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AGRO-ECOLOGICAL
PRACTICES
IN VITICULTURE



LANDSCAPE AND HABITAT PROTECTION



ACTIVE
PARTICIPATION AND
SOCIAL AWARENESS

# The Project



## ECOlogical VINEyards GOvernance Activities for Landscape's Strategies

The ECOVINEGOALS project addresses key challenges arising from intensive viticulture in the ADRI-ON (Adriatic-Ionian) region.

Uniting the expertise of 10 partner institutions from Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, and 9 associate partners from Italy, Greece, Montenegro and Belgium, the **key objective** of this project is:

to develop strategies, action plans, tools and capacities for the agroeco-

logical transition of viticultural areas under intensive cultivation to low input and low emission management systems, thereby reconciling the productive, social, environmental and landscape needs of the fragile wine-growing areas in the Adrion region.

## **AGROECOLOGY**

Agroecology is considered jointly as a science, a practice and a social movement.

Agroecology is based on applying ecological concepts and principles to optimize interactions between plants, animals, humans and the environment while taking into consideration the social aspects that need to be addressed for a sustainable and fair food system. www.fao.org/agroecology/overview/

# **Key activities**



## Agroecological practices in vineyards

- Drafting of shared methods and criteria for the identification of agroecological systems and practices.
- Multicriteria analysis of agroecological and economic performance of the pilot farms.
- Ducal action plans and transnational guidelines for agroecological transition of viticultural areas.
- Establishment of the Agroecological VIneyards NEtwork (AVINE).

## Landscape and habitat in viticulture

- Identification of shared methods and tools for the evaluation and enhancement of the traditional land-scape and habitats of vineyards.
- Analysis on landscapes and habitats of selected viticultural areas.
- Local action plans and transnational guidelines for the conservation of landscape and habitats and for the valorisation of ecosystem services in viticultural areas.

# Participatory governance for agroecological transition of vineyards

- Elaboration and pilot implementation of participatory backcasting processes to involve policy makers and stakeholders in the areas involved.
- Training of facilitators and pilot implementation of participatory backcasting process.
- Guidelines and strategies for using territorial participatory governance as a tool to support the transition to agroecological practices in wine-growing areas of the ADRION region.

### **Outcomes**



- Sharing among partners of fundamental concepts and practices necessary for the transition to agroecological management.
- Improvement of participatory local governance skills towards joint development of strategies and plans to protect natural habitats and rural landscapes.
- Strengthening transnational communication, cooperation, and exchange between regional authorities and civil society organizations as the means to address environmental vulnerability, promote ecosystem services, prevent social conflicts in land use, and mitigate climate change.
- Increase in the number and quality of tools and strategies available to support the planning and management of agroecological transition of viticulture in the region.
- Raising awareness, increasing knowledge, changing behaviour and influencing the attitudes of all stakeholders on agroecology.

