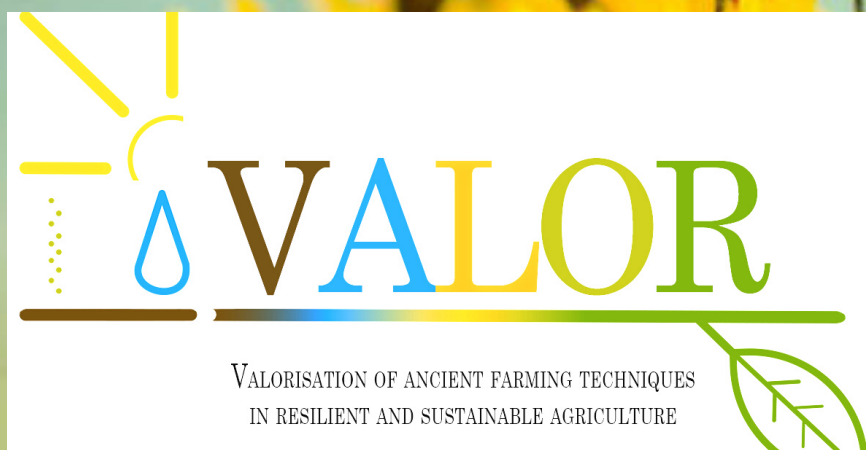


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The VALOR Project

The project VALOR, co-financed by the European Union with the Erasmus+ Program is a three-year project that aims to develop a framework of professional skills in the field of resilient and sustainable agriculture and to provide young farmers with the necessary tools to undertake this activity, through specific online training courses that are freely accessible.

VALOR is promoted by the Gran Sasso-Laga National Park Authority, in cooperation with the **Olympus National Park Management Agency** (Greece), the **Centre/North Black Forest Nature Park** (Germany), the **University of Thessaly** (Greece), the **University Stefan Cel Mare Suceava** (Romania) and some international partners such as **Makro**, Management Development and Consulting Company (Turkey), the **Forest Sciences and Technology Centre of Catalonia** (Spain), **Synthesis** - Center for Research and Education Ltd (Cyprus) and **Integra Filder**, Education Promotion Association (Germany)



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Park Authority Coordinator of VALOR Project

Develop a competence framework for the "Valorisation of ancient farming techniques in resilient and sustainable agriculture".

Started on November the VALOR Project "Valorization of ancient agricultural techniques in resilient and sustainable agriculture" of which the Gran Sasso and Monti della Laga National Park Authority is Coordinator.

The project proposal put forward by the Park has in fact been included in the final ranking of the funded bodies, and prepared by EACEA (Executive Agency for Education, Audiovisual and Culture - Brussels) within the Key Action 2 "Cooperation for innovation and exchange of experiences and good practices". An important recognition if we consider that this is one of the 32 European projects considered valid among hundreds of proposals made in 2019.

The VALOR project promotes the implementation of a compatible educational model that leads to innovative curricula, supporting quality and ancient tradition.

Relying on an international partnership, the program aims to promote innovative curricula aimed at supporting traditional agricultural production as a key activity for sustainability and resilience in internal or marginal areas; activities that, safeguarding production as a main activity is a factor of sustainability and, at the same time, looks to the future and to new development models of green and innovative agriculture.

All this is made possible by the alliance supported by associated partners from Italy, Greece, Germany, Romania, Spain, Turkey and Cyprus as well as by Protected Areas and European Universities.

"The Park Authority confirms its ability to acquire specific funding lines within the European project", says the President of the Park, Mr. Tommaso Navarra, "and this by enhancing the evocations of tradition present in the territory. Only a full rediscovery and re-functionalization of the extraordinary traditional productive heritage of our identity community can in fact ensure new life to the internal areas in a cultural perspective of sustainable and resilient economy".



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VALOR "Valorisation of ancient farming techniques in resilient and sustainable agriculture" In Brussels the Kick Off Meeting of project openings



It was held last February 4th in Brussels, at the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), the meeting for the start up and presentation of the ERASMUS + Programme addressed to the beneficiaries of the projects admitted in 2019. Last November, in fact, was officially launched the project VALOR: "Valorization of ancient cultivation techniques in resilient and sustainable agriculture" and the Park Authority is the coordinator of the project and as such is committed to guide and monitor the work carried out by all project partners. We remind that the VALOR Alliance is formed by a large number of associated partners from **Italy, Greece, Germany, Romania, Spain, Turkey and Cyprus**, such as regional, national and European parks, higher education institutions, companies and stakeholders, including regional and national authorities and umbrella organizations. The **VALOR Alliance** aims to develop a curriculum competence framework for the corresponding professional profiles of resilient and sustainable agriculture and will organize comprehensive pilot courses in Italy, Greece, Romania and Germany. During the meeting, it was possible to address the main management issues of the Valor project that will be useful to carry out the planned initiatives and, at the same time, provide the right technical and administrative assistance to the many European partners involved. In parallel to the kickoff meeting, always in Brussels, an institutional meeting was held at the Europarc/IUCN headquarters in which the President Tommaso Navarra and the Director Alfonso Calzolaio participated for the Park. On that occasion it was possible to strengthen the relationships of the Park with the bodies of Europarc especially in view of Green Deal and reconstruction in the Park following the many calamitous events of recent years, placing the protected area as a gym for the experimentation of new green technologies, while respecting the tradition and millennia of local history. The work session in Brussels has proved to be on the whole extremely fruitful as regards the definition of future intervention strategies for the protected area through the creation of synergies with qualified European partners thanks to which it will be possible to intercept European economic resources to implement programs and projects with concrete effects on the economy of mountain territories in view of future sustainability objectives.

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**Erasmus+Program On-line the VALOR
project website: www.erasmus-valor.eu
"Valorisation of ancient farming techniques in
resilient and sustainable agriculture"**

The website of the VALOR project "Valorisation of ancient farming techniques in resilient and sustainable agriculture" is online.

The VALOR project, co-funded by the European Union with the Erasmus+ program, is a three-year project that aims to develop a framework of professional skills in resilient and sustainable agriculture and provide young farmers in particular with the necessary tools to undertake this type of activity through specific freely accessible online training courses. VALOR is promoted by the Gran Sasso-Laga National Park Authority in cooperation with the Management Agency of the National Park of Olympus (Greece), the Natural Park of the Black Forest Centre-North (Germany), the University of Thessaly (Greece), Stefan Cel Mare Suceava University (Romania) and some international partners such as Makro, Consulting firm for management development (Turkey), the Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (Spain), Syntesis-Centre for Research and Education Ltd (Cyprus) and Integra Filder, Education Promotion Association (Germany).

Despite the inconvenience and related restrictions of the pandemic, the project did not stop and was able to gather more than 100 feedback from experts and farmers from all alliance member countries, an excellent starting point and technical input for the construction of training courses in resilient agriculture.

Visit the project website to stay up to date and not miss the contents: **www.erasmus-valor.eu**





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