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## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

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### ANNA GIORGI IN THE MIUR WORKING GROUP FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM 2021-2027

**Anna Giorgi**, Professor of Environmental and Applied Botany of the University of Milan, director of the [Research Centre for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas Ge.S.Di.Mont - UNIMONT](#) University of Milan Centre of Excellence located in Edolo - and leader of Action Group 1 - Research and Innovation - of the European Strategy of the Alpine Region, has been **nominated as part of the working group of the Directorate General of the Ministry of Education, University and Research**, to support the definition of the **2021-2027 National Research Program**.

The National Research Program will guide research policy in Italy in the coming years, highlighting its priorities, objectives and actions and identifying national guidelines. [Find out more about the news here.](#)

### MOUNTAIN UNIVERSITY ON-LINE OPEN DAY: MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS TAKE PART IN THE UNIMONT LIVE EVENT

*The Open Day of the Degree Course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas of the Mountain University - University of Milan Centre of Excellence located in Edolo, was held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May.*

The Open Day was held online for the first time, through the use of the virtual classroom, which for many years has been helping Unimont to broaden the resonance of its events, hence reaching people throughout Italy. The event started at 10 o'clock and the classroom was immediately filled with more than **100 young people** interested in learning about the three-year **Undergraduate Course in Conservation and**

### Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas.

[For further information you can read the article in italian, by clicking here.](#)

We would like to remind all those who were not able to participate in the live event, but are interested in the course, that the recording of the event is still available online. [Here is the link to the recording.](#)

### 1° NEWSLETTER IMPULS4ACTION

New updates have been published on the progress of the **“Impuls4Action - From intelligent land use to sustainable municipalities”** research project. The project aims to trigger actions to support sustainable development in the territory of the Alpine Region at all levels of stakeholders by providing adequate tools, raising awareness and finding new models for soil conservation. [Here you can download and read the newsletter.](#)

### VAL.SO.VI.CA - PROJECT UPDATES

In a world that has seen, and is still seeing, many of its activities blocked by the Covid-19 health emergency, the Val.So.Vi.Ca project has also had several public appointments blocked and postponed. The activities of the project "in the field" have however continued, the phases of viticulture cannot be stopped!

**One of the main activities** was that of the **management of the grafts**. [Here you can read the complete news in italian](#) and download the report with all the updates!

## CALLS, INTERNSHIPS and JOBS



### INTERNSHIP PROPOSAL: ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF SAFFRON PRODUCED IN ITALY (JUNE 2020)

The internship (reserved for students enrolled in the undergraduate course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas) aims to analyze the economic aspects related to the production of saffron on a national scale, given the gradual expansion of this crop in Italy and in mountain areas in particular. In detail, the trainee will have to collect economic data from various Italian production companies (mainly using the contact database of the CRC Ge.S.Di.Mont.), analyze them and draw up a report regarding the economic framework relating to the production of saffron in Italy. Data collection and analysis will last for six months from the start of the internship. [All the info on the internship and contacts are available in italian here.](#)

### REFUGES, COMPETITION FOR REDEVELOPMENT AND ADJUSTMENT OF BUILDINGS IS STARTING.

The [Research Centre for the Sustainable Management and Protection of Mountain Areas Ge.S.Di.Mont - UNIMONT](#), University of Milan Centre of Excellence, located in Edolo (Bs), as part of the Collaboration Agreement with Lombardy Region - [Directorate General Local administrations, Mountains and Small municipalities](#) - would like to inform you about the start of the call reserved for refuges, for the redevelopment and adaptation of buildings. Sertori:" almost €2 million for the enhancement of mountain areas". The managers or owners of the mountaineering and hiking refuges in the Lombardy area can apply to obtain a non-refundable contribution to support the redevelopment of the structures present in the Lombardy regional territory and registered in the 2018 regional list, thus enhancing the naturalistic

and environmental heritage of the Lombardy mountains. [Here is the complete report.](#)

### CONTRACT NOTICE: COORDINATOR/ GENERAL COORDINATOR OF THE PROJECT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRD 100% (BIO) VALPOSCHIAVO & SECRETARIAT HEAD OF THE BERNINA REGION.

The 100% (bio) Valposchiavo Association and the Bernina Region are offering a job at the Bernina Region headquarters as: Coordinator/General coordinator of the Project for Regional Development PRD 100% (bio) Valposchiavo and Head of the secretariat of the Bernina region (70-100% employment).

It is necessary to have excellent oral and written skills in Italian and German and a good knowledge of French and English. We are looking for a motivated person with a high school diploma/master, ideally in the field of agronomy or in economics and commerce with a good knowledge of local contexts and networking ability in the agricultural, regional and economic policy of the Canton of Grisons and the Confederation.

**DEADLINE: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (as per postmark).** [All info on requirements and on submitting applications here.](#)

## TREE:HERO



The TREE: HERO project is part of a funding program of the Cariplo Foundation dedicated to research on hydrogeological risk with the aim of improving the prediction, prevention and mitigation of natural phenomena such as landslides.

Despite the difficulties linked to the Covid-19 emergency, the researchers of the TREE: HERO project have continued their research activities by analyzing the data collected last autumn in the Valcamonica and Valseriana woods. The surveys made in

chestnut groves, beech forests and spruce protection areas provided data necessary for the evaluation of root reinforcement. These results were illustrated at the international meeting of the European Union assembly on Geosciences (EGU). For more details on the event and on the work relating to the TREE:HERO project, [read the full news in italian here](#).

## NEXT EVENTS



### Unimont seminars continue in live streaming!

You can follow them in the safety of your own home, thanks to the use of the Virtual Classroom. **We invite you to consult the seminar page, the day before the seminar is due to be held, to check for any changes in the course!**

### [4th JUNE 2020 - A LOOK AT THE FUTURE OF THE GENETIC IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SPECIES](#)

*Free seminar open to the public, on 04/06 at 4.30 p.m. The seminar can be seen online, live or on demand, by [registering here](#).*

Together with Vittoria Brambilla - University of Milan - we will talk about the use of **genetics** and **molecular biology** in agricultural species. In particular, we will find out more about the new **CRISPR technique**, which allows scientific research knowledge to be included in the genetic improvement of agricultural species in a very short time span. Plants improved with CRISPR show very subtle changes at a DNA level, very similar to those that can be found in nature, but can have **very advantageous characteristics for farmers**. For these reasons CRISPR has been **received positively** by both the public and national associations working in the sector. However,

the future of CRISPR in agriculture is currently uncertain due to **European regulations** that put it on the same level as GMOs. [Here is more info in italian, about the seminar.](#)

### 5 JUNE 2020 - ONLINE WEBINAR DEDICATED TO SOIL CONSUMPTION IN THE ALPINE REGION

*Free seminar open to the public, on 05/06 at 10.00 a.m.*

The [CRC Gesdimont of UNIMONT](#) - Pole of Excellence of the University of Milan - promotes a moment of comparison between international standards on the issues of soil conservation and the conservation of ecosystem services in the Alpine Region. The webinar is part of the activity of the [ARPAF Impuls4Action project](#) - which sees the collaboration between three different [EUSALP](#) action groups. The questions the webinar will address are as follows: what are the problems the AR is still facing? Which are the best practices existing and ongoing? How can these best practices be integrated and transferred to different regions? Those interested in actively contributing to the discussion between experts are asked to send an email request to [stefano.sala1@unimi.it](mailto:stefano.sala1@unimi.it), Unimont researcher involved in this project. [Here you can find more info.](#)

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

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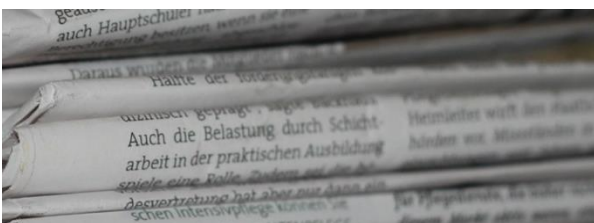
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## ABOUT US

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[UniMont Edolo, 7° incontro racCONTA LA MONTAGNA: presentazione libro “Il Forno di Realdo”](#)

Gazzetta delle Valli - 21 maggio 2020

[Edolo, presentazione del corso di laurea in “Valorizzazione e Tutela dell’Ambiente e del Territorio Montano”](#)

Gazzetta delle valli - 16 May 2020

[Edolo: open day a Unimont, le novità del corso di laurea](#)

Gazzetta delle valli - 16 May 2020

["Edolo: varietà vegetali e razze animali, seminario a UniMont sui progetti di recupero"](#)

Gazzetta delle valli - 12 May 2020

["Edolo, UniMont: Anna Giorgi nel gruppo di lavoro del MIUR"](#)

Gazzetta delle valli - 11 May 2020

[Unitus, meteorologia in alta quota con Filippo Thiery](#)

Tusciaweb.eu - 11 May 2020

[Meteorologia in alta quota con Filippo Thiery, lezione di sicurezza per chi va in montagna](#)

Tusciaup.com - 11 May 2020

[Meteorologia in alta quota con Filippo Thiery. A lezione di sicurezza](#)

Orvietonews.it - 11 May 2020

[Meteorologia d’Alta Quota. Dalle Alpi All’Himalaya. In diretta streaming](#)

Mountainblog.it - 8 May 2020

[Edolo, a UniMont seminario su meteorologia e dinamiche atmosferiche](#)

Gazzetta delle Valli - 8 May 2020

["Covid19 e le seconde case"](#)

Corriere Brescia - Edizione di Brescia del Corriere della Sera - 5 May 2020

["Edolo, le attività dell’UniMont durante il lockdown"](#)

Gazzetta delle Valli - 4 May 2020