



PROJECT “RRN-CREA 5.1-WP4”: “STRENGTHENING COMPLEMENTARITY BETWEEN THE LIFE PROGRAMME AND THE CAP”

Funding Programme, duration and budget: Italian Rural Network (RRN), 2015-2023, 120 m€
(around 2.5 for 5.1)

Partners: Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA) +
Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE) – LIFE National Contact Point (NCP)

Demonstration areas/case study areas: Italy



Main Goals:

- **taking full advantage of positive experiences and results** achieved by LIFE Programme in Italy in order to identify **innovative solutions for programming green tools** to be included in Italy's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027.
- **capitalization and networking of best practices produced by Italian LIFE projects of interest to RDP stakeholders in terms of:** efficient management of water resources; protection of nature and biodiversity; wildlife management; sustainable land use; sustainable forest management; climate change mitigation and adaptation; resources efficiency; air quality; sustainable use of chemicals; innovation in the farming and food chain.



Main Actions:

- Carries out **reconnaissance of successful LIFE projects** focused on specific topics: **agriculture, food and forestry**
- **Dissemination** activities aimed at CAP/RD policies stakeholders.

Key actions:

- *Research and analysis on successful LIFE projects;*
- *Organization of events to show the results of LIFE projects interest for the green architecture of Italy's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027;*
- *Production of ad hoc promotional materials/publications;*
- *Web page containing summary sheets of LIFE projects: [Buone pratiche LIFE \(reterurale.it\)](http://reterurale.it)*

Main outputs:

- *1 Workshop to deepen 9 LIFE projects focused on sustainability of agriculture, forestry and agro-food industry (Rome, 14th February 2019);*
- *1 Web Talk on the CAP 2023-2027 and the objectives of the EU Green Deal, in order to deepen best practices and innovative solutions of 4 LIFE projects (15th Dicembre 2020);*
- *22 summary sheets describing LIFE projects*



Main outputs:

- [RRN Workshop “RD policies and LIFE Programme - Exchange of experiences and transfer of best practices and innovative solutions for environmental protection and climate action”\(9 LIFE projects involved\).](#)



See the presentations of CREA and MASE – LIFE NCP:

- [The mainstreaming of environmental and climate policies into the CAP. Complementarity and synergies between RD policies 2014/2020 and LIFE Programme within the RRN;](#)
- [The 2014-2020 European Programme for the environment and climate action \(LIFE\): opportunities and perspectives for the agricultural and forestry sector.](#)

See the presentations of best practices from LIFE projects of interest for RD policies related to climate-environmental issues!

In particular: [LIFE PRATERIE - Urgent actions for the conservation of meadows and pastures in the territory of Gran Sasso and Monti della Lega \(LIFE11 NAT/IT/000234\).](#)



Main outputs:

- [RRN Web Talk “The future CAP and the objectives of the EU Green Deal: good practices and innovative solutions of LIFE projects” \(4 projects involved\).](#)



See the presentations of CREA and MASE – LIFE NCP:

- [The green architecture of the post-2020 CAP: challenges and tools;](#)
- [Complementarity and synergies between CAP/RD policies and LIFE Programme under the EU Green Deal;](#)
- [Objectives and results of the LIFE Programme for the environment and climate action.](#)

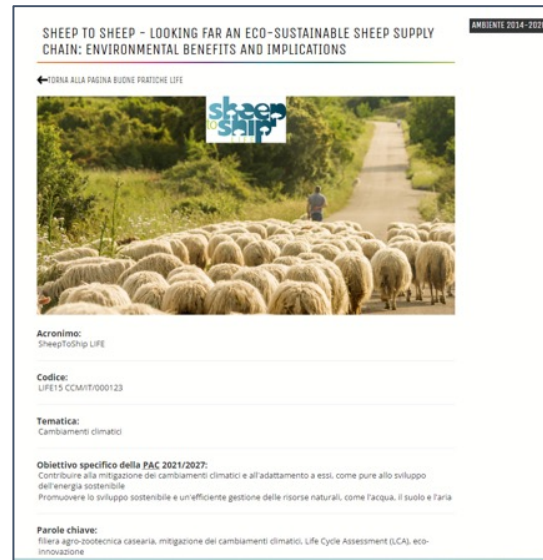
See the presentations of best practices from LIFE projects of interest for PAC/RD policies related to **climate-environmental issues!**

In particular: [LIFE WOLFALPS EU](#) - Coordinated actions to improve wolf-human coexistence at the alpine population level (LIFE18 NAT/IT/000972).



Main outputs:

- [RRN web page “Best practices of LIFE projects for the CAP and RD policies” \(22 LIFE projects sheets at the moment\).](#)



Project sheet, an example: [SheepToShip LIFE](#) - Looking for an eco-sustainable sheep supply chain: environmental benefits and implications (LIFE15 CCM/IT/000123).

Grouped into **7 thematic areas**: “Management and use of water resources”, “Nature and biodiversity”, “Sustainable land use”, “Sustainable forest management”, “Climate change”, “Resources efficiency”, “Innovation”

Key information :

- description of objectives and actions;
- results achieved;
- main deliverables produced (guidelines, handbooks, software, etc. – with direct hyperlinks);
- specific objectives of CAP 2023-2027;
- inputs for the replication and transfer of LIFE projects’ results.

Useful working tools for replicate and transfer the LIFE best practices and innovative solutions (methods, techniques, models and approaches)



Main results (expected or achieved) and policy implications:

- *Support and advice for the construction of the **green architecture of Italy's CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027**;*
- *Guarantee integration and complementarity between LIFE funding and European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) – example between life projects and EIP GOs projects*
- *Networking actions to encourage synergies to **achieve environmental and climate priorities in the farming and food chain**;*
- *Identify and share the best tools to achieve the **objectives of the EU Green Deal (Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the new Climate Adaptation Strategy)***



Activities for synergies and complementarity between the LIFE Programme and the PAC/RD policies within RRN:

During the past (RRN 2017-2013) – Main outputs:

- 1 monograph on 30 Italian LIFE projects aimed at improving the environmental sustainability of the agricultural sector (May 2012);
- 1 Workshop "The LIFE+ Programme and RRN" on 8 LIFE projects included in the same monograph (Rome, 28th June 2012)

... and in the future (2023-2027)?:

- Regulation (EU) 2021/783 establishing the LIFE 2021-2027, Article 8 stress *The Commission and Member States shall pursue complementarity at all levels*”.
- 1 Workshop «Il nuovo Programma per l'ambiente e l'azione per il clima (LIFE 2021-2027): sinergie e complementarità con il Piano strategico nazionale della PAC (maybe July 2023)



... activities will be continued!



GRAZIE!

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