

HOW CAN WE EXPLOIT PROTECTED AREAS... without putting nature at risk?



IMPACT is an interregional cooperation project aimed at introducing new management models that promote biodiversity-proof economic activities in protected areas.

6
partners

4
years

€
1.22 M
ERDF

Phase I-International Learning Process (2016 -2018):
Exploration, exchange and production of Sustainable Development Plans for protected areas.

Phase II-Monitoring (2018-2020):
Implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Plans in specific protected areas.

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Who are our Partners?



Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning of Andalusia - Regional Government of Andalucía, Spain.



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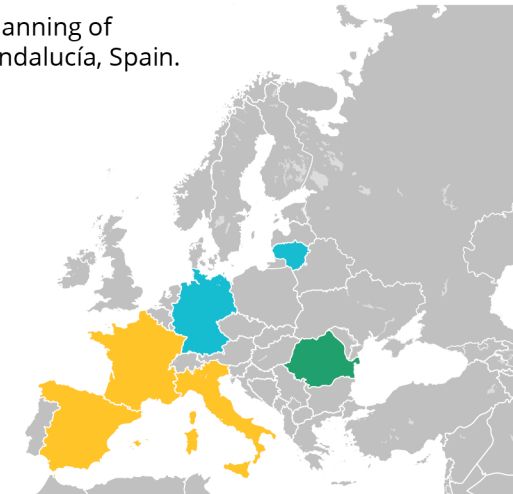
National Institute for Research and Development in Tourism, Romania.



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Traditionally, protected areas have been seen as isolated, static spatial entities, exclusively devoted to biodiversity conservation.

Current trends seek to enlarge this model by introducing new concepts such as ecosystem services and green infrastructures.

Protected areas can be seen as natural and economic assets to promote rural development and create green jobs, an urgent matter especially for young people.

However, local economic development should never constitute a threat to biodiversity, particularly in Natura 2000 sites.