@paucostafoundation.org and Alexander Held registration@efi.int . Kindly attach your CV and a short motivation letter (400 words max.)