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AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF MILAN AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH: THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY IN EDOLO



On 28th July 2011 the Minister for University Education Mariastella Gelmini and the Rector of the University of Milan Prof. Enrico Decleva signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of the Edolo Campus of the University of Milan as a university Centre of excellence, which will be called the " Mountain University " and which will act as a national reference point for the analysis and study of all topics concerning mountain areas.

The Centre will work in close connection with Italian, European and international institutions, becoming a privileged interlocutor of European Bodies to identify and define the actions necessary for the sustainable development of the whole Alpine chain.

The agreement provides for the completion of the project within 5 academic years, starting from 2011/2012.

The University Centre will collaborate with other universities, creating a network and a national reference point for the analysis and study of mountain topics.

The Centre will also establish stable relationships of cooperation with other European and international institutions working in the same field and will be the privileged interlocutor of European bodies for the sustainable development of the Alps.

Training and research activities will focus on strategic sectors for the development of mountain areas including the agro-forestry, environmental, energy, and tourism sectors.

The project, which will be called the " Mountain University ", will be followed by a Monitoring Committee including a representative of the Ministry of Education, Universities and Research.



More than half the Italian territory consists of mountains and their characteristics (biodiversity, landscape, water, soil, traditional products, places for leisure and recreation), if well managed, can provide significant opportunities for growth. To achieve this a strong and effective synergy among all the disciplines that study mountain areas is essential.

The national role which the framework agreement assigns to Edolo comes after years of increasing success of the Centre, especially in education, thanks to the wide range of subject matter and the fact that the undergraduate course allows students to study the mountains right in the middle of the mountains.

The only degree course in Italy dedicated to the mountain themes, the Edolo campus now has 185 undergraduates (more and more of whom are from outside the province and from outside the region). Of the 170 graduates who so far have a Degree in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas, 76% have found employment and 13% have continued in higher levels of university education. Of those working, 64% operate in the mountain sector in environment and land management, for public bodies and private companies or are self-employed.

In general, to study in Edolo has a very beneficial " price/quality ratio" both for the individual, because to live in Edolo is much cheaper than living in the major cities of Northern Italy, as well as for the community because it counteracts the tendency to abandon mountain areas, investing in young people whose activities generate opportunities for the sustainable development of the mountains. To have the courage to invest in the technical and cultural knowledge and training of young people and in innovative models of development during a recession is both far-sighted and strategic.

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THE MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT

On **Monday, September 19, 2011** the University of Milan hosts the meeting of the '**International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps - ISCAR**'.

The International Scientific Committee for Alpine Research promotes international cooperation in research on strategic issues for the Alps and mountain areas. In 2000, ISCAR was recognized by the Conference of the Alps as an official observer of the Alpine Convention. In this capacity it provides scientific expertise and research in the official bodies of the Alpine Convention.

The committee is composed of delegates from France, Austria, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Anna Giorgi, former director of the Ente Italiano della Montagna, lecturer on the Undergraduate Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain areas and a member of the board of the Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont situated in Edolo, is the delegate for Italy and candidate for Presidency of ISCAR as proposed by the Minister Raffaele Fitto, whose department deals with mountain issues.

As provided for by the agreement with the Ministry of Education, the Mountain University is about to enter into an international network for Alpine Research.

More information about the International Committee can be found at <http://www.iscar-alpineresearch.org>.

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8th OCTOBER 2011: MOUNTAINS, FUTURE PERSPECTIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG FARMERS

The Interdepartmental Centre Ge.S.Di.Mont is organizing the meeting "*Mountains, Future Perspectives and Opportunities For Young Farmers*" on **Saturday 8 October 2011** at the Edolo Campus.

The meeting, which will see the intervention of the architect. **Giulio De Capitani, Councillor for Agriculture of the Lombardy Region**, with the help of Italian and foreign experts and entrepreneurs, will be considering future scenarios in the mountain environment, especially in the agricultural sector, highlighting the challenges for young farmers.

The initiative is taking place under the **Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 Measure 111 B "Education, Information and Dissemination of Knowledge"** funded by the European Union.



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