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Universities & Community: Service-Learning in Environmental issues

FACING FIRE PROJECT FIRST MULTIPLIER EVENT

7th and 8th JULY 2022, FLORENCE (ITALY)

Dual mode event: in person and online (Webex platform)

LECTURE HALL, FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE,
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BACKGROUND

Environmental degradation represents a complex problem in Europe, which seriously impact the rural development and economy. In recent years, research has increased, and several technical advances have been made to prevent environmental degradation and to counteract negative ecosystem impacts. Different analyses currently indicate the necessity for new and holistic approaches, as the Service-Learning (S-L) methodology, that consider social engagement, population awareness together with education and training of higher quality. This challenge requires inputs from multidisciplinary teams coming from diverse disciplines and involving different stakeholders. On the other hand, introducing innovative approaches in the university training would contribute to prepare better skilled professionals, and, at the same time, to the socioeconomic development of areas affected by environmental degradation.

OBJECTIVES

- To discuss and share good practices together with innovative educational approaches that improve the quality of education/training handling environmental issues.
- To integrate points of view of different areas/disciplines in the education/training to address environmental management by using S-L projects
- To discuss the social involvement and responsibility of the university to contribute to solve environmental issues through S-L.
- To share and disseminate the partial results of the **FacingFire** project with other colleagues and to share and discover other approaches, which might enrich the project

TARGET PUBLIC:

- Teaching staff, university students and recent graduates from different disciplines (education, forestry, environmental and agronomy studies, communication, social sciences, or economy), vocational training centres and other stakeholders.
- Management service staff from universities involved in innovation and transversal education (employment, teaching innovation, virtual learning, gender equality).
- Young and senior researchers mainly focussed on education and environmental issues.
- Professionals and practitioners working for national/regional/local agencies and companies involved in environmental management.
- Communities dealing with different environmental problems.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1 – July 7th

08.30 – *Registration*

09.00 – *Institutional welcome*

09.15 – *Introduction and communication*

09.30 – *Service Learning as methodology in Higher education*

10.30 – *Coffee Break*

10.50 – Round Table with technical experts

“Facing fire” and environmental issues: the contribution of education to the fire prevention and mitigation

11.45 – Q&A

12.00 – *Perspectives to implement S-L from the Facing Fire experience*

12.30 – *S-L in the Facing Fire project: Action-research in Monti Pisani, Italy.*

13.00 – *Conclusion*

13.15 – *Lunch*



Day 2 – July 8th

Fieldtrip to Montemagno, province of Pisa, to visit the fire-affected places. The area is being studied by the local FacingFire S-L project.

08.15 – Departure from Florence (meeting point to be defined)

14.00 End of the field trip and return to Florence, arrival at 15.30

*Itinerary: Panoramic and interactive path to places affected by the fire of the Pisan Mountains in 2018 and the restoration activities implemented by the local communities. Starting from the village of Montemagno to reach the foot of the Rocca della Verruca di Calci, an ancient and dilapidated fortification. During the tour different stops will be made to discuss topics as forest fires, cultural, socio-economic, as well as aspects related to the restoration projects being carried out in the area. **The tour is accessible to all people and conditions.***

The final programme may undergo changes which will be communicated via email to participants.

Participation at the event is free of charge, but registration is compulsory.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 10TH

For registration, please visit the following link:

<https://forms.gle/qk9sUq583okkttWe8>



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