

CONSUME-LESS

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 Realmonte, 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 Realmonte;
- Staff of the project partner responsible for supporting the pilot municipality in the implementation process: Regione Sicilia
- Staff of other project partners of reference for the pilot area: SVI.MED;
- 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, in order to have the possibility to organize participants in 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 08/03/2017 in Realmonte, with the following programme. The first part of the workshop has been realized by visiting the main tourist attractions of the pilot area, accompanied by the Municipality staff and decision makers. The second part of the workshop has been held at the city Council hall.

Realmonte – 08/03/2017						
10.00-13.00	Site-visit for analysing the peculiarities of the pilot area for the implementation of the Consume-less tourism model	Svi.med, Municipality of Realmonte Ambiente Italia				
13:00-14:00	Break for Lunch					
14:00-14:15	Welcome greetings and introduction of the MED Consume-less project (Presentation by Svi.med) Presentation of the participants (Interaction)	Municipality of Realmonte Svi.med				
14:15-15:15	The Consume-less tourism model and local action plan for the implementation of the model in the pilot area The model: concept, implementation approach, components and tools (Presentation) - 20 min The action plan: activities, roles and responsibilities, time plan (Presentation) - 20 min Question & answers on the proposal (Interaction) - 20 min	Ambiente Italia Svi.med				
15:15-16:30	 Peculiarities for the implementation of the model in the pilot area Participatory SWOT analysis about the implementation of the model in the pilot area (Interaction) – 45 min Discussion on strengths and weaknesses (Interaction) – 30 min 	Ambiente Italia				
16.30-17.45	 Fine-tuning of the local action plan for the implementation of the model in the pilot area participatory design of the implementation strategy in the pilot area (Interaction) – 45 min presentation and discussion of the results of the working groups – 30 min 	Ambiente Italia				
17:45-18:00	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;
- Giovanni Iacono, Svi.med onlus;
- Francesco Terlizzi, Italkali SpA;





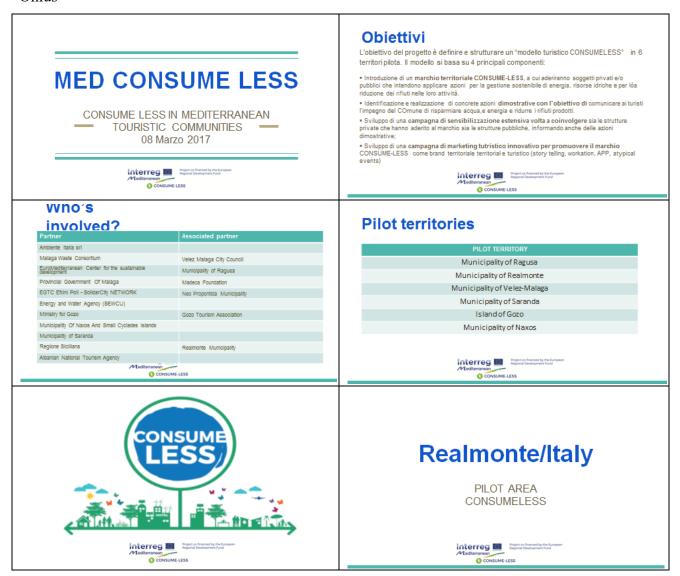


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- Paolo Salemi, Pro Loco Scala dei Turchi;
- Stefano Tesé, I.C. Scuola "G. Garibaldi";
- Emanuele Fiorica, Assessore Comune di Realmonte;
- Maria Frumusa, Presidente Consiglio Comunale di Realmonte;
- Alessandro Bufano, Federalberghi e Confcommercio.

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

3.3 Contents of the workshop

First presentation: "Introduction of the MED Consume-less project", 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.









THE IDEA COMES FROM THE WASTE-LESS IN CHIANTI PROJECT



CONSUMELESS TOURISM MODEL: implementation approach

- Integrated approach, including multiple types of energy and water saving actions and waste prevention and management measures
- Offer of "consume-less" services through the active involvement of tourism service providers
- Awareness raising and behavioural change campaigns based on the use of innovative solutions including a mix of Storytelling and SoLoMo (Social-Location-Mobile) solutions

Implementation strategy characterized in particular by the introduction of a **territorial "consume-less" label**



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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









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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



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN The communication kit for the label applicants



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN Map of the participants to the label



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





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 sectors.

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

- 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.



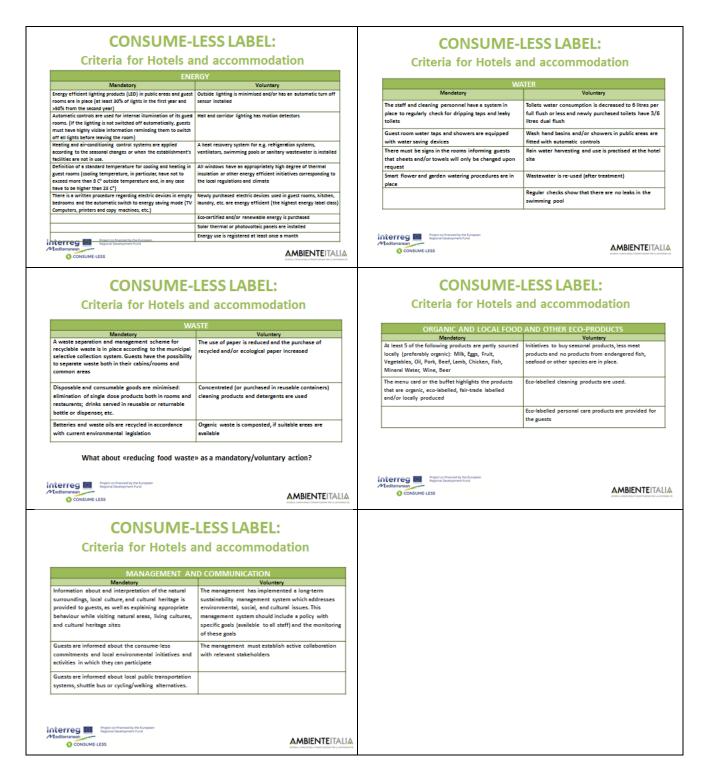
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Third presentation: "The local action plan for the implementation of the model in the pilot area: implementation steps, tools and initiatives, roles and responsibilities", by Orsola Bolognani, Ambiente Italia









The local ACTION PLAN for the implementation of the model in the pilot area

implementation of the Action Plan and launch within a public event the implementation phase of the Consume-less model in Realmonte

Objectives of the activity

 Consume-less agreement defined by the end of April 2017, starting to work on its content soon after the training workshop planned on March, the 7th

ACTION PLAN - Activity 1

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Formally approve the agreements with key local stakeholders for the

Launch event organized by the mid of May 2017

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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 Realmonte (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 tourist 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
- 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

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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)

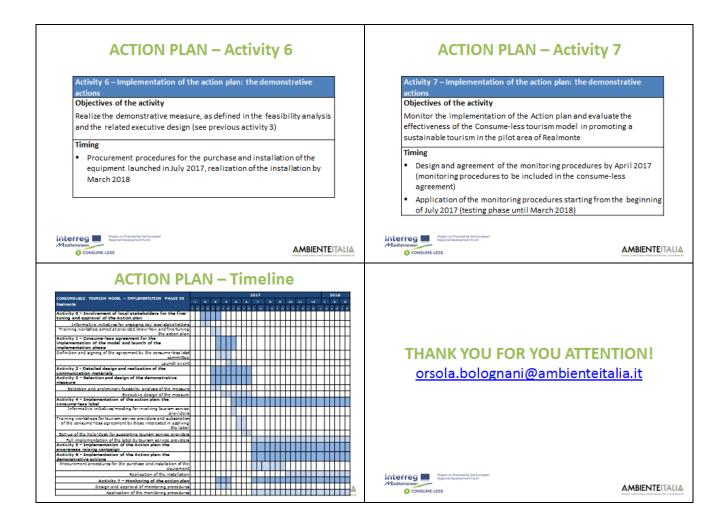


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3.4 Main issues discussed during the workshop and results of the discussion

After the presentation of the project and 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 in Realmonte.

During the meeting there was an interest in the project and above all in the development of the Label.

The main issues arised were:

- Confcommercio and Federalberghi asked what are the main advantages for economic operators-
- The school was very interested to organize info-days involving the students of the school for promoting the label and the participation in the project;
- In summer the Municipality organises the Costa Bianca Festival and in that occasion there is the possibility to promote the label with events and communication campaign.
- The Municipality of Realmonte has already a label, that is: "Realmonte Città della Scala dei Turchi" and asked if there is the possibility to insert in the ConsumelessMed label an image of the territory. However since it is an European label, there is no possibility to do so. There is the possibility to taylor the communication campaign in Realmonte emphasizing the associations participating in the local Managing Committee. So all the participants asked to add in the logo of the label in Realmonte also their logos.







- There is also the Community of the "Realmontese food" that could be interested in participating in the activities of the project;
- Realmonte is part of the District of Valle dei Templi, that can be a vehicle for further promotion of the project label.
- A discussion was opened about the monitoring system, but the decision has been postponed after the testing phase.

Next steps:

- To receive as soon as possible a draft of the MoU to sign with the main role of each partner. In a first phase the Managing committee will be formed by the partners project and the local associations, and after the first year to update the commitments for the future management of the label
- Svimed will mail to everybody a draft of the MoU for the signature, a draft of the call 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 call should be launched at the end of April and the proposed candidacies can 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. By the 15th of May there will be a meeting with economic operators;
- All these activities will be developed in cooperation with the members of the managing board.
- The logos of the member of the managing board will be placed whenever 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.
- 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 in Realmonte.
- For demonstration activities to be placed in Realmonte from the Regional Department of Tourism, there is the preference for the Local committee, to buy some electric bikes for summer period for tourists or to place dome Street lamp with solar energy.

3.5 Photo gallery

Participatory site-visit





















Meeting in the City Council Hall























ANNEX 1

WORKSHOP FORMATIVO REALTONTE 08/03/2017

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