Forest communication at the time of CoViD-19

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Learned lessons from wood-based energy sector as a result of CoViD crisis impact Online event, 15th November 2021

Forestry communication has always been made...



Mountains and forests - 1950

Touring Club Italiano



Istituto nazionale LUCE 1925 «Forests source of richness»

"Film conceived and published by the Directorate General of Forests, to be projected by the Italian Forestry Corporation"



... but in a very different context from today!



Late '800
9 Million farmers
34% of the Italian
population

Today

About 1.5 million employees in agriculture

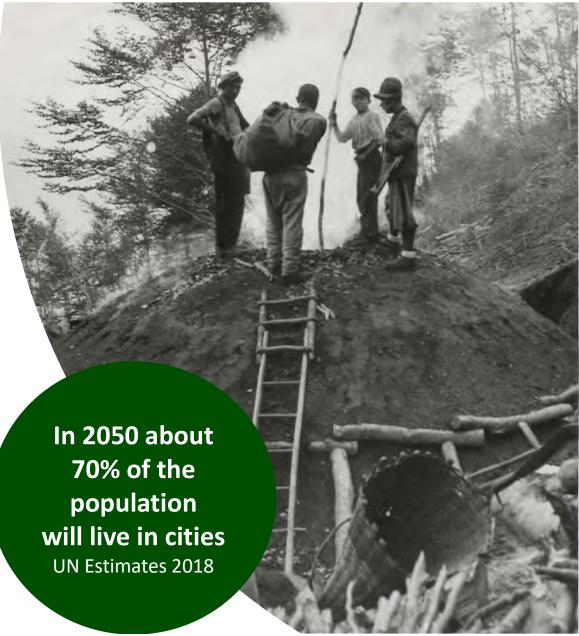
2.5% of the Italian population



What has changed?

If the cultural capital resulting from handed down and lived knowledge, practical experiences and a multidimensional perception of the natural environment in which the community lives is lost, the capability of people to competently and in a balanced way to evaluate any forestry intervention is also lost.

Giampiero Branca (sociologist) - UNISS, SAM Marganai project



Meanwhile... intense and effective activity of environmental communication from the 70s-80s







... and substantial communication gap of the forestry sector, especially in Italy.

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The troubled relationship with mainstream journalism

Boschi al macello: è saccheggio totale



Il mondo vegetale sta vivendo una fase di saccheggio totale, in Italia, in Europa e nel mundo. E chi sa che sala in Italia il 45% delle erosioni è davuto proprio al taglia dei boschi? Eppure non salo non si fanno nulla per arginare il fenomeno, ma si permette alle cose di peggiorare.

LASTAMPA

Anche Roma ha la sua Amazzonia: centinaia di alberi abbattuti per "deforestazione selvaggia"

Sos per la Riserva di Procoio sul litorale romano: pini e lecci tagliati in maniera indiscriminata. Presentato esposto alla Procura della Repubblica

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La selva preistorica del Sulcis che diventa legna da ardere

Il sindaco: creiamo lavoro. Ma il 63% dei fondi Ue non è stato speso. Gli ambientalisti «Bruxelles finanzia la tutela di aree come questa, ma qui c'è un ritorno in voti»





di Gian Antonio Stella

Il taglia alberi: «Il macchinario più

spaventoso al mondo»



TOP NEWS

Firenze, si incatenano agli alberi per non farli abbattere: tagli rinviati



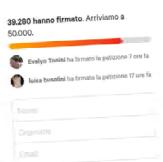
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Foreste italiane: un patrimonio inestimabile sotto attacco













Funeral of trees



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In Italy how is forest management communicated.....



Communication of individuals

Communication of associations or bodies with individual tools

Sporadic and underfunded initiatives

The most effective way in Italy is to exploit disasters

Forest fires

Wind storms

29 October 2019 - Vaia storm

40,000 hectares

12,000,000 m³

4 affected regions

An example...

The Vaia storm: a great catastrophe that helped us ... at least in communication!



Infografics

journalists

"provide real data and contextualize them with respect to other events that occurred in Italy and Europe"

Over 10 newspapers



Exhibition

general public and schools

"understand what happened and what to do for the future"

5 exhibitions in 4 regions



Brochures

tourists

"how to read the landscape modified by the storm and observe the restoration works"

50,000 copies in hotels, refuges, tourist information centers

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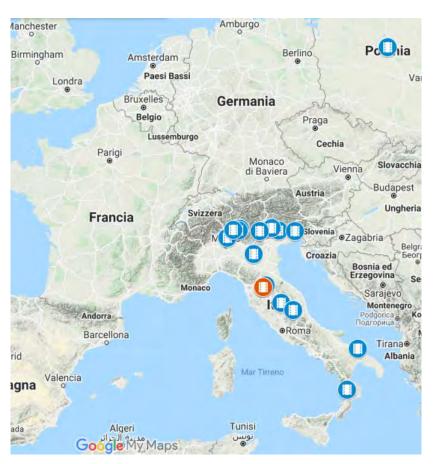


Video

general public

"we have not lost Dolomites' forests and we have skills and expertise to restore them"

10,500 YouTube views 64,400 FaceBook views



18 projections at conferences

The Compagnia delle Foreste's video has been much viewed also thanks to these patrons

... patrocinio di



























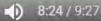






















How much did it cost the campaign on Vaia storm?









Total cost = **20,000 €**

Does it happen only in Italy? Not at all!

In some European countries for some years they are running for cover ...



Switzerland



Denmark



Austria



France



POUR MOI, C'EST LE BOIS

France

Let's analyze 2 cases

Case 1 France

Case 2 Switzerland

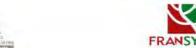
Case 1

France

Promoters



SYLVICULTURE & PRODUCTION FORESTIERE

















📚 EXPLOITATION FORESTIÈRE & TRANSFORMATION DU BOIS



















PARTENAIRES

















Interprofession National => more economic actors engaged in a supply chain



Communication campaign 2017 – 2018 – 2019 «Pour mois, c'est le bois»

White paper on problems of the forest-wood supply chain in 37,000 copies forwarded to all 2017 policy election candidates

Roadshow

Facebook
Twitter
Instagram
Linkedin
YouTube

TV spots campaign

Event organized (2018) at the High School of Architecture to promote wood (French)

Radio spots campaign

Press campaign in various newspapers

Web page newsletter

Spots in cinema before 3 popular movies

Dedicated poster to professions related to forest and wood



Télévision

france 2

france-3

france • 5



1.210 SPOTS de 30 "

D'avril 2018 à décembre 2018

119 millions de contacts

De juillet 2018 à septembre 2018

LA MAISON FRANCE 5-



234 BILLBOARDS* de 12"

*Billboard : animation graphique présentant le sponsor d'une émission TV



Radio

*Billboard : animation graphique présentant le sponsor d'une émission TV









230 SPOTS de 20 "

D'avril 2018 à octobre 2018

58,2 millions de contacts





Diffusion du SPOT 45"

Dans les salles du réseau MEDIAVISION, d'avril à juin 2018. Et à partir du 5 décembre 2018 :

ASTÉRIX ET LE SECRET DE LA POTION MAGIQUE

3 millions d'entrées cumulées (au 1er janvier 2019)

D'avril 2018 à décembre 2018

Presse papier

insertions des annonces presse Visuels thématiques dans la presse spécialisée professionnelle et grand public

Réseaux sociaux et digital







NouTube

de vidéos 30 " vues intégralement

147.504 clics vers le site franceboisforet.fr

25 millions de contacts





POUR MOI, C'EST LE BOIS















Case 2

Switzerland

Public-private initiative









Case 2 Promoters

It is a second-level association that represents the entire sector and that brings together all the Associations of the supply chain, up to the architects and engineers who design wooden products



AFS - Association of **Swiss Foresters** (Operators)

Forest, Wildlife and **Landscape Conference**



Wood craftsmen



Forest owners



Case 2

Strategy

Collective awareness with emotional initiatives for people involvement.

Strategic choice

Swiss sculptor who creates life-size statues of important **Swiss** historical figures, made entirely of **Swiss** wood



Case 2 Statues & Events

Square in Bern - 2017



Zurich Stock Exchange



Triennial of Sculpture RagARTz (450,000 Visitors)

> **Swiss** Parliament -Bern





Implementation of a cross-media communication plan

Video

(Psychologist + sculptor & c)

newsletter

Travelling exhibitions Turnkey wood (from

Events organization

(Parliamentarians + journalists)

proposal to action!)

Web page

Press Toolkit

YouTube

Twitter (UFAM)

Instagram

Facebook

Stories

(on Woodvetia)

Webzine

(Swiss wood)

Press releases

(journalists)

How much does it cost to make a strong communication campaign on a national scale?



Case 1 - France private = 10 Mio€/3 years



Case 2 – Switzerland = 2,25 Mio€/4 years

The initiatives of France and Switzerland that we have just seen tell us that ...

In a context in which every **large organization** has been implementing **for years** a pressing communication on public and political opinion, to be effective we cannot ignore:

- 1. Measurable objective of communication (e.g. attitude to be changed, involvement of specific subjects in certain initiatives)
- 2. Involvement in the support, including financial support, of several institutional subjects and / or the operating sector (timber industry?)
- 3. Multi-annual and cross-media communication plan
- **4. Adequate budget** to achieve the goal of communication (there is no budget = there is no achievable goal!

How can we achieve concrete and lasting results? 4 parallel strategies

«Playing in attack, not in defense»

Anticipate the messages we want to convey and not wait to have problems

«Playing with a strategy»

Identify precise targets and calibrate on them the messages and tools to be put in place

«Playing as a team»

Joining forces, experiences, knowledge and resources

«Play with continuity»

Avoid spot initiatives as they will soon be forgotten





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