

FONDAZIONE



Frontone (PU)

**RESEARCH CENTRE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN
FOREST AND APENNINE MOUNTAINS**

Our Mission



Medit Silva was constituted in 1997, as an Association. On 30/12/2009 it became a Foundation.

The main aims are:

- **To create a Mediterranean Forest Observatory;**
- **To promote and manage research and studies related to the Apennine Mountains and the Mediterranean Forest area;**
- **To promote and carry out seminars, workshops, courses for students, teachers and all people interested in environmental issues;**
- **To plan and coordinate initiatives for environmental education;**
- **To participate in the implementation of EU projects;**
- **To develop and manage initiatives concerning Community Properties and Common Land;**
- **To promote and manage training courses and study sessions for students, post-graduated and unemployed people.**

Who we are



Our members:

- National Consortium for the valorization of the Forest resources and Products – Frontone (PU);
- Universitas Homines of Frontone (Community of indigenous people) – Frontone (PU).
- Municipality of Frontone – Frontone (PU);
- Public Administration of Pesaro-Urbino Province – Pesaro (PU);
- Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture of Pesaro and Urbino – Pesaro (PU);
- Catria and Nerone Mountain Community– Cagli (PU);
- 3 private companies: S.E.R. (involved in the sector of alternatives energy) - Pergola (PU), Alto Cesano (consortium for the agricultural sector) – Pergola (PU) and A.E.F.A. (European Agency for Forest and the Environment specialized in support and services for project activities) – Frontone (PU);

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

“Memory and Environment” project

- A.S. 2003/2004 – First knowledge of the territory;
- A.S. 2004/2005 – Improved interest about the environment;
- A.S. 2005/2006 - Two short films titled: “Caro Ranco” (Ranco is the part of land to be used by native families for wood collection, breeding and so on) and “The Laundry and the wisdom of the oven”
- A.S. 2006/2007 - Short film: "Once upon a time...the surprised life of children, types of...cheese, the weaves, and the sung life”;
- A.S. 2007/2008 – “Caro Ranco” became a book and was published;
- A.S. 2008/2009 – Two books titled: "The waste; from the past to today" and "The influence of the moon on human life”;
- A.S. 2009/2010 – Two books titled: “The heritage of sprevengoli: these annoying and benefic goblins accompanying people's lives” and “The evolution of energy resources from the past to today”;
- A.S. 2010/2011 – Topics: sustainable mobility and biodiversity .
- A.S. 2011/2012 – One book about “our landscape”





Our books

Other activities as CEA:

- Guided visits to biomass power station;
- Excursions in the mountain;
- Meetings, seminars and workshops;
- Any kind of informational and consultancy activities for students



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TRAINING CENTRE

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

The Italian Background



The social and economic situation of the rural areas in Italy

Advantages

1. Typical local production chains
2. High value agricultural production
3. Young population
4. Intermediate rural areas
5. Multi-functionality of agriculture
6. Landscape, historical, natural and cultural resources
7. High self-employment above the National average
8. Great amount of high quality agricultural products

Weaknesses

1. Aging of population
2. Damages to the environment and landscape due to abandonment and intensive agricultural activities
3. Depopulation and low density
4. Low productivity of land
5. Decreasing of agricultural activities
6. High level of unemployment
7. Lack of infrastructures
8. Lack of services for companies and population
9. Change of the traditional landscape
10. Digital divide

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Opportunities

1. Financial funds available within the cohesion policy
2. Great importance of the landscape for tourism development and typical productions
3. National Program for broadband access

Threats

1. European Agricultural Policy and Common Market Organization
2. Competition for agricultural products on International markets (EU, Mediterranean and extra UE countries,)
3. Possible reduction of financial funds available within the cohesion policy
4. Lack of development processes and ICT services



- ***NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK***
- ***OIGA – Observatory For Young Farmers***
- ***COLDIRETTI (through INIPA, a training institution in the agro-food field)***



- ***ESF – European Social Fund***
- ***ERDF – European Regional Development Funds***
- ***RDP – Rural Development Plan***

Our training courses



TOPICS:

- The farm and the forest company: economic and financial management and information and communication systems
- Business management and e-communication
- Development of competences for new beginning farmers supporting the generation change and competitiveness
- Farm management
- Information and communication technologies (ICT)
- Eco-friendly agricultural techniques
- Certified quality productions
- Farm and market
- Certification systems
- Organic productions techniques
- Rural landscape valorization and preservation
- Agri-environment agreements
- Products trackability

Our training courses



“Technicians and managers involved in the management of forest associations/consortia”

- **1 session:** From October 2007 to January 2008 + stage in forestry consortia
- **Beneficiaries:** agronomists and people with a forestry degree - Unemployed
- **Topics:** legislation, administration, management and accountancy aspects useful to become a technician and/or a manager of forestry associations/consortia, forest production quality (certification), forestry policy within the rural development plan, activities carried out by forestry associations, sustainable management of natural resources and management of common properties.

Our training courses



“Associated Forest Management: practical examples and new employment opportunities for the revival of mountain economy”

- **2 sessions:** From 16th to 19th May 2011 and from 27th to 30th June 2011
- **Beneficiaries:** agronomists and people with a forestry degree
- **Topics:** Common Agricultural Policy: new opportunities for forestry sector, legislation and management models within Common Properties, sustainable forest management, new economic and employment opportunities in the mountain areas and in the forest sector and forest planning, new markets at European level for the forest sector and Kyoto protocol.

Our training courses



“Manager for touristic and sport promotion and improvement of mountain areas”

- **1 sessions:** From February 2013 to June 2013
- **Beneficiaries:** agronomists and people with a forestry degree - Unemployed
- **Topics:** plants and wildlife of mountain areas, sustainable development (renewable resources, biodiversity, water cycle, environmental improvement and protection concerning Sites of Community Interest and Special Protection Areas (SIC & ZPS), administration and accountancy, touristic and sport management, prevention and safety, ICT and events management.

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Our students



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Our Mountain – M. Catria

1702 m. on the sea level

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