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## **NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**



## Announcement for admission to the Course PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR MOUNTAIN AREAS

The aim of the course is to encourage participants to use a structured approach to project management methodologies, by providing operational tools to manage the various phases of projects in line with the main national, European and international programming guidelines. The course also aims to develop the fundamental skills required not only to participate in funding calls and financial programs suitable for mountain projects, but also to set up and manage all phases of projects on behalf of those involved in marginal and mountain areas.

The main objectives of the course are:

- to strengthen the technical and professional knowledge of participants, essential for working efficiently in the context of European and international funding programs specifically for mountain areas and for recognizing (and responding) to specific call requirements;
- to analyse the specific phases of managing European and international funding programs for mountain areas, in order to improve the professional skills of participants and hence address the complex process of managing projects efficiently;
- to consolidate the professional skills participants, require for applying for calls, preparing and managing, correctly and smoothly, all the phases of approved projects, on behalf of those institutions or organizations working on issues connected with the enhancement and development of mountain and rural areas;
- to improve participants' skills regarding the stages of stakeholder involvement and the creation of local and international networks, with a view to more effective project management in terms of social capitalization of project actions.

## 29 settembre 2017 MEETmeTONIGHT: face to face with the researchers of UNIMONT

The Mountain University – the Edolo campus of the University of Milan – is organizing MEETmeTONIGHT, the European Night of Researchers, that takes place on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

This year, UNIMONT is once again taking part in an event dedicated to research, that aims to disseminate scientific culture among citizens, talking about science, research and innovation.

UNIMONT takes part in the Coldiretti "Villaggio delle idee"

The Mountain University - Edolo Campus of the University of Milan – has been invited to present projects to encourage the development of enterprises in alpine and mountainous areas at the zero stop in Milan of the Coldiretti Tour in Italy called "Il villaggio delle idee".

In order to create an event involving the general public as a whole, **Coldiretti** has organized an initiative that focuses on the theme of rurality: **from Friday 29th September to Sunday, 1st October**, the Italian countryside conquers the city of Milan. **From Piazza del Cannone to Piazza Castello, the Coldiretti "Villaggio delle idee"** will be an opportunity to share, develop and elaborate new ideas about the future of food.

The Mountain University, which has trained many young entrepreneurs in recent years, has been invited to present the experience and the development of entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector in mountain areas. Through the project "Young Entrepreneurs", UNIMONT wants to find out about and showcase the situation of companies active in mountainous areas, with a specific focus on businesses managed by young people and on enterprises that are particularly innovative and relevant to the growth of the territories in which they operate. In addition, to overcome physical distances between places and create new opportunities for mountain areas, UNIMONT has implemented the "Antennas Project": the "antennas" are points that bi-directionally stream scientific knowledge and general information regarding mountain themes, making them available to all interested parties residing in mountainous areas.

The Mountain University is a testimony that many young people are showing real interest in staying in, or returning to, the mountains, and that it is only human capital that can promote real change.

## PROGETTO ALVINA: the end of Marcello Duranti's journey

"This time closing my backpack strikes a chord: gestures which have become instinctive and automatic, a sort of sacred routine...it is the last step of my hike!" **Marcello Duranti** is talking about his journey to Montecarlo that has brought him to the end of the **Alvina Project**: a lonely hike of more than 1000 km through a harsh and challenging area in a unique region of the world - the Alps. **The Mountain University – the Edolo campus of the University of Milan** – has followed the Professor during his trek, with an interactive map enriched by photos and thoughts which have described this wonderful experience along the Alps. UNIMONT has been committed to this project in order to promote and communicate how culture and science make a fundamental contribution in helping to valorize the Alpine Region.

"Despite the heat, the mist, the tiredness I feel, I am happy and proud of myself... this is my destination! Trieste – Montecarlo! Here I am!"

## **NEXT EVENTS**



**Sustainable Tourism for Mountain Areas** 

The advanced course provides basic tools for developing and enhancing tourism in mountain areas, with particular reference to territories, communities and institutions operating there.

## **SERVICES FOR MOUNTAIN**



#### **Calls for Mountain Areas**

- sub-measure 8.1 call, Operation 8.1.01 "Support for planting costs for afforestation and reforestation"
- Measure 19 Call, Operation 19.4.01 "Support for Management and Organization Costs" - Technical / Procedural Document Approval

#### **Mountain Legislation**

UNIMONT provides mountain residents as well as administrators, public and private bodies and companies with appropriate technical data sheets to make the most recent legal and juridical information available at a regional, national and European level in a clear and convenient way.

### **CALLS, INTERSHIPS AND JOBS**



#### Internship - CONSERVATION OF PLANT AGRO-BIODI-VERSITY IN LOMBARDY

The agro-food sector in Italy is an area of great importance and excellence that is the basis of the assortment and quality of typical Italian products. Some local varieties were abandoned in the 1950s and 1960s in favour of higher-yielding commercial cultivars. However, there are still many traditional little known plant varieties (cereals, vegetables, fruit trees, etc.) which deserve to be characterized, valorized and protected in order to increase Italian agro-food heritage and to enhance the production of typical and quality products. In line with EU, national and regional regulations - including the recent national law no. 194 1st December 2015 (Cenni Law) -UNIMONT, in collaboration with Lombardy Region and Coldiretti, wants to contribute to the collection of data reguired to create the National Register of Biodiversity of Agricultural and Food Interest.

The internship will involve the collection and processing of data on the agrobiodiversity of Lombardy's various territorial districts, and the characterization of the most interesting varieties.

#### Internship - CENSUS OF AGROINDUSTRIAL HEMP PRO-DUCERS

Agroindustrial hemp can be used as a fibre for fabrics, building material or as a raw material to make paper, oil, soaps, cosmetics, detergents, but also food such as pasta and beer. This production sector is booming in Italy, especially in recent years after the Italian Parliament legislated on its promotion. Therefore, the purpose of this internship is to survey companies that produce industrial hemp in Italy and, in particular, in mountain areas. Data will be stored in a database and processed to create a map of industrial hemp producers.

### **PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**



**Dedicated portal space: MOUNTAIN ENTERPRISES** 

As part of the project, the Lombardy Region has developed an area dedicated to young people in the business world. Specifically, the **UNIMONT portal** has a "**Mountain Entrepreneurs**" section which provides a complete view of mountain businesses by means of a geo-referenced map. In addition, this section aims to dedicate space to each entrepreneur, providing a description of the company and of its products and services, but also information on its performance and any difficulties encountered. The section aims to tell the stories and culture of entrepreneurs, encouraging direct contact in order to offer them the opportunity to compare ideas and interact with other entrepreneurs in the same sector in different areas of Italy.

## **SEMINARS AND WEBINARS**



**Research on the Alps during the Thirty Years' War** 

Four afternoon lectures provide new information about the Thirty Years' War in the Alps: espionage and diplomatic missions, religious controversies, challenging financial management, relations between local communities and Venetian authorities, weather information and military conflict.

## **RECENT ACTIVITIES**



#### Sustainable development, mountains and new procurement requirements

Two seminars to provide training aimed at updating knowledge about sustainable development, technologic innovation and public procurement contracts, particularly in mountain areas.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND MOUNTAIN AREAS

- Sustainable development and mountain areas (Prof. Riccardo Guidetti, DiSAA University of Milan and Delegate of the Rector for the "Città Studi Campus Sostenibile" project)
- A multidisciplinary approach to strategic planning and the creation of sustainable management models (dott. ing. lppolita Chiarolini, Order of Engineers of the Province of Brescia)
- Business Experiences

## **BUILDING AND NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS IN "GREEN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT"**

- Technical Specifications for Building Groups
- Territory and environment, impact on the hydrographic system
- Energy supply, public lighting
- Technical Specifications of Buildings
- Energy Diagnosis and Performance, Energy Efficiency, Internal Environmental Quality.

#### **UNIMONT and Nero Spinoso Corn**

The Mountain University – the Edolo Campus of the University of Milan – performs research and works to preserve and promote Italian biodiversity. Nero Spinoso Corn, a local variety of maize cultivated traditionally in Valle Camonica, has proved to be a species worth safeguarding, valorizing and promoting.

To spread knowledge regarding Nero Spinoso Corn, **Dr. Luca Giupponi of the University of the Mountain** was invited to take part in a conference called **#aspettandomaisenzavino** on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September and at a meeting of the **Valle Camonica Gastronomy Weeks** on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October. During these events, Dr. Luca Giupponi presents information about Nero Spinoso Corn, a recent entry in the National Register of Conservation Varieties, and activities that UNIMONT is organizing in collaboration with local authorities for the valorisation of this species.

UNIMONT constantly focuses on the protection and enhancement of agro-food assets.

## **NEW PUBLICATIONS**



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## **ABOUT US**



UNO STUDENTE LAVORATORE ESEMPLARE PiùValliTV – 20 agosto 2017

<u>Viaggio fra città,luoghi e territori: la giornata 4 della</u> <u>RENA Summer School '17</u> Gli Stati Generali – 30 agosto 2017

<u>Mais Nero Spinoso di Valle Camonica un potente alleato</u> <u>naturale contro l'invecchiamento</u> Vini & Cucina Bresciana – Anno 13 n°75, agosto – set-

tembre 2017

<u>Il cereale in esclusiva per 11 Comuni Camuni</u> Giornale di Brescia – 20 settembre

Edolo, MEETmeTONIGHT: faccia a faccia con i ricercatori di UNIMONT per la Notte dei Ricercatori Gazzetta delle Valli – 21 settembre 2017

<u>L'Università Camuna: il prestigio di UNIMONT</u> Corriere della Sera – 23 settembre 2017

Faccia a faccia con i ricercatori di Unimont Popolis - 26 settembre 2017

<u>StartUP in quota</u> Millionaire - settembre 2017