



Press release

Catania, September 15, 2015

LIFE LEOPOLDIA TRAINING

TRAINING COURSE: SUSTAINABILITY IN THE GREENHOUSES LANDSCAPE OF THE GULF OF GELA

18 september- 13 october, every Tuesday and Friday from 9.00 am till 6 pm
Riserva naturale del Biviere di Gela, Gela, Italy

WORKSHOP: RESTORING THE POLLUTED AREAS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE

september 22 to 24
Riserva naturale del Biviere di Gela, Gela, Italy



Life Leopoldia (LIFE11 NAT/IT/000232), host in Gela, Sicily, from september the 18 till October the 13, every Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to 6 pm the training course "**Sustainability in the greenhouses landscape of the Gulf of Gela** " and a three-day workshop on "**Restoring the polluted areas for agricultural use** ".

The course will be taught by professors from the University of Catania and Palermo and experts . The workshop by professors of the University of Naples.

LIFE Leopoldia aims to re-establish and protect the sand dune habitats in the greenhouse landscape of the Gela gulf, in the southern coast of Sicily, for the safeguarding of Leopoldia gussonei, severely endangered by the extremely high agricultural pressure.

In this coastal areas the development of industry and agriculture have caused the loss of environmental and cultural values with pollution of air , water and soil for the presence of the petrochemical factory and greenhouse structures in dune areas, involving waterproofing , landfills of plastic waste , excavation of dunes , coastal erosion.

The activities of the project Life Leopoldia are directed to the recovery of environmental resources in these areas to the reorientation of human activities , agriculture in particular , to



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make driving forces of the local economy while respecting the environment and the health of the inhabitants .

The training course has a multidisciplinary approach and practical addressing to the management, design and operation of the greenhouses.

The workshop , to be held September 22 to 24 is coordinated by prof. Fagnano, of the University of Naples.

Participants will benefit of the experience of project LIFE - Ecoremed, for the definition of contaminated soils , the methodologies and possible remediation techniques.

The workshop will bring useful insights for the remediation and redevelopment of the area of the Gulf of Gela .

The training course and the workshop are allowed at 50 members. Entries, received in chronological order, must be sent by fax to . 095.7147600 or email at info@leopoldia.eu by 17 September 2015 .

During the course, each speaker will provide educational materials and study as a pantry .

The course will be to achieve at least 25 entries .

More details on www.leopoldia.eu

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