

CONSUMELESS

Consume less in Mediterranean Touristic Communities

PRIORITY AXIS 3: Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources

OBJECTIVE 3.1: To enhance sustainable the development policies for more efficient valorisation of natural resources and cultural heritage in coastal and adjacent maritime areas of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED Area

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1 Scope of the activity

The activity consisted in the organization of one training workshop in Ragusa, targeted to project partners staff and other key actors that will support the testing phase.

The training workshop had two main objectives:

- 1. to provide to the staff of the partners' responsible for the pilot implementation of the CONSUME-LESS tourism model and to other key actors the know how needed to guide and support the implementation process;
- 2. to discuss and fine tune the Action Plan for the implementation of the CONSUME-LESS tourism model in the pilot case.

2 Planning of the training workshop

2.1 Target group of the training workshop

The training has been conceptualized for about 20 participants in each pilot area.

The participants were expected to be the following:

- Decision makers and technical staff of the Municipality of Ragusa;
- Staff of the project partner responsible for supporting the pilot municipality in the implementation process: SVI.MED
- Staff of other project partners of reference for the pilot area: Regione Sicilia;
- Representatives of local associations, organizations, institutions whose involvement is important for a successful implementation of the CONSUME-LESS tourism model and that could be also involved in the committee for managing the implementation of the CONSUME-LESS label. Indicative but non exhaustive list:
 - o Tourism and/or Trade associations and organizations;
 - O Public or private companies responsible for waste, water and energy management;
 - O Public or private companies/organizations responsible for managing most relevant tourism attractions in the pilot areas (i.e. museums, natural parks etc.);
 - o Environmental Protection Agencies;
 - Environmental NGOs.

2.2 Organization of the training workshop and logistical set up

The logistics and materials needed for delivering the workshop where defined as follows:

- seminar rooms with movable furniture and natural light: at least 1 plenary room and one secondary room, in order to have the possibility to organize participants in two separate working groups for the "interaction" sessions.
- projector, laptop/computer and wi-fi connection, at least in the plenary room;
- pin walls, pins, brown paper;
- flipchart, flipchart paper, pens, big tip markers and post-it in different colours.







3 Realization of the Training Workshop

3.1 Venue and programme of the workshop

The workshop has been held on 09/03/2017 in Ragusa, with the following programme.

Ragusa, 09/03/2017				
09:30-10.00	09:30-10.00 Participants registration and welcome greetings			
		Municipality of		
		Ragusa		
10:00-10:15	10:00-10:15 The MED Consume-less project and the pilot area specific context			
	(Presentation)			
		Ragusa		
10:15-10:30	Presentation of the participants (Interaction)	Ambiente Italia		
10:30-11:30	The Consume-less tourism model: concept, components and tools,	Ambiente Italia		
	implementation approach			
	(Presentation + Question & Answers)			
11:30-12.30	The local action plan for the implementation of the model in the	Ambiente Italia and		
	pilot area:	Svi.med		
	 implementation steps, tools and initiatives, roles and 			
	responsibilities (Presentation) – 30 min			
	■ discussion on strengths and weaknesses (Interaction) – 30 min			
12:30-13:00	Conclusions and next steps	Ambiente Italia and		
		Svi.med		

3.2 Participants

The following persons and related organizations have taken part to the workshop:

- Orsola Bolognani, Ambiente Italia s.r.l.;
- Emilia Arrabito, Svi.med onlus;
- Barbara Sarnari, Svi.med onlus;
- Fabrizia Sammito, Svi.med onlus;
- Giuseppina Di Stefano and Maria La Terra, Ragusa province, tourism sector;
- D.ssa Licitra, Camera di Commercio di Ragusa;
- Antonella Caldarera, CNA Ragusa;
- Maria Antoci, Ornella Tuzzolino and Antonio Zanotto, Ragusa Municipality;
- Carmelo Piparo and Emanuele Ilardi, Sicily region, tourism department

The attendee list signed by the participants is provided in Annex 1.

During a second meeting (11/04/2017) for discussing the same issues the further following persons have been involved:

- Ezio Palazzolo, Distretto Turistico degli Iblei;
- Santi Tiralosi, Centro commerciale Naturale Antica Ibla;
- Sebastiana Disca, Tourism assessor of Ragusa Municipality;
- Salvo Ingallinera, CONFCOMMERCIO (by phone).









3.3 Contents of the workshop

First presentation: "The MED Consume-less project and the pilot area specific context", by Emilia Arrabito – Svi.med Onlus











Second presentation: "The Consume-less tourism model: concept, components and tools, implementation approach", by Orsola Bolognani – Ambiente Italia s.r.l.





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CONSUMELESS TOURISM MODEL: main components

- Consume-less label
- Demonstrative measures
- Awareness raising campaign
- Monitoring
- Consume-less marketing strategy

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CONSUME-LESS LABEL: SCOPE

The label is assigned to private or public operators (tourism service providers) which apply specific energy, water and waste sustainable management actions in their activities, offering to tourists a choice of services able to minimize the consumption of water and energy and the generation of waste and to better know and appreciate local products during their stay



DEMONSTRATIVE MEASURES Scope of the demonstrative measure

- Actions/installations aimed at reducing waste or saving water or energy, located in places with a high visibility
- These measures play an important role in communicating to tourists the commitment of the municipalities in saving water and energy and reduce waste, becoming a part of the local awareness campaign



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DEMONSTRATIVE MEASURES: some examples



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN

- Communication initiatives and tools for a widespread information at Municipal level aimed at promoting the "consume-less" brand
- Communication initiatives and tools realized by the sites of tourism service providers (hotels, B&B, camping sites, beach resorts, food and handicraft shops). Specific communication materials and items are provided to each local facility
- Communication initiatives realized involving directly tourists and citizens, aimed at involving them in the promotion of the "consume-less" brand through the collection of video and audio messages, pictures or other messages testifying that they have liked the commitment of the tourism location for a sustainable tourism, applying a Storytelling and SoLoMo (Social-Location-Mobile) approach. Specific gadgets are given to the tourists that leave a message about the "consume-less" brand



















AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN Map of the participants to the label



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MONITORING

- Monitoring of the label implementation, according to the monitoring approach defined in the consume-less label guidelines
- Monitoring of the demonstrative measures, according to specific monitoring procedures related to the kind of measures implemented
- Monitoring of the sustainability level achieved by the tourism location, based on the application of the European Tourism Indicators System (ETIS) for sustainable destination management developed by the European Commission





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CONSUME-LESS LABEL

Promoters, management criteria, implementation approach mandatory and voluntary actions

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CONSUME-LESS LABEL:

Promoters and management criteria

The promoters of the label are the local public authorities together with local key actors representing the tourist and environmental

The promoters will identify one person in charge of the management of the label that will be part of the consume-less committee. The committee will sign the consume-less agreement, committing itself to manage the label implementation.

The main tasks of the committee are:

- promoting at territorial level the label and the facilities awarded
- providing technical support
- monitoring the application of the label's criteria and the reached results



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CONSUME-LESS LABEL:

Who can apply it

- Hotels and accommodation
- **Camping sites**
- Cafes and restaurants
- Food and handicraft shops
- Beach resorts







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CONSUME-LESS LABEL:

The application process (1)

Facilities willing to apply the consume-less label should sign a consume-less agreement including the following commitments:

- implementation of mandatory and voluntary actions aiming to reduce waste, water and energy consumption;
- the management must ensure that the employees are aware of the establishment's environmental Committments
- implementation of communication activities: consume-less label must be displayed in a prominent place, information materials about the environmental commitment and the consume-less initiatives must be visible and accessible for guests and published on the web
- compliance with all applicable local and international legislation and regulations



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CONSUME-LESS LABEL:

The application process (2)

The **first steps** for the facilities signing the voluntary agreement are the following:

- identification of a label manager, a person in charge of the consume-less label implementation and (if needed) the other figures supporting him;
- the label manager, together with the responsible for purchasing, make a first analysis on the basis of a specific monitoring check list (one for each type of "target groups") identifying existing management activities aiming to reduce waste production, to increase separate collection, to reduce water and energy consumption (mandatory) and quantifying current waste production and water and energy consumption (voluntary) and defining the actions to be implemented during the first year. This analysis will be the first step for the following monitoring activities.

On-site audits by the committee?



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CONSUME-LESS LABEL:

Monitoring procedures

- After one year, the monitoring checklist used for the preliminary analysis have to be filled in again, describing the measures adopted in order to satisfy mandatory and voluntary criteria, also using quantitative indicators (when possible) to better specify the reached results.
- The compiled checklist is sent to the consume-less committee that will check it through an off-site audit. Additional on-site audits should be organized by the committee on a minimum sample of facilities (20%-25%).
- For the first year of application the facilities have to report and show that at least all mandatory criteria have been satisfied. For the following years they have to add - at least - a new voluntary action or to set - at least - one yearly target improving quantitative results related to mandatory criteria (e.g. increase energy efficient light bulbs from 50% to 70%, add a new category of waste collected separately or reduce the number of single use products served at the restaurant!



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CONSUME-LESS LABEL: Benefits for the applicants

- The consume-less committee will organize a local communication campaign in order to promote the label and the facilities awarded
- On a broader level (regional and national), the consume-less project will develop a marketing strategy aiming to promote the consume-less tourist model
- The facilities can use the consume-less logo for their promotional materials and initiatives
- The consume-less committee will organize training courses, help desk activities, i.e. the organisation of purchasing groups in order to help facilities who want to buy specific equipment (LED light bulbs, water flow reducers, organic waste composting bins etc.) in getting better terms of payments.
- A consume-less kit of communication materials and items will be delivered to the facilities implementing the label.



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CONSUME-LESS LABEL:

Criteria for Hotels and accommodation

Mendetory	Voluntery
Energy efficient lighting products (LED) in public areas and guest	Outside lighting is minimised and/or has an automatic turn off
rooms are in place (at least 30% of lights in the first year and	sensor installed
>50% from the second year)	
Automatic controls are used for internal illumination of its guest	Hall and corridor lighting has motion detectors
rooms. (If the lighting is not switched off automatically, guests	
must have highly visible information reminding them to switch	
off all lights before leaving the room)	
Heating and air-conditioning control systems are applied	A heat recovery system for e.g. refrigeration systems,
according to the seasonal changes or when the establishment's	ventilators, swimming pools or sanitary wastewater is installed
facilities are not in use.	
Definition of a standard temperature for cooling and heating in	All windows have an appropriately high degree of thermal
guest rooms (cooling temperature, in particular, have not to	insulation or other energy efficient initiatives corresponding to
exceed more than 8 C° outside temperature and, in any case	the local regulations and climate
have to be higher than 23 C°)	
There is a written procedure regarding electric devices in empty	Newly purchased electric devices used in guest rooms, kitchen,
bedrooms and the automatic switch to energy saving mode (TV	laundry, etc. are energy efficient (the highest energy label class)
Computers, printers and copy machines, etc.)	
	Eco-certified and/or renewable energy is purchased
	Solar thermal or photovoltaic panels are installed
	Energy use is registered at least once a month
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CONSUME-LESS LABEL: Criteria for Hotels and accommodation

WATER		
Mendetory	Voluntary	
The staff and cleaning personnel have a system in place to regularly check for dripping taps and leaky toilets	Toilets water consumption is decreased to 6 litres per full flush or less and newly purchased toilets have 3/6 litres dual flush	
Guest room water taps and showers are equipped with water saving devices	Wash hand basins and/or showers in public areas are fitted with automatic controls	
There must be signs in the rooms informing guests that sheets and/or towels will only be changed upon request	Rain water harvesting and use is practised at the hotel site	
Smart flower and garden watering procedures are in place	Wastewater is re-used (after treatment)	
	Regular checks show that there are no leaks in the swimming pool	



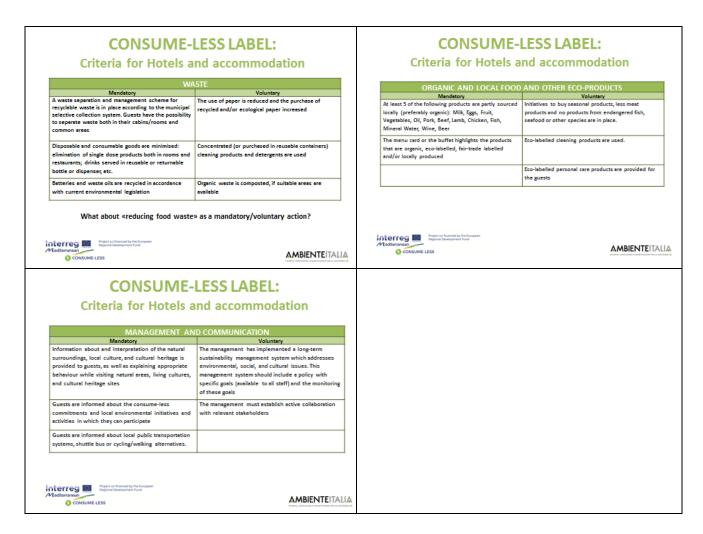
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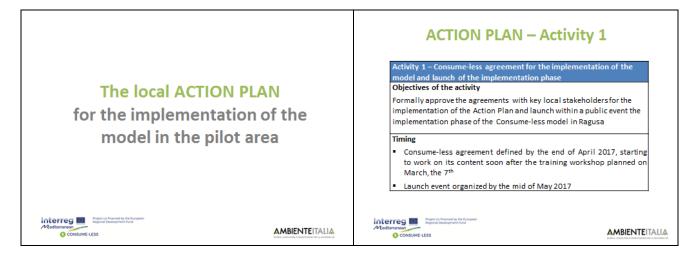








Third presentation: "The local action plan for the implementation of the model in the pilot area: implementation steps, tools and initiatives, roles and responsibilities", by Orsola Bolognani, Ambiente Italia











ACTION PLAN – Activity 2

Activity 2 – Design of the communication campaign and related tools

Objectives of the activity

Detailed design of the communication initiatives and tools to be realized at local level, based on the communication kit described in the general guidance of the Consume-less tourism model, but personalized according to the local specific needs, printing/purchasing of the communication materials and tools

Timing

Communication materials available by the end of June 2017



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ACTION PLAN – Activity 3

Activity 3 – Selection and design of the demonstrative measures

Objectives of the activity

Selection of the demonstrative measures to be realized in Ragusa (they can be one or more measures and they can be related to the management of one or more resources—i.e. water, energy, waste) & executive design of the needed infrastructures and/or purchase of the needed equipment

Timing

- Selection of the demonstrative measure and preliminary feasibility analysis by the end of March 2017
- Executive design of the demonstrative measures finalized by the end of June 2017



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ACTION PLAN - Activity 4

Activity 4 – Implementation of the action plan: the consume-less label

Objectives of the activity

Involve and support tour ist service providers in the implementation of the consume-less label and to start its implementation: organize informative initiatives for collecting their expressions of interest and specific training workshops for presenting and discussing the label criteria, set up of an helpdesk to support the tourism service providers in applying the label

Timing

- Informative initiatives for involving tourism service providers by Mid May 2017
- Training workshops for the different categories by Mid June 2017 Subscription of the consume-less agreement by Mid June 2017
- Subscription of the consume-less agree
 Set up of the help-desk by June 2017
- Full implementation of the Label starting from July 2017 (testing phase until March 2018)



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ACTION PLAN - Activity 5

Activity 5 – Implementation of the action plan: the awareness raising

Objectives of the activity

Realize the awareness raising campaign, by implementing the initiatives and disseminating the tools identified in the related communication plan

Timing

 Implementation of the awareness raining campaign starting from the beginning of July 2017 (testing phase until March 2018)



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ACTION PLAN – Activity 6

Activity 6 – Implementation of the action plan: the demonstrative

Objectives of the activity

Realize the demonstrative measure, as defined in the feasibility analysis and the related executive design (see previous activity 3) $\,$

Timing

 Procurement procedures for the purchase and installation of the equipment launched in July 2017, realization of the installation by March 2018



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ACTION PLAN - Activity 7

Activity 7 – Implementation of the action plan: the demonstrative

Objectives of the activity

Monitor the implementation of the Action plan and evaluate the effectiveness of the Consume-less tourism model in promoting a sustainable tourism in the pilot area of Ragusa

Timing

- Design and agreement of the monitoring procedures by April 2017 (monitoring procedures to be included in the consume-less agreement)
- Application of the monitoring procedures starting from the beginning of July 2017 (testing phase until March 2018)

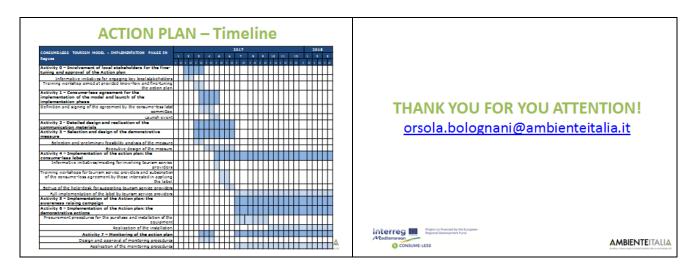


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3.4 Main issues discussed during the workshop and results of the discussion

After the presentation of the action plan a debate was opened for understanding the interest of the invited key actors on the application of the label and their possible role. Everybody express its interest to promote the label on the Ragusa municipality and the follow issues will be defined:

- CNA suggest to involve actively Ibla and not only Marina di Ragusa in this sense during the second meeting on the 11/04 the president of the Centro commercial natural Antica Ibla was invited and express full interest for the initiative;
- Camera di Commercio of Ragusa asked to receive as soon as possible a draft of the MoU to sign with the main role of each one after the meeting of the 11/04 the managing board decided to divide the MoU in two steps: during the testing phase (first year) the participants to the Managing Board will just promote and follow the testing phase and identify clearly and precisely their commitments for the future management of the label (a second MoU will be signed on April 2018)
- The Municipality of Ragusa communicated that an incentive exists for the tourism facilities which reduce the energy consumptions in their structures; this tool can be an incentive for adopting the label and enhance at the same time the awarding system promoted by the municipality (these facilities have a discount on the tourist tax)
- The Ragusa province told that they are linked to all the hotels of the province and that it's interesting to test with them the label;
- Antonio Zanotto, environmental councillor of Ragusa municipality, told to everybody that many of the requirements asked for adopting the label about waste reduction and management are already required by the municipality or awarded with the PAYT system that should be launched in autumn in the municipality, so the facilities will have a clear benefit adopting the label;
- The participants asked to add in the logo of the label something which represents also the countryside and not only the sea, for the future enlargement of the application to all the territory;
- A discussion was opened about the monitoring system, but the decision has been postponed after the testing phase;
- During the meeting of the 11/04 the Distretto turistico degli iblei announced that they are launching a territorial label about the quality of the facilities. This label contains also some







requirements at environmental level. They asked to sign a bilateral protocol with Svimed for exploiting both label.

Results:

Svimed mailed to everybody a draft of the MoU for the signature, a draft of the tender for the facilities which want to adopt the label with annexed the draft of the guidelines, the criteria and a questionnaire for the facilities. The tender should be launched before the end of April and the proposed candidacies will be analysed each 15 days until the end of the testing phase, and in case direct meeting will be organized for checking the criteria or giving more information. These activities will be developed in cooperation with the members of the managing board. The communication kit has been planned to be given at the first 50 structures (budget approved at project level), after these the facilities will receive the window films with the label, the brochures, the posters and in case other communication tools if available. Svimed has committed itself to cover the largest possible number of structures on the Ragusa municipality.

The logos of the member of the managing board will be placed where possible in the communication material at local level (as posters and brochures). The member of the label managing board will give the larger promotion of the label by means of their institutional channels.

3.5 Photo gallery

























ANNEX 1

WORKSHOP FORMATIVO Ragusa, 9 Marzo 2017

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