

## ***Workshop “Boschi per la Biosfera”***

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Workshop “Boschi per la Biosfera” – ecological project that is aimed at protecting the unique nature of northeastern Sicily. In addition to the volunteer team, the projects participants were a number of eco-specialists from Eastern and Western Europe, namely from Macedonia, Hungary, Romania, Germany. Workshops were accompanied by interesting lectures and discussions. The lectures were not stationary but were accompanied by visits to local points. In addition, it has managed to draw the attention of politicians to the problems of environmental protection.

I, as a volunteer team member, also participated in this project. My responsibilities included the geoinformation component of the project. Namely I fixed on the electronic map places of workshops and other activities related to the project.

For me personally, this project has become a new experience on the way to achieving the goals of life. At the workshops, I improved my skills in environmental planning, communicative skills, learned about the specifics of the functioning of protected areas in Sicily.

I want to highlight the most memorable event on the project.

- Salvatore’s lecture at Etna National Park on Tuesday. This lecture was accompanied by a good speech and not less good discussion about woody vegetation in the national park. It is worth mentioning the remarkable remarks of Mr. Laszlo Peregovits during discussion.



- Discussion about protecting of old oak trees of the Mt. Egitto on Thursday. Again, I liked the presentation of Mr. Salvatore Vinciguerra. During the discussion I want to highlight Mr. Rainer Kopsell. He told about his experience of six years ago in the same place. He drew our attention to the hemp, which at that time were pine trees, but were purposefully cut off in recent years to protect the oaks.



- Of course, I remembered the final stage round table in the Castello di San Marco on Friday. The positive thing was that in addition to the eco-results, politicians have been involved in the event. That gave the event greater practicality with a prospect for the future.



In conclusion, I would like to mention the usefulness of such events in the future and to thank the main organizers of the event *Stefanie Hermsen, Gino Montagno, Andrea Aidala*.