

I Mission Report

Mirabella Imbaccari (ITALY)

13-15 July 2022

PROJECT DETAILS

Project name: Local Social Green Resilience Action Plans for small and peripheral territories

Project acronym: GRAPE

Grant Agreement no.: 101074093

PROJECT SUMMARY

The project GRAPE, *Local Social Green Action Plan for small and peripheral territories*, develops in 18 months, from May 2022 to October 2023. It involves 4 small Municipalities throughout Europe, Malegno (IT), Mirabella Imbaccari (IT), Bonares (ES), Sifnos (EL), supported by 4 social economy actors, Sol.Co Camunia (Malegno), Fondazione di Comunità di Messina (Mirabella Imbaccari), COOPINTE (Bonares), Wind of Renewal (Sifnos) and two networks, FAECTA and REVES. Such Consortium is led by Fondazione di Comunità di Messina. The project aims at identifying and promoting resilient strategies to tackle economic, energetic, climatic and health crises at a local level and pave the way to a sustainable and fair green and digital transition, developing local solutions to local needs. In this context, Social and Solidarity-based Economy contribute to the “territorial resilience” through the experimentation of innovative solidarity-based solutions mobilising local stakeholders to cooperate and use their resources to adapt to challenges they are facing.

The project has three different phases: in the first phase, the Social Economy Missions (SEM), the consortium will visit 3 partner communities (Mirabella Imbaccari, Sifnos, Bonares) and use peer learning and case study methodologies to develop the conditions of cooperation between partners and territories.

The second phase, then, will involve all partners to build local social green resilience action plans in the 4 territories integrating the cooperation inputs from the SEM, the TSR methodology in order to involve all local SSE and structured civil society.

The third phase of the project is the co-construction of a European digital toolkit for small municipalities interested in the cooperation with SSE/CSA to develop together participative local action plans for social green and digital transition to boost territorial resilience.

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Location: Mirabella Imbaccari, Sicily, Italy

Dates: 13th - 15th of July 2022

Participants:

<i>PARTNER</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>ROLE</i>
Messina Community Foundation	Gaetano Giunta	Secretary General
	Giacomo Pinaffo	Project Manager
	Rainer Schlueter	Project Manager
	Giulia Miotti	Intern
Municipality of Mirabella Imbaccari	David Granato	Deputy Mayor
	Paolo Diomante	Municipal councillor
	Vincenzo Naso	Municipal councillor
	Filippo Granato	Chairman of the city council
	Vincenzo Gangi	Administration Officer

Solco Camunia	Gio Lodovico Baglioni	Project Manager
Municipality of Malegno	Valentina Ballerini	Volunteer
	Simona Canossi	Cultural and Social Office
Wind Of Renewal	Nikos Chrysogelos	Director
Municipality of Sifnos	Nikos Chrysinis	Chairman of the city council
COOPINTE	Andrés Navarro Tejero	member of the Management Board
	Francisca Martín	General Manager
Municipality of Bonares	Juan Antonio García	Mayor
	Eusebio Avilés	Deputy Mayor
FAECTA	Ismael Medina Claros	CTO
REVES	Luigi Martignetti	Secretary General
	Erdmuthe Klaer	Deputy Secretary General

MISSION OBJECTIVES

The Mission to Mirabella Imbaccari has been the first Mission of the project. The specific Mission objectives were:

- to know each other, being the first opportunity for partners to meet on person;
- to analyze and compare strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of the local communities;
- to identify the common thematic priorities for partners in their transition process towards a more sustainable development;
- to share and compare social, green and digital best practices and innovations supporting such transition;
- to explore potential synergies and possibilities for cooperation;
- to start reasoning about LSGRAP structure and drafting process.

MISSION PREPARATORY ACTIONS

To facilitate the debate during the mission and use in an efficient way the available time, each local partnership was requested to fill a BACKGROUND PAPER (template attached), to be shared in advance among partners. The contents of the document were the following:

1. GENERAL CONTEXT: description of the local general context (location, number of inhabitants, territorial extension, main economic activities, demographic trends, etc.);
2. PRIORITIES: list of the main sectors and topics addressed by the EU GREEN DEAL (and further integrated by the partnership) which are relevant for the local green and digital transition. Each partnership had to identify its priorities and specify the level of expertise and social economy engagement.
3. STATE OF THE ART: description of the state of the art of policies and initiatives aimed at recovering and transforming local economies towards more resilient, fair and sustainable communities in the different territories;
4. SWOT: mapping of the present internal strengths and weaknesses of the local communities and the opportunities and threats coming from the external context, having as objective in the long run the achievement of the transition towards a more resilient, fair and sustainable economy and community;
5. GOOD EXAMPLES TO DRAW INSPIRATION FROM: list of other interesting projects currently underway in the partners' countries, that could inspire the local action plans.

MISSION AGENDA AND NARRATIVE REPORTING

13/07

09.30 - 10.30	Q&A concerning administrative issues
10.30 - 11.15	Recap of mission's goals and project's progresses
11.15 - 11.30	COFFEE BREAK
11.30 - 13.15	Project partners' introduction
13.15 - 14.30	LUNCH BREAK
14.30 - 15.30	Background papers' presentation and discussion
15.30 - 17.00	Know-how and good practices' exchange
17.00 - 17.15	COFFEE BREAK
17.15 - 18.00	Guided tour to Palazzo Biscari

14/07

09.00 - 10.30	Summary of previous day's activities and results
10.30 - 11.00	COFFEE BREAK
11.00 - 13.00	How to design a LSGRAP
13.00 - 14.30	LUNCH BREAK
15.30 - 19.30	Tour of local best-practices and dinner

15/07

09.00 - 10.30	Summary of mission's result and next mission planning
10.30 - 12.00	Meeting with townspeople

In the first day:

- The first Q&A session was dedicated to address specific administrative issues raised by partners. The main elements concerned the reporting procedures and the update of the staff lists;
- The second session was dedicated to the Steering Committee (inviting also all other participants) and focused on a recap of project's objectives, activities and deliverables. A specific presentation was prepared for the communication and dissemination process. Afterwards, the specific mission's goals and programme were addressed;
- In the third session all partners took the floor to present themselves and briefly summarise the main results of their Background Paper;
- After lunch the main results of the Background Papers (local SWOTs and local thematic priorities), previously drafted by each local partnership, were showed on an online MIRO® board. The board, by combining and summarising the different papers, allowed a clear mapping of common elements among the partners, facilitating the identification of potential fields of cooperation. Through a brainstorming process, the data collected on MIRO were collegially reviewed and updated, identifying the main common thematic priorities and creating the basis for the following know-how and good practices' exchange.

- Finally, the guided tour to Palazzo Biscari, hosting the mission meetings, showed an example of social economy intervention to boost local sustainable development by renovating an historical building and valorising the traditional bobbin-lace production that was once developed there.

In the second day:

- The Summary of previous day's activities and results allowed to review the MIRO board containing the outputs of the brainstorming sessions, fine-tuning the results;
- The Technical session on how to design a LSGRAP was dedicated to some introductory key-elements (literature, what a "local perspective" entails and needs, preliminary construction of a stakeholders' map) needed to set a first, common framework among partners for the drafting of local plans;
- The whole afternoon was then devoted to the tour of local best practices. In particular, the partners had the chance to meet 5 local companies connected to the digital and the agri-food sectors. Finally, they also took part to the City Council meeting for a presentation of the project.

In the third day:

- The summary of mission's result and next mission planning was mainly focused on the logistic arrangements necessary to organize the second Mission in Sifnos and on the future steps to be taken in the project development;
- The following public meeting with interested townspeople offered the opportunity to present project's objectives and goals to the citizens. About 40 people took part to the event, which was also streamed online on the Facebook page of the municipality.

ANNEXES

- Presentation on project's objectives, activities and deliverables; mission's objectives and agenda
- Presentation on dissemination plan
- Partners' presentations
- MIRO output on SWOT
- MIRO output on priorities
- Slide on process for LSGRAP drafting
- Slide on next steps
- Pictures of the mission