

## III Mission Report Bonares (SPAIN) 15-17 November 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.

### MISSION DETAILS

Location: Bonares, Spain

Dates: 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2022

Participants:

<i>PARTNER</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>ROLE</i>
Messina Community Foundation	Giacomo Pinaffo	Project Manager
	Rainer Schlueter	Project Manager
	Giulia Miotti (online)	Intern
Municipality of Mirabella Imbaccari	Giovanni Ferro	Mayor
	David Granato	Deputy Mayor
	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 (online)	Director
	Apostolos Ioakimidis (online)	Treasurer
Municipality of Sifnos	Katerina Kanakari (online)	Project Manager
COOPINTE	Francisca Martín	General Manager
Municipality of Bonares	Juan Antonio García	Mayor
	Eusebio Avilés	Deputy Mayor
FAECTA	Ismael Medina Claros	CTO
	José Morgado	General Manger
	Gracia Bernal	Regional Director
REVES	Luigi Martignetti (online)	Secretary General

### MISSION OBJECTIVES

The Mission to Bonares has been the third and last Mission of the project. The specific Mission objectives were:

- to get to know the specificities and experiences of Bonares' context;
- to discuss and finalize the process for the LSGRAP construction, to be implemented by partners in their local community in the coming months.

### MISSION PREPARATORY ACTIONS

To facilitate the debate during the mission and use in an efficient way the available time, a specific preparatory document ("FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PARTICIPATORY ACTION PLANS FOR GREEN AND DIGITAL TRANSITION TO BOOST TERRITORIAL RESILIENCE", attached) was drafted by partner REVES. Based on the results of the sessions in Sifnos, the document is a guiding manual with the detailed description of each task that partner will carry out in the next 5 months after the mission in Bonares (6 main tasks and a series of subtasks to be accomplished and duly reported), leading them to the drafting of a local Action Plan.

Partners were requested to read the document in advance and imagine implementation in their local contexts, as basis for the discussion during the mission meetings in Bonares, where each task has been presented and analyzed in depth.

### MISSION AGENDA AND NARRATIVE REPORTING

**14/11** Arrival in Bonares

**15/11**

09.00 - 10.00 Visit to the Municipality headquarters in Bonares

10.00 - 13.30 LSGRAP Process: tasks 0-2

13.30 - 15.30 Lunch break

15.30 - 17.30 The COOPINTE case: a local development agency based on public-private collaboration

17.30 - 18.30 Visit to cooperative SAN CRISTOBAL (COOPINTE member)

18.30 - 20.30 Visit to Bonares and cultural attractions

21.00 Dinner

## **16/11**

09.00 - 13.30	LSGRAP Process: tasks 3-5 and implementation programme
13.30 - 15.30	Lunch break
15.30 - 17.00	The FAECTA case: examples of cooperatives as territorial development agencies
17.00 - 18.30	Visit to cooperative BONAFRU (COOPINTE member)
18.30 – 20.00	Visit to local public sport centre
19.00 - 20.30	Meeting with local Civil Society's Organisations
21.00	Dinner

## **17/11**

09.00 - 10.30	Steering Committee meeting and planning of next steps
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### On the first day:

- As first activity, the participants have visited the headquarter of the Bonares Municipality. After visiting all offices, partners have gathered in the Council meeting room for the welcoming speech by the mayor and a meeting with the local press;
- Afterwards, participants moved to the COOPINTE headquarters for the mission meetings. The rest of the morning of the first day was dedicated to the detailed presentation and analysis of the first 3 tasks of the framework for the construction of local Action Plans: Task 0 - Looking around, Task 1 - first step towards defining an "optimal situation", Task 2 - Checking actual demands from local inhabitants (including stakeholders). Partners discussed about how to implement such tasks in their local contexts, according to their specificities.
- After lunch, partner COOPINTE described in details its experience (presentation attached), being a particular case of public-private second level cooperative, co-funded by the Municipality together with other private cooperatives to support the development of the cooperative sector in the community. Such experience has been considered particularly interesting by other municipalities, as it has shown a real positive impact for the local business context and for the wellbeing and cohesion of the community.
- The following visit to SAN CRSITOBAL, a cooperative of truck drivers, member of COOPINTE, clearly showed practically what was presented in the previous session, namely the main positive elements of the cooperation approach: joining together in a service cooperative, providing truck maintenance for all members, has strongly reduced the costs for each single driver thanks to the economy of scales.
- The visit to the local cultural attraction of Bonares, "las cruces", showed how deeply rooted is the cooperative approach in the whole community, not only in the business environment: each neighbourhood has its own private chapel with a cross, richly decorated by local inhabitants. Each year only one of the twelve neighbourhoods, together with the town council, organises the typical religious ceremony in May, but the others help and the whole village visits their chapel. There is no rivalry between them, but rather a celebration of the unity of the whole community.

### On the second day:

- The works continued in the morning session with the next tasks of the framework for the construction of local Action Plans: Task 3 - Definition of a shared "optimal situation", Task 4 - Predefinition of local actions to be carried out, Task 5 - Drafting of the local strategic plan. Again, partners discussed about how to implement such tasks in their local contexts.
- After lunch, partners had the chance to further explore the local cooperative approach widening the viewpoint to the regional level, thanks to the presentation by partner FAECTA, regional network of

worker cooperatives in Andalusia, one of the strongest cooperative networks in whole Spain. The engagement of such network in advocacy actions and support activities for the development of the cooperative sector in the region has allowed Andalusia to be one of the most advanced and supportive contexts for cooperatives. More specifically, cooperatives have often become relevant local development actors in remote and isolated communities, joining inhabitants to create new work opportunities and avoid depopulation. The specific case of energy cooperatives was addressed as recent example of cooperative instrument for local sustainable development.

- Afterwards, the participants visited BONAFRU, a cooperative of red fruits producers, member of COOPINTE, which again demonstrated the mutual interest of local small producers in joining a cooperative, in order to benefit from the economies of scale, above all to maximise access to market.
- Then a visit was organised to the local public sport centre, which was a relevant investment carried out by the Municipality with the specific aim to create an aggregation centre strengthening through sports the cohesion level of the community.
- Finally, in the local public theatre a meeting was organised with the representatives of the local civil society associations, to present them the GRAPE projects and the expected impacts on the community.

On the third day:

- A meeting of the Steering Committee was organised to discuss the project status and urgent tasks. The next steps for the implementation of the framework for the construction of local Action Plans were also discussed, planning a dedicated call with each local partnership in the coming weeks after the mission.

## **ANNEXES**

1. Framework for the construction of participatory action plans for green and digital transition to boost territorial resilience
2. COOPINTE presentation
3. FAECTA presentation
4. Steering Committee presentation
5. Pictures of the mission