



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

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

Improve governance of Natura 2000 Sites, also improving Ecological Networks

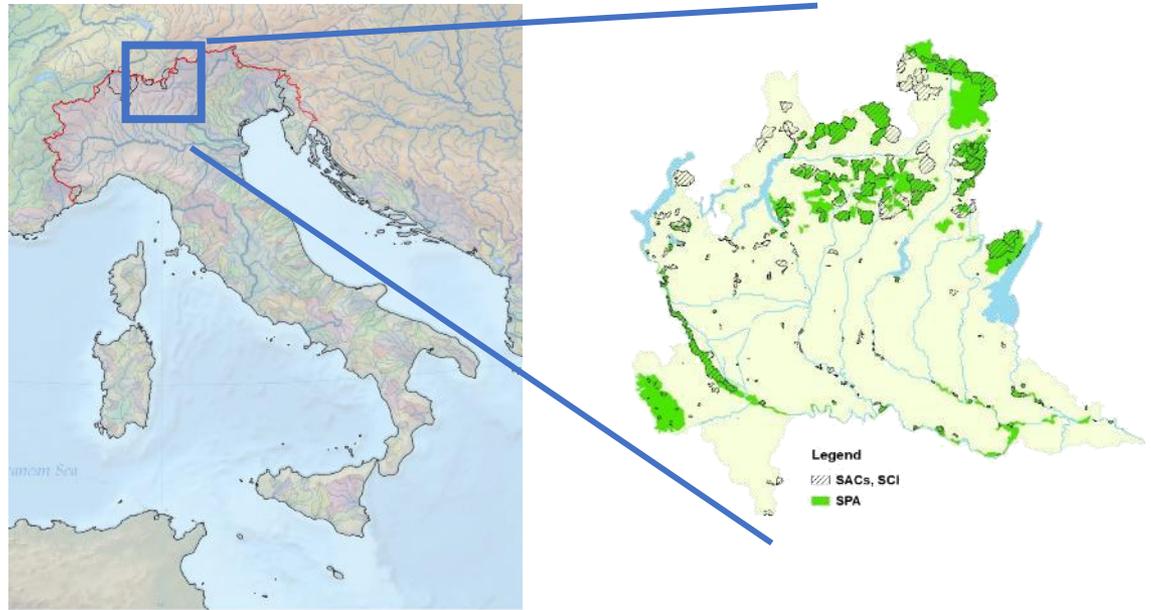
Maintain and improve conservation status of habitats and species

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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Period 2016 – 2023 **8 years**

Coordinating beneficiary:

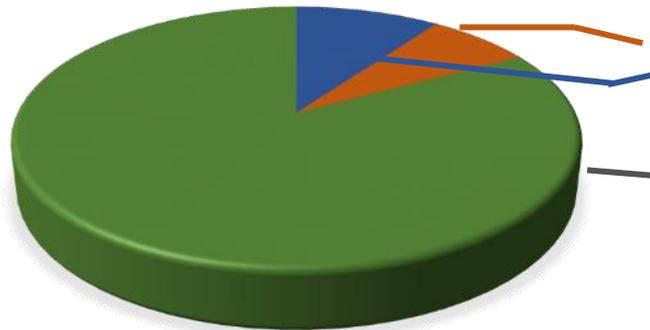
LOMBARDY REGION - ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

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



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

Action A13

Bats protection



Action A10
Flora HD
protection

Action A15

Crayfish protection



Action A13
Amphibians and
reptiles protection

per la gestione degli spazi a servizio degli ele

Relazione finale



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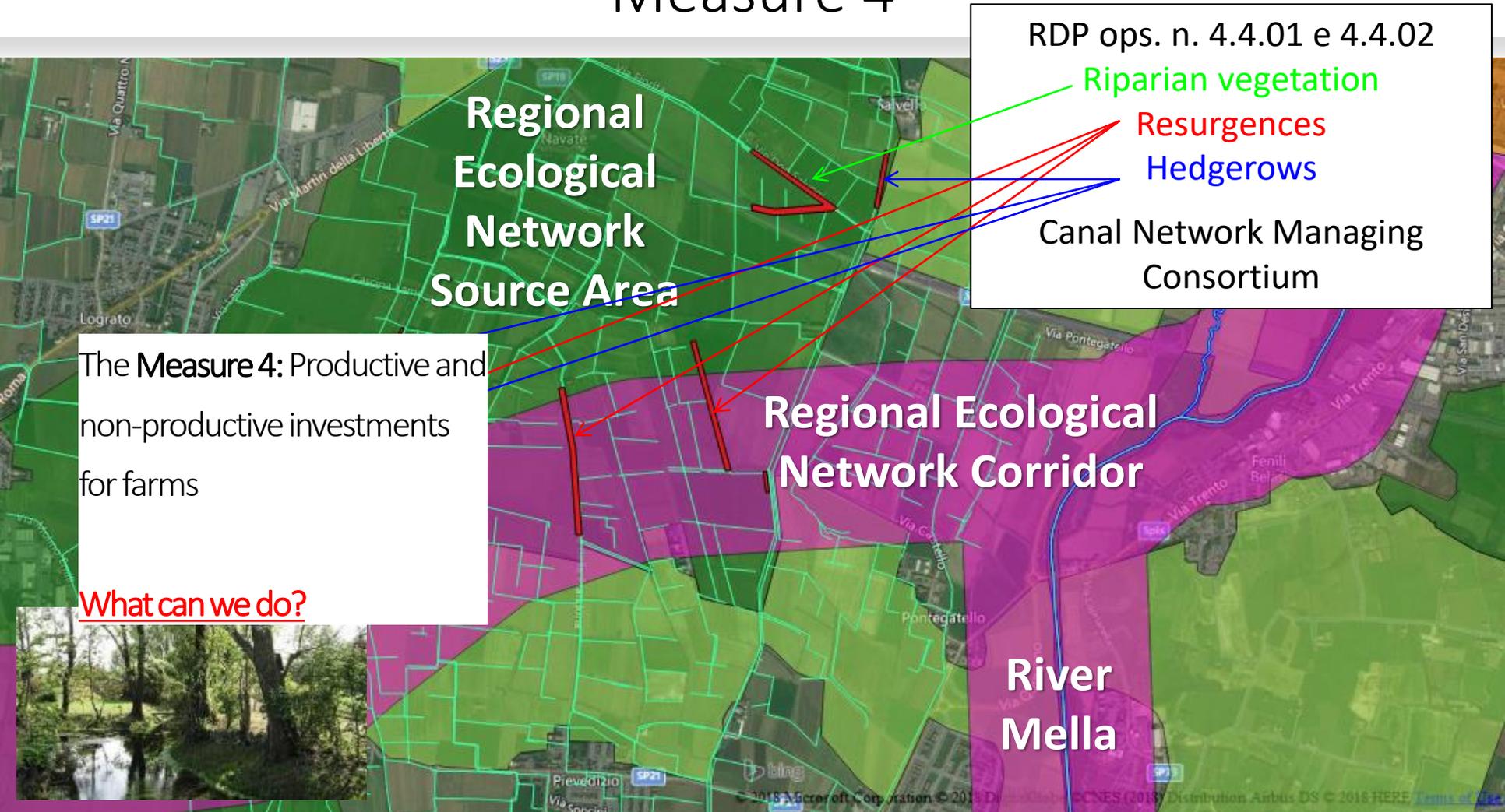
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The **Measure 4**: Productive and non-productive investments for farms

What this measure does NOT finance?



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

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

What can we do?

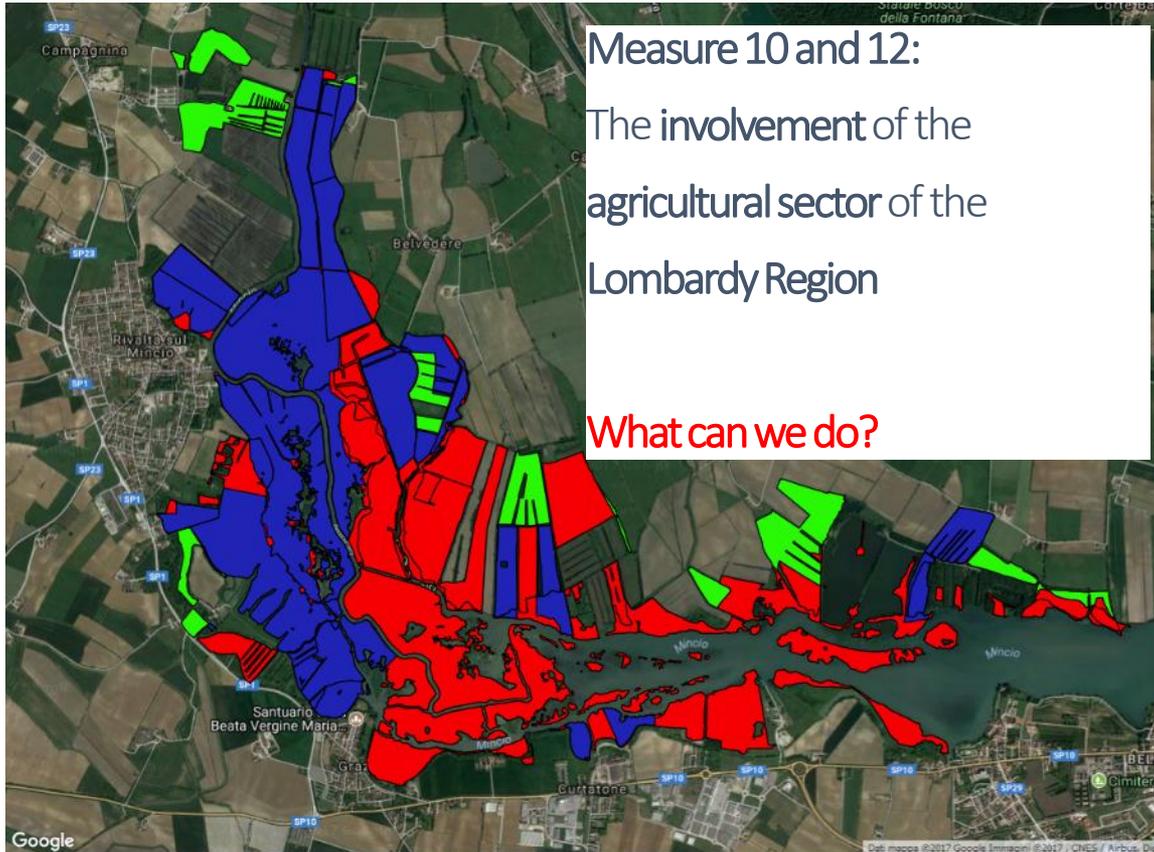


New proposal...



RESULTS: RDP for BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

Measure 10 and 12



Measure 10 and 12:
The involvement of the
agricultural sector of the
Lombardy Region

What can we do?

■ 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

E.g. SAC Ansa e Valli del Mincio



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Measure 16

RDP: Measure 16.10.02 «Progetti Integrati d'Area»

Measure 16: Cooperation
Fostering the biodiversity

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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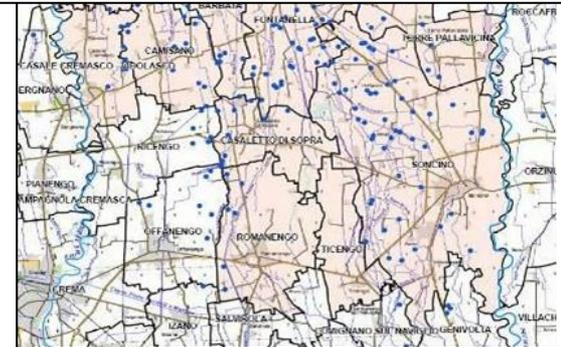
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 An agricultural need and an
 environmental opportunity

What can we do?
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**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



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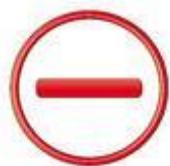
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The Rural Development Programme...future's challenges...



- 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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