

**FOREST AGREEMENT:
partecipative management tool
for Carpaneta Forest**

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1. CONTRACT FOR THE FOREST

The term "Forest Agreement" means an agreement between ERSAF, regional managing body of the regional property, and public and private entities interested in the development of the unified territory of the Forest and wide around the area.

The Agreement Forest, as an agreement between the regional administration and local actors, is a tool:

- Participative management for the promotion and implementation of actions aimed at developing local unit of a territory;
- Governance and territorial development, which is based on consultation and subsidiarity of the various levels of government;
- Sharing and management in a unified and coordinated development policies, strengthening the networks of relationships between partners and stakeholders.

One of its aims is the integration, at scale of a vast area of each forest area, of sectoral policies in the field of environmental and land, through the institutional partnership.

The Contract of Forest operates through a worktable periodic evaluation and shared choices of the different actions of development and promotion of the area.

The Agreement Forest does not have its legal institution, but relies on existing forms of negotiated planning required by national laws and regional (CIPE March 21, 1997 "Regulation of Negotiated Programming" and Ir 14 March 2003 n. 2 "programming Negotiated Regional") and the provisions of the Consolidated Law on Agriculture and Forestry Regional. The Forest Agreement is a commitment under the Charter of the Forests of Lombardy, signed between the Region and ERSAF for good management and sustainable development of the Regional Forests (www.ersaf.lombardia.it)

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONTRACT

- Implement a coordinated plan among stakeholders for an integrated development and sustainable land use in order to:
- Integrate the Forest in the territory of the vast province of Mantua
- Develop the fruitive activities of the Forest
- Enhance the naturalistic component of the forest

The joint commitment of the signatories is to share the development plan of the area and to work together in coordination table of the Contract

4. PARTIES SUBJECT

ERSAF
Regione Lombardia,
Provincia di Mantova;
Regional Natural Park of Mincio
Municipality of Bigarello, Castelbelforte, Casteldario, San Giorgio, Roncoferraro;
Virgilian National Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters;
National Center for the Study and Conservation of Forest Biodiversity, "Bosco Fontana di Verona";
Local Schools of Casteldario, Roncoferraro, San Giorgio;
Pro Loco di Bigarello;
Polisportiva di Bigarello;
Ecomuseum of rise, rivers and rural landscape of Mantua

3. ACTION OF CONTRACT

- Promotion the fruition of the forest
- Involve local schools in the knowledge of the Forest
- Integration the forest policies of territorial development environment, such as ganglion of the Ecological Network
- Promotion the establishment of the Biogenetic Reserve Forest
- Supporting initiatives for research and monitoring of lowland forests
- Involve local stakeholders in the management of the Park of the Harlequin



THE CARPANETA FOREST

The Forest of Carpaneta, located in the Municipality of Bigarello (MN), is one of the ten promised by Plain Forests of Lombardy region in the early 2000s.

Launched in 2003, today the Forest consists of a portion of 41 hectares of woodland intended to biogenetic reserve, for the reconstitution of the genetic heritage of the English oak (*Quercus robur* L.) has to reconstitute the traditional agricultural and forest landscape of Mantua, of 8 ha of recreational parks dedicated to Harlequin, a typical theatrical mask Lombard, whose main interpreter of the seventeenth century was born in Bigarello; Park Virgil, "Hortus Vergilianii", dedicated to the Latin poet born in Mantua, who sang

In his works the land and trees; L'Espace Bouffier, dedicated to the protagonist of the famous book by J. Giono "The Man Who Planted Trees."

Since 2008, the Forest is certified according to the FSC scheme and since 2009 also according to the PEFC scheme.



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