



**Fostering the biodiversity through a  
participative approach: the experience of Life IP  
Gestire 2020 in Lombardy**



# LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020

## *Implementation of the Prioritized Action Framework (PAF) in EU Natura 2000 Sites:*

Improve governance of Natura 2000 Sites, also improving Ecological Networks

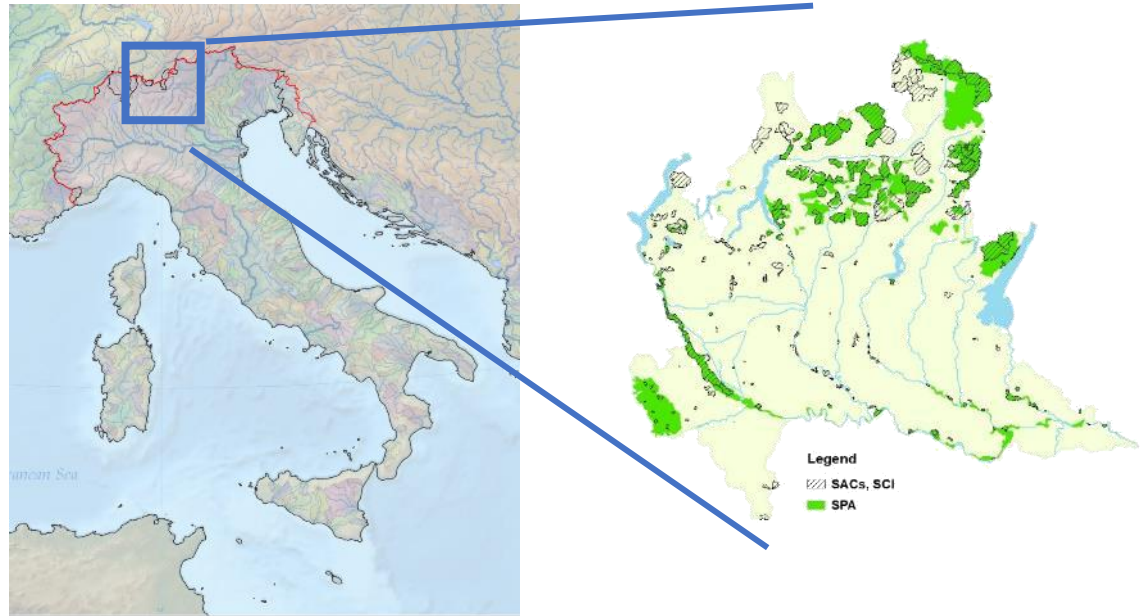
Maintain and improve conservation status of habitats and species

Raise awareness on the value of the regional Natura 2000 Sites

Lombardy Region (Italy)

15,6 % total area

246 Nature 2000 sites (SACs,  
SCI and SPA)



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# LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020

Period 2016 – 2023 **8 years**

Coordinating beneficiary:

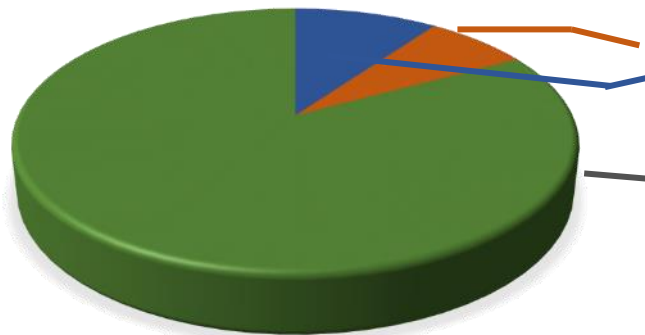
LOMBARDY REGION - ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

Associated beneficiaries:

Regional Authority for Agriculture and Forestry Services (ERSAF), (FLA), CARABINIERI FORESTALI, International Birdlife Association Italy (LIPU), WWF, COMUNITA' AMBIENTE



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17 M € - **LIFE** and **Partners** contribution

83 M € - **Complementary Funds**  
to be searched

Total Budget  
100 M €



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# ACTIONS of LIFE IP GESTIRE 2020

## 64 ACTIONS

Concerning **flora, fauna, habitat** conservation all over Lombardy Region!

19 Preliminary Actions

21 Concrete Actions

16 Communication Actions

4 +4 Monitoring and Project Management Actions





# RESULTS: SOME DELIVERABLES **non so se metterla..**

## Action A13

### Bats protection



## Action A10

### Flora HD protection

## Action A15

### Crayfish protection



## Action A13

### An amphibians and reptiles protection



## Action A17

### Dryland habitats conservation

## Action A18

### Oak forests conservation



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# HOW TO FACILITATE PARTICIPATION TO FUNDS?

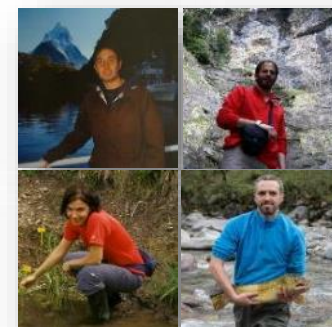
## COMPLEMENTARY FUNDS

Funds concerning  
biodiversity conservation



## TECHNICAL FACILITATORS

- Identify active Funds concerning Biodiversity conservation
- Contact stakeholders
- Plan and support the submission of applications



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# RESULTS: RDP for BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

## The Rural Development Programme of the Lombardy Region

12 measures are able to satisfy the biodiversity objectives planned by the Life Gestire 2020

**Misura 1. Trasferimento delle conoscenze ed azioni di informazione**

Misura 2. Servizi di consulenza di sostituzione e di assistenza alla gestione delle aziende

**Misura 4. Investimenti in immobilizzazioni materiali**

Misura 6. Sviluppo delle imprese agricole e delle imprese

Misura 7. Servizi di base e rinnovamento dei villaggi nelle zone rurali

**Misura 8. Investimenti nello sviluppo delle aree forestali e nel miglioramento della redditività delle foreste**

**Misura 10. Pagamenti agroambientali**

**Misura 11. Agricoltura biologica**

**Misura 12. Indennità natura 2000**

**Misura 13. Indennità a favore delle zone soggette a vincoli naturali o altri vincoli specifici**

**Misura 16. Cooperazione**

Misura 19. Supporto per lo sviluppo locale LEADER



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## Measure 4

The **Measure 4**: Productive and non-productive investments for farms

What does this measure finance?



Hedge and rows



Resurgences

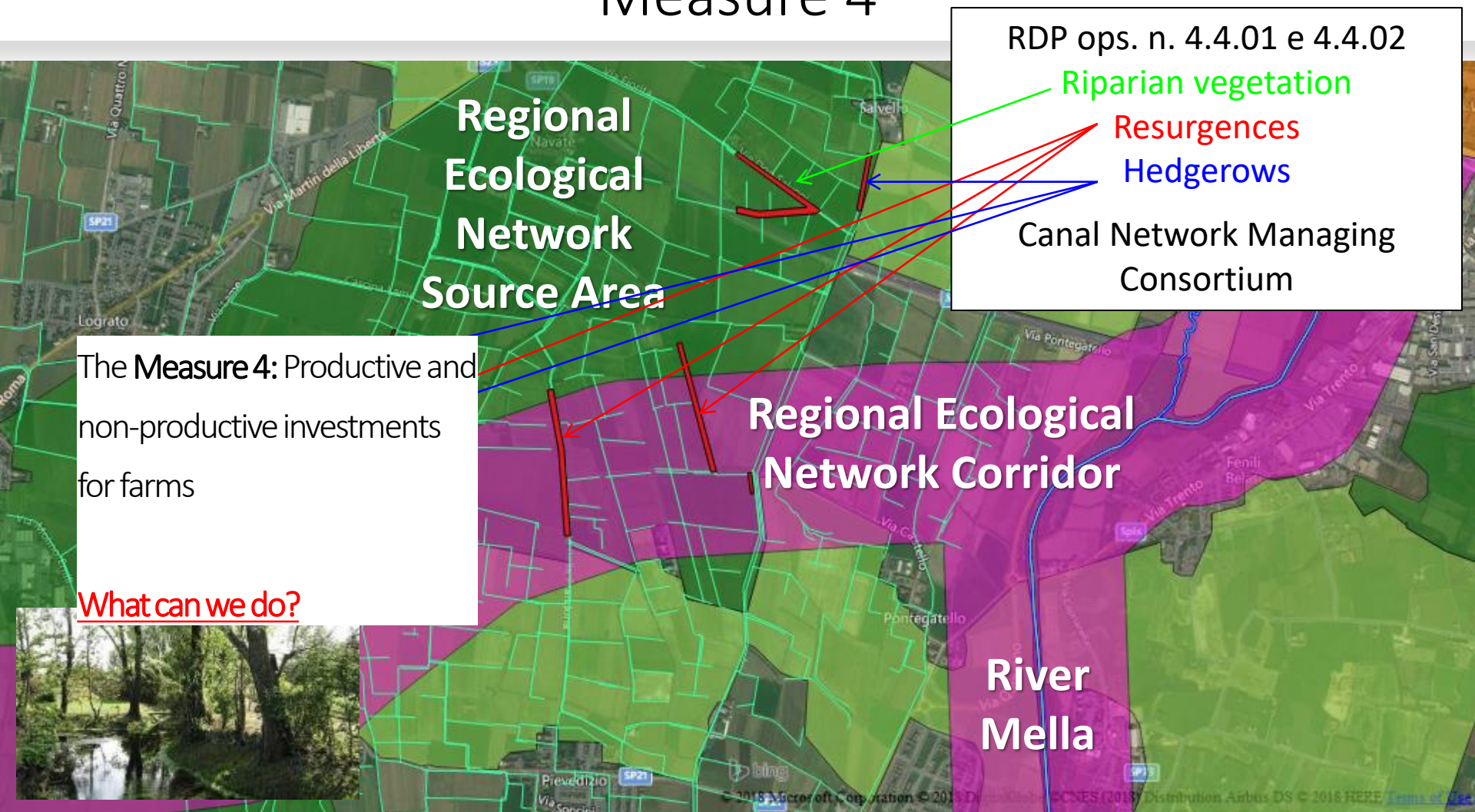


Watering puddles



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What this measure does NOT finance?



No aids for the protection of farms (livestocks) from wildlife damage (wolf, bears)...



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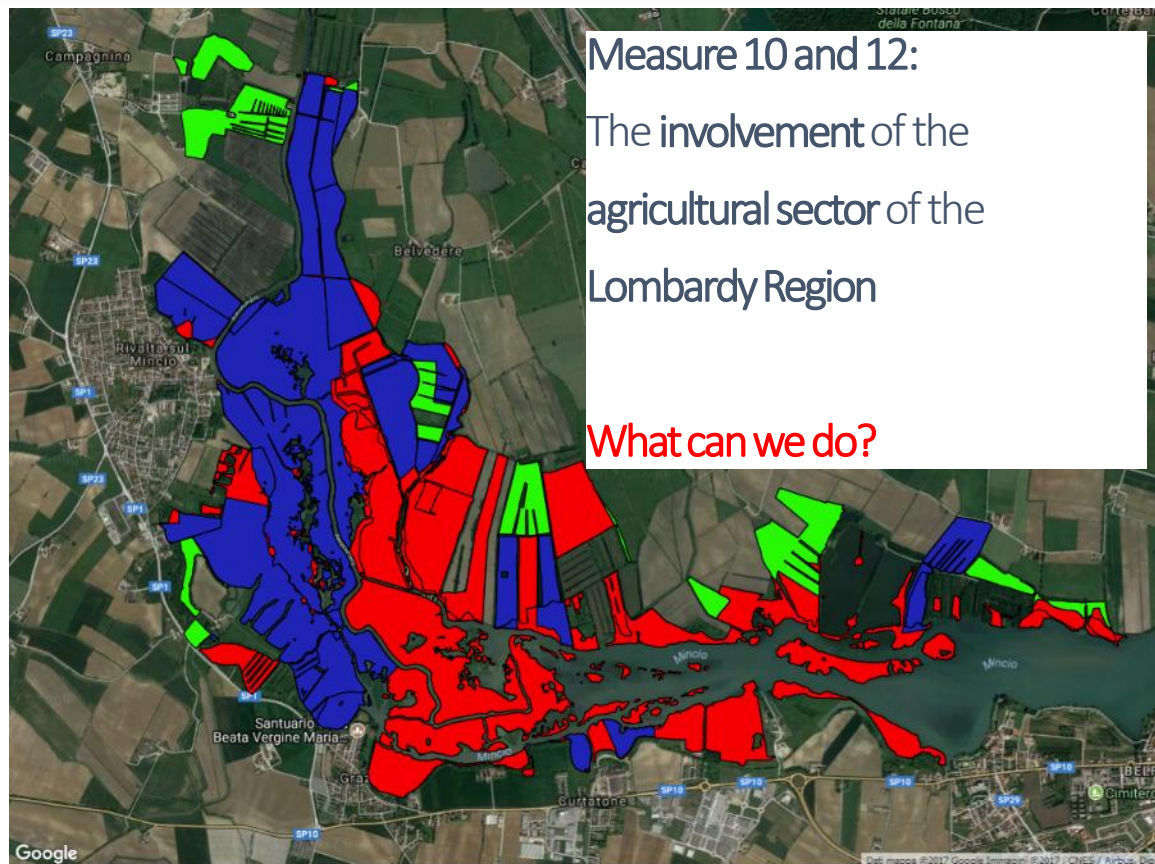
What can we do?

New proposal...



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## Measure 10 and 12



E.g. SAC Ansa e Valli del Mincio

■ Areas funded



Conservation measures achieved

■ Reed Beds to be funded

■ Hay Meadows to be funded

➡ Direct support to farms through the «Territorial Technical Facilitators»

➡ Objective: fostering the future use of complementary funds where more needed



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## Measure 16

### RDP: Measure 16.10.02 «Progetti Integrati d'Area»

Measure 16: Cooperation

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1. Management of the livestock manure, reduction of the risk

An agricultural need and an environmental opportunity



New plants for the effluent biological stabilization  
improvement of the existing plants (6.4.02)



Demonstration and information projects (1.2.01)

What does this measure finance?

2. Environmental and ecological enhancement of the territory



Hedges and rows (4.4.01) and functional restoration of the fountains (4.4.02)

3. Valorization of the territory, social and tourist promotion



Creation of new spaces (7.4.01), new roads (7.5.01), restoration of the refectory  
of an ancient monastery for related activities (7.6.01)



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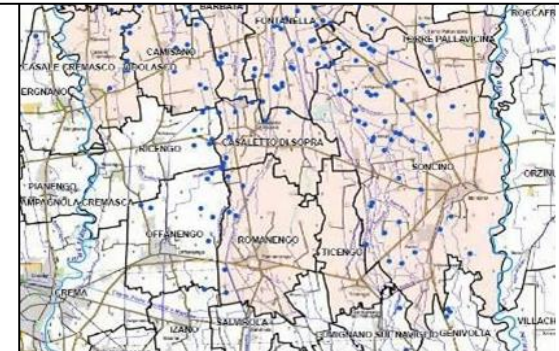
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What can we do?  
issues

**Where: Po Plan: agricultural area  
between the Oglio and Serio rivers**



**Life Gestire 2020 aims at fostering the biodiversity of this area:**

*Improving the environmental and  
economic sustainability of farms*

**Agricultural objectives**

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*Valorizing the natural resources, the  
landscape, the environment, the culture  
and the sustainable tourism*

**Environmental objectives**



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# Key issues: impressions and proposals

- Natura 2000 provides Ecosystem Services:  
***Increasing the awareness among institutions and stakeholders***
- Consider new approaches for the payment of the environmental measures:  
***Rewarding environmental benefits, not the loss of income***
- Increase the feeling of farmers with the environmental measures:  
***Guaranteeing higher payments***
- Involve institutions and stakeholders:  
***Need of a more direct and bottom-up approach***
- Ensure a better use of RDP environmental measures and their monitoring:  
***Address the RDP funds towards the biodiversity objectives***



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The Rural Development Programme...future's challenges...



- More **environmental contents**;
- **Awareness of stakeholders** on the importance of the RDP funds;
- **Involvement of stakeholders**: not only farmers, but also management bodies.



- **Bureaucracy and administrative issues**;
- **Territorial limitations and applicability of measures**;
- **Information and education** of the agricultural sector;
- **Attractiveness** of the environmental measures for farmers.



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