



Bergamo – what we have learned through our transfer process

Shining stars

During a meeting with Cesena, one of the cities from the 1st partnership, many **positive suggestions** were transferred and **useful resources** were shared

High number of stakeholders participating at the **1st ULG meeting**

We had two positive meetings with external experts giving us important input on how to deal with some **critical aspects** like mosquito treatment and **bee-sting allergies and fear factor**

World bee day celebrations were well received in Bergamo

New perspectives and more **sustainable management** procedures for **mosquito** treatments planning were achieved

After many years the Science Museum succeeded in creating a **new exhibit dedicated to bees**, thanks to a favorable interaction with the local beekeepers association

Cheese & Honey tasting - our new product related to bees!

We are proud of the **new interpretive signs** that will be placed in many locations in the city to explain why we need to **reduce lawn mowing**.

Eureka moments

A group of enthusiastic people **met all together for the first time** and were introduced to an inspiring challenge, a beautiful example by the city of Ljubljana

FAB, an association with floristic volunteers will **collaborate to improve knowledge** on melliferous plants and city ecosystems

As the project grows more **connections are established** that provide new opportunities, info, data, and resources for our actions

We succeeded in creating for the first time in Bergamo a **joint educational package for schools** addressing BPN-R topics and values

2 events offered to the public related to bees and BPN-R topics per month - we are excited about **high response** despite the harsh weather conditions of the summer

Invisible victories

In the dreaming exercise we used a format (world café) that worked well in order to stimulate discussion and **let the creative juices flow**

Gaining support from a City Council member

After we understood the difficult situation **beekeepers** are facing it was easier for us to involve them and to make them **become more active**

Brescia interested in a knowledge and expertise transfer. Setting up a Bee Path experience to celebrate **Bergamo and Brescia as Italian Capital of culture in 2023**

Investing saved money into what our ULG decided to be the most urgent need for Bergamo: **an awareness raising campaign**

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Our regrets

Feeling that the project has touched the hearts of our ULG members and our hearts, we would like to have **more energy and resources** into the project

We wish we had **more time to deeply understand** local professional beekeepers' needs

Being aware that **some processes are too long** to conclude and that we are now half way to the end of the project we are afraid that some actions will not be fully developed next year

During a maintenance intervention the seedlings in a patch where seeds for a blooming meadow had been sowed were cut thus **compromising the good results of the effort**.

The intense and **severe heat wave and drought**, forced us to modify some actions and to keep people 'on track', in order to finalize some outputs .

Obstacles in our way

Very short time to create the ULG after the appointment of ULG coordinator - we were afraid that there wouldn't be enough time to involve and engage people

In the last month the **pandemic situation** is getting worse - this does not help with events planning for the next weeks

Because of the beekeepers situation and due to several bee families coming to death we **had to drop the modules related to new bee products and to the selling point**

Lack of funding is preventing our ULG sub-groups to express their maximum potential

Not having enough time or staff to follow each ULG action more closely





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