

## **Newsletter n.1 of LIFE RINASCE Project**

This is the first issue of the LIFE RINASCE project's newsletter.  
It includes a brief illustration of the project and a summary of our activities and future events.

### **A brief presentation**

The "[LIFE RINASCE](#)" project, approved by the European Commission in July 2014, aims to realize measures for environmental-hydraulic rehabilitation of some Emilia - Romagna drainage channels, located in the municipalities of Carpi (MO), Novi di Modena (MO) and Gualtieri (RE).

Project Promoter is the Emilia Centrale Land Reclamation Consortium, in collaboration with the Emilia - Romagna Region.



*Collettore Alfiere*



*Collettore Acque Basse Modenesi*

The project has the overall objective to apply the key concepts of the Water Directive and the Floods Directive, about the decrease in the risk of flooding and the improvement of the ecological status of rivers, on the artificial water network.

The project aims also to develop and implement a new "soft" management model of aquatic and riparian vegetation of channels, comparing different mowing methods in relation to ecological, hydraulic and economic effects.

The innovative character of the project is given not only by the types of interventions designed to fix hydraulic and environmental problems, but also by the entire route for the interventions design, involving local actors through a "Participatory process."

Particular attention will be given to the dissemination of techniques tested in interventions foreseen by the LIFE RINASCE Project with the organization of training courses addressed to technicians and with field demonstration days in the areas of intervention.

### **The Participatory process**

the LIFE RINASCE project Participatory process has allowed to involve local actors, stakeholders and citizens in the strategic choices regarding the transformation of the territory and to collect ideas and proposals for the design of the rehabilitation interventions.

Information, communication, consultation and listening to participants play a strategic role for the design of the channels rehabilitation interventions.

The process was split into two main plenary sessions (an opening session and a closing session), six discussion meetings and a follow-up meeting for the technical and regulatory aspects hosted in Carpi.

These meetings involved a total of 189 participants coming from associations, organizations, companies and citizens.



**Opening of the participatory process**



**Meeting with citizens**

In parallel, the participatory process was supported by a dedicated web space on the regional portal "[IoPartecipo +](#)", able to interact with the social networks.

All documents of the participatory process are available on [project's website](#).

### **The follow-up studies and the intervention projects**



The first phase of the activity was focused on the study of channels and their hydraulic and environmental characteristics, in order to collect existing data and to set-up a framework of knowledge, to be used in rehabilitation interventions design and monitoring.

The results of these studies were presented to the stakeholders during events that took place in the three municipalities. Documents can be found in a [dedicated section](#) of the website.

As consequence, the interventions design are based on the environmental studies and on requests and contributions collected during public participatory process.

All projects can be found in specific sections of the website dedicated to canals objects of

interventions:

- [Collettore Alfieri](#)
- [Diversivo Fossa Nuova Cavata](#)
- [Cavata Orientale](#)
- [Collettore Acque Basse Modenesi \(C.A.B.M.\)](#)

## Restoration works have started



The Emilia Centrale Land Reclamation Consortium, as results of the interventions design integrated by contributions collected during the Participatory process, has started the environmental-hydraulic restoration interventions of Collettore Acque Basse Modenesi (C.A.B.M.) within Carpi Municipality and Collettore Alfieri within the Gualtieri Municipality (RE).

On the LIFE-RINASCE web site contains are available [interventions pictures](#)

## The activities continue ...

The Project continues the activities as foreseen:

The preliminary design of Cavata Orientale restoration intervention (it has to be submitted to the Environmental Impact Assessment procedure) and the final-executive interventions design of Diversivo Fossa Nuova canal are now completed. As before, interventions will be integrated by input emerged from the participatory process.

the dissemination activities continue: after the conference and workshops of 2015, for 2016 is plan a second conference of the project and a series of meetings addressed to P.A. technicians, in order to disseminate the knowledge and techniques developed in the rehabilitation interventions.

All the latest news are available on the website:

<http://ambiente.regione.emilia-romagna.it/life-rinasc>