

APPLICATION FORM CONTEST 2023 « MY PROJECT IN 120 SECONDS »

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General informations on the project

Name of the project	Capraia Smart Island
Name of the island	Capraia
Size (hectares)	1900
Country	Italy

Theme of the application (only one choice) :

- **x** Ecological restoration
- Sustainable agriculture and/or aquaculture
- Circular economy and/or waste recovery

Information about the applicant organization

Applicant organization				
Full Name	Chimica Verde Bionet, CVB.			
Missions and objectives of the association (max 200 words)	Capraia Smart Island is promoted by Chimica Verde Bionet, a non-profit association with the aim of promoting and developing research and the industrial application of raw materials of vegetable origin. By statute, all raw materials and processing chains promoted by the association must comply with criteria of environmental sustainability and protection of biodiversity and the landscape. We are dedicated to the following sectors: Energy from plant biomass; Dyes, solvents, natural thickeners; Fiber crops; Advanced biofuels; Biolubricants, technical oils, surfactants; Bioplastics and biopolymers; Renewable raw materials for fine chemicals; Technical means for agriculture;			









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	Cosmeceutics; Cleaning; Fish. The main skills and activities of the association are dedicated to the phase of agricultural production, the related environmental balances and the analysis of the life cycle of products and co-products of vegetable origin. In this direction it has developed particular skills in the assessment of the carbon footprint and the potential for carbon sequestration in the soil. Since 2016 CVB started working on smart islands, creating the Capraia Smart Island project.			
Status (ID number)				
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The Legal	Representative of the applicant organization			
First name, last name	Sofia Mannelli			
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The CELEBRATE ISLANDS Project Manager (if different from the legal representative)				
Name				
Role				
Phone number				
E-mail				

Project details

General description of the project (max 250 words)	Capraia Smart Island is a circular economy project, based on the participation of the local population, that is transforming the island of Capraia into a permanent laboratory of good practices aimed at strengthening the sustainability of the production chains, protecting the island's biodiversity, preventing and eliminating pollution from the sea, making the blue economy sustainable and protecting the island's natural resources.
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	Capraia is a small island at the center of the Pelagos
	International Marine Mammal Sanctuary , it's the pearl of the
	Archipelago National Park Tuscan, included in the GREEN LIST of the IUCN.
	Working on the smaller islands makes possible to test models
	of sustainability given that geographical and social isolation
	makes these territorial contexts similar to real open-air
	laboratories. The project, starting from local traditions,
	redesigns the process of transition and ecological restoration
	of biodiversity by bridging cultural and material gaps, with
	the inhabitants.
	Even for the European Strategies the smaller islands
	represent a "driving force for the ecological transition" with
	the protection and enhancement of natural beauties, the
	management of water resources and an ever greater
	development of local agriculture which, in an "extreme"
	context requires environmental-friendly approaches and
	specific technical solutions.
	During 2023, in collaboration with the municipality, CVB set
	up 2 discussion tables at the municipality of Capraia: A table
	related to the agricultural supply chain and one dedicated to
	the fish supply chain. The tables meet periodically to
	promote ideas, issues and exchange information and to
	promote training courses.
	In collaboration with the public administration and the
	Tuscan Archipelago National Park, involving and mobilizing
	local people, the project is meant to be a laboratory of ideas
	that, over time, has involved hundreds of researchers and
	stakeholders:
	- Promote ecological transition.
Main activities planned	 Pointing out sustainable development paths.
within the framework of the	- Become a replicable model.
project	 Promote a participatory process of listening and training
	with local farmers and fishermen.
	We collaborated in building Capraia Plastic Free, writing the
	National Plastic Free Protocol and promoting the use of
	quality water fountains that provide free water and decrease
	the sale of water in disposable plasctic bottles. We are
	working to establish the first Biodistrict on a minor island,

















	because organic farming avoids groundwater and soil pollution and promotes high quality products. We are working on training to increase the sustainability of production chains (fishing and agriculture, through vocational training paths) An island to be "blue " must be green. We are working on the first ERC on an innovative minor island, because it will also be a HUB for other ERCs. We are collaborating on the development of project ideas for the reuse of sewage water (waste water) in agriculture. Every year since 2017, we have organized a three-day event where experts, stakeholders and the public meet and dialogue in a coworking process to help bring innovations and best practices to the area.
Expected results of the project (max 150 words)	The goal of the project is to increase the sustainability of all economic chains on the island and beyond: water cycle, agriculture, fishing, tourism, port. But we also work on energy efficiency, waste, single-use plastic reduction, energy, transportation and lighting. We also work on the mobilization and involvement of the people living on the island through co-creation and trainings with farmers and fishermen, open to all local people. The ultimate goal, in addition to building a replicable model of the island of Capraia, is to help the municipal administration in finding the resources to carry out the renovation of an old convent of Franciscan friars from the 17th century and transform it into a High School for blue and green economy training, aiming at becoming an international reference point for these topics.
How do you plan to evaluate the project' results and impacts in the medium and long term ?	Through the annual report of the Sustainable Islands Observatory, a project promoted by Legambiente e National Research Council - Institute on Atmospheric Pollution (CNR- IIA) that analyzes the results of all Italian islands. It's a Project The aim of the Sustainable Islands Observatory is to quantify what is happening in the smaller Italian islands related to the the energy, water, wasteand mobility sectors. The main point is to encourage an acceleration to achieve a sustainable transition focused on these such as natural and fascinated territories by reports, workshops, conferences, and news. Additionally, Capraia Smart Island promotes a yearly













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	conference, attracting policy makers, researchers, industries, associations and civil society representatives. The conference is a milestone for evaluating the results and suggest innovative ideas for future activities
Links between the project and existing conservation and management activities	https://www.isolesostenibili.it/en/ Part of our staff actively collaborates with the Municipality of Capraia island: for example, CVB is coordinating a project to create an innovative energy community, funded by the Next Generation EU. With the Tuscan Archipelago National Park CVB collaborates within the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (CETS), is a management tool to develop sustainable forms of tourism, such as Capraia Smart Island.
on the island (max 150 words)	With the Sustainable Islands Observatory, promoted by Legambiente and National Research Council - Institute on Atmospheric Pollution (CNR-IIA) CVB is in charge of data collection on the island, coordinating all responsible parties.
Presentation of the mobilized team (max 100 words)	Sofia Mannelli president of CVB, for the past 25 years, she has been involved in bioenergy and green chemistry,- Beppe Croce Founder and director of the Bionet Green Chemistry Association. He is also president of Federcanapa and a member of the Chair of the Scientific Committee of Legambiente. He has worked for many years on technological and organizational innovation and agroecology issues. " – Simona Buonandi and Francesca Scarpelli, of the CVB operations secretariat – Matteo Monni CVB board member, vice president of Itabia, italian biomass association, and Expert naturalist of bioeconomic supply chains with over 30 years of experience.
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Public organizations & partners involved in the project (max 150 words) Capraia Island Municipality. The Tuscan Archipelago National Park, that is considered the largest marine park in the Mediterranean. lit includes seven islands, in the heart of the great Cetacean Sanctuary, Pelagos. The Institute on Atmospheric Pollution of the National Research Council of Italy ,CNR, whose mission is to know and understand air quality to act toward decarbonization and sustainable development to protect future generations. Kyoto Club a non-profit organisation founded in February 1999. Italian Biomass Assciation, ITABIA. Legambiente, a nonprofit association made up of citizens who care about environmental protection. Energy Center Politecnico Torino, from Politecnico di Torino.

















Provisional schedule 2023

Details of activities/month Add lines if necessary	ylut	August	September	October	November	December	January
1 : Agricultural Supply Chain	SWOT analysis		Agriculture		Agriculture		Agriculture
Table	agriculture		table meeting		training		training
	Capraia Island				courses		courses
2 : Fish supply chain Table	SWOT analysis.		Fisheries table		Capraia		Start
	Capraia Island		meeting		fishermen		coordination
	fisheries				meet with		Capraia
	supply chain				colleagues		Smart Island
					from other		sustainable
					small-scale		fish supply
					fisheries		chain 2024
					related		
					entities.		
					Exchange of		
					ideas and		
					issues		
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Activities and sub-activities	ESTIMATED BUDGET	COFINANCING (optional)
Activity 1 – Tavol	o Agricoltura	
In-kind/human means		
Staff 70 man-hours (35€/h)	2.450,00€	1.592,50 €
Trainers 16 man-hours (70€/h)	1.120,00€	728,00€
Purchase of materials, services and other expenses		
Roll-up	120,00€	78,00€
Travel (staff and trainers)	500,00 €	325,00€
Accomodation (staff and trainers)	500,00€	325,00€
Graphic Designer for communication materials	800,00€	520,00€
Activity 1 – Sub-total	5.490,00 €	€ 3.568,50
Activity 2 - Tavol	o Filiera Ittica	
In-kind/human means		
58 man hours (35€/h)	2.030,00€	1.319,50€
Purchase of materials, services and other expenses		











Travel (4 fishermeni e 2 staff)	600,00	390,00€
Accomodation (4 fishermeni e 2 staff)	1200,00	780,00€
Activity 2 – Sub-total	3.830,00€	2.489,50
TOTAL BUDGET OF THE PROJECT	9.320,00 €	6.058,00€

Information on the operation's budget













SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION FILE :

- Statutes of the organization signed by its legal representative
- Copy of both sides of the identity card of the legal representative and the project leader
- Letters of support from local partners (institutions, NGOs, etc.) associated with the project
- Bank statement of the applicant organization
- Certificate from the bank on the capacity of the beneficiary to receive international transfers





























