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Universities & Community: Service-Learning in Environmental issues

FACING FIRE PROJECT FIRST MULTIPLIER EVENT

7th and 8th JULY 2022, FLORENCE (ITALY)

Event in presence and online (Webex platform)
Lecture hall, Faculty of Agriculture,
Piazzale delle Cascine, 18 - 50144 Firenze, Italy

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BACKGROUND

Environmental degradation represents a complex problem in Europe, which seriously impact the rural development and economy. In recent years, research has increased, and several technical advances have been made to prevent environmental degradation and to counteract negative ecosystem impacts. Different analyses currently indicate the necessity for new and holistic approaches, as the Service-Learning methodology, that consider social engagement, population awareness together with education and training of higher quality. This challenge requires inputs from multidisciplinary teams coming from diverse disciplines and involving different stakeholders. On the other hand, introducing innovative approaches in the university training would contribute to prepare better skilled professionals, and, at the same time, to the socioeconomic development of areas affected by environmental degradation.

OBJECTIVES

- To discuss and share good practices together with innovative educational approaches that improve the quality of education/training handling environmental issues.
- To integrate points of view of different areas/disciplines in the education/training to address environmental management by using S-L projects
- To discuss the social involvement and responsibility of the university to contribute to solve environmental issues through S-L.
- To share and disseminate the partial results of the project of FacingFIRE, focussed on S-L with other colleagues and to find out about other approaches, which might enrich the project

TARGET PUBLIC:

- Teaching staff, university students and recent graduates from different disciplines (education, forestry, environmental and agronomy studies, communication, social sciences, or economy), vocational training centres and other stakeholders.
- Management service staff from universities involved in teaching innovation and transversal education (employment, teaching innovation, virtual learning, gender equality).
- Young and senior researchers mainly focussed on education and environmental issues.
- Professionals and practitioners working for national/regional/local agencies and companies involved in environmental management.
- Communities dealing with different environmental problems.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Day 1 – 7 July

08.30 – Registration

09.00 – Institutional welcome

09.15 – Introduction and communication

Prof. Agustin Merino, University of Santiago de Compostela, coordinator of Facing Fire project

Dr. Giovanni Mastrolonardo, University of Florence, coordinator of UNIFI team

09.30 – Service Learning as methodology in Higher education

Prof. Vanna Boffo, University of Florence

Prof. Maria Cinque, LUMSA University of Rome

Dr. Miltiadis Athanasiou Hellenic Agricultural Organization – Demeter

10.30 – Coffee Break

10.50 – Round Table with technical experts

“Facing fire” and environmental issues: the contribution of education to the fire prevention and mitigation

Representative of local volunteers fire fighters (CVT)

Representative of NGO (Greenpeace)

Representative of a local community (Comunità del bosco del Monte Pisano)

Representative of a high school teacher (IES Lucus Augusti, Spain)

Representative of a forest owners association (Foorestis, Portugal)

11.45 – Q&A

12.00 – Perspectives to implement S-L from the Facing Fire experience

Prof. Mar Lorenzo & Prof. David Garcia Romero, University of Santiago de Compostela

Prof. Giovanna Del Gobbo & Prof. Glenda Galeotti, University of Florence

12.30 – S-L in the Facing Fire project: Action-research in Monti Pisani, Italy.

13.00 – Conclusion

Day 2 – 8 July

Fieldtrip to Montemagno, province of Pisa, to visit the places affected by the fire being studied for the local FacingFire service learning project.

08.45 – Departure from Florence (meeting point to be defined)

14.30 – End of the field trip and return to Florence, arrival at 16.00

Itinerary: Panoramic path on the places affected by the fire of the Pisan Mountains in 2018 and the restoration activities implemented by the local communities. The starting point is from the village of Montemagno to reach the foot of the Rocca della Verruca di Calci, an ancient and dilapidated fortification. The path is mainly on a gravel road that can be easily traveled by anyone and does not have great elevation gain

Participation at the event is free of charge, but registration is compulsory. For participation in presence.

Registration deadline is 30 June

For registration please visit the following link:

<https://forms.gle/qk9sUq583okkttWe8>

Link of the event (on-line webex platform)

<https://unifirenze.webex.com/unifirenze/j.php?MTID=md03b282cbb5ca6fca7175708586ec3be>

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