



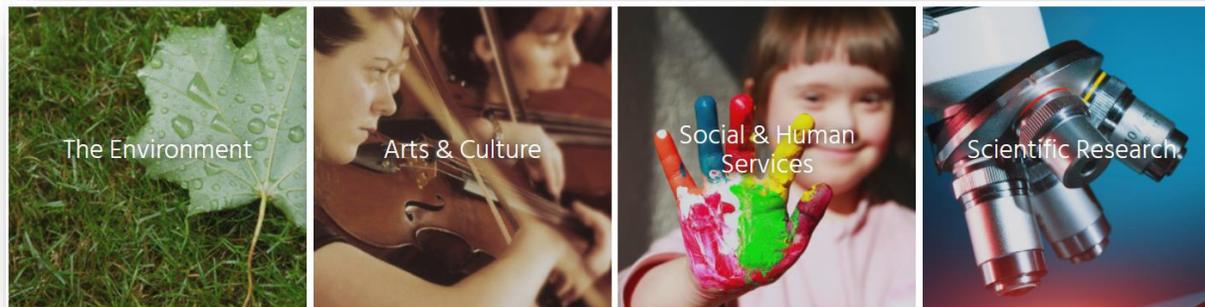
Fondazione Cariplo and its effort towards a more sustainable agriculture

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About us

- › **Fondazione Cariplo is an Italian foundation of banking origin**, which funds its philanthropic activities with the proceeds generated by its financial endowment (market value: 8,5 billion of euro @ 31/12/2021)
- › We leverage our financial and human resources as well as planning and assistance capabilities to **promote and back endeavors pursuing the common good and aiding individuals fulfil their potential**
- › Since its establishment Fondazione Cariplo has focused its philanthropic work on **four areas: the Environment, Arts & Culture, Scientific Research, Social & Human Services**
- › Cariplo is a grant-making foundation. Our main grantees are **the public and private non-profit entities**, prevailing in **Lombardy Region and the two Piedmont provinces of Novara and Verbania**



The focus on agriculture

- › As part of our environmental strategy, we promote sustainable agriculture and agroecology through specific call for proposals (Coltivare valore, Ruralis) and projects (AgriECO, other initiatives)
- › Our approach is not only focused on the environmental and technical aspects, but includes the promotion of social good; hence, we always consider the social impact in our initiatives, by fostering equity among actors of the food supply chain
- › Our strategy works on three levels:
 - ↳ Policy
 - ↳ Farmers/production sector
 - ↳ Citizens/Society



Call for proposals

- › **Coltivare valore (2018-2021):** promoting social farming inspired by agroecological principles
 - ↳ 40 projects ongoing, about 10 M€ of grants in total
 - ↳ 150 NPO funded
 - ↳ ~ 60 ha of cultivated areas
 - ↳ ~ 100 social inclusion / job placement paths started



- › **Ruralis** (opened on March 2022): protecting and enhancing the **rural landscape** through agriculture and social inclusion
 - ↳ Fostering innovation in rural areas and halting **land abandonment** and environmental degradation
 - ↳ Budget: 2.5 M€
 - ↳ Projects starting: 2023 (hp)



Other initiatives: supporting NPOs, advocacy, training, grassroots experimentations

- **#CambiamoAgricoltura:** a coalition of environmental organizations, organic farmers and more than 80 NGO's lobbying for a more equitable CAP and its implementation in EU Member States
- **A.I.D.A. (Associazione Italiana di Agroecologia):** promoting agroecology and providing a shared vision of its values among academy, institutions and farmers
- **Rete Semi Rurali:** empowering farmers through *participatory plant breeding* and promoting agrobiodiversity and more climate-resilient rice varieties
- **Accademia Ca' Granda and F.A.A:** training programs for farmers and agronomists

And:

- **Support to applied research**
- **Events (such as a thematic annual conference)**



Our spot in Europe

- › Fondazione Cariplo is part of **EFSAF** (European Funders for Sustainable Agriculture and Food), a thematic network of Philea (Philanthropy Europe Association).
- › EFSAF was established in 2015 aiming to promote a more sustainable, overarching food policy in Europe encompassing policies on agriculture, rural areas, biodiversity, climate, poverty, food and health. The group works on a collaborative and horizontal basis and is committed to peer learning and networking, aligning funds, collecting and sharing experiences and has about 8 stable members.
- › More details here: www.philea.eu

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Thank you

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