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NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



The Unimont Centre will be closed until 6th January 2021.

TWO NEW ANTENNAS HAVE JOINED THE UNIMONT NETWORK: JOIN FORCES, CREATE OPPORTUNITIES AND ENHANCE MOUNTAIN AREAS TOGETHER (IT)

UNIMONT - centre of excellence of the University of Milan - has activated new antennas with some local authorities in order to share ideas, proposals and solutions for the development of mountain areas. GAL Valle Seriana e dei Laghi Bergamaschi and Unione Montana Centro Cadore have joined the Antennas project.

Managed by UNIMONT, Antennas are points that stream scientific knowledge and information regarding the mountains, providing access to all interested parties according to a collaborative model in which if one wins, everyone wins. The project aims to overcome physical distances between places, exchange and share knowledge and good practices, create effective ways to allow individuals and communities that live and work in mountain areas to interact. [Read the press release in italian and discover the Antennas Network.](#)

3rd DEGREE SESSION OF A.Y. 2019/2020 OF THE DEGREE COURSE IN CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF MOUNTAIN AREAS

On Wednesday 9th December 2020, following the discussion of their theses and a graduation ceremony held online, **8 new experts in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas** graduated ... A very rewarding winter graduation session! Our best wishes for the future go to the new graduates: Bontempi Stefany, Caccia Federico, Novello Luca, Peretti Claudia, Rovezzo An-

thony, Taboni Elenora, Titta Ruben, Zampiceni Alessia!

On the website www.uni.Montagna.it, Degree Course section → Our graduates ([here](#)) you can download and read their theses in Italian.

SEND YOUR SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE SPECIAL EDITION OF: "SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MOUNTAIN AREAS" OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL "SUSTAINABILITY"

The Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Centre of UNIMONT - Centre of Excellence of the University of Milan invites researchers to send scientific contributions for the special edition of the international magazine Sustainability entitled "Sustainable Development in Mountain Areas" of which Prof.ssa Anna Giorgi and Dott. Luca Giupponi are Guest Editors.

The edition "Sustainable Development in Mountain Areas" of the journal Sustainability aims to provide an innovative, socially engaged and reliable source of scientific information, not only for researchers, but also for other stakeholders, with the aim of strengthening relationships and collaboration within mountain areas. The deadline for sending contributions is 31st August 2021. [Read the complete press release for all info.](#)

IMPULS4ACTION PROJECT - PRESENTATION VIDEO PUBLISHED!

The ongoing climate crisis increases the need for complementary activities and tailor-made tools for soil conservation and green infrastructure development. The project Impuls4Action From Intelligent Land Use to Sustainable Municipalities financed by ARPAF funds - of which UNIMONT is a partner - has developed a collection of best practices to encourage the exchange of knowledge on sustainable soil conservation in the Alps. [Watch the presentation video of the project here](#) and visit the website: impuls4action.eu for further info.

THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND AUTONOMIES OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IS ORGANIZING THE WEBINAR: "IDEAS AND PROPOSALS FOR MOUNTAIN AREAS" (IT)

On the International Mountain Day, the [Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Centre of UNIMONT](#) - centre of excellence of the University of Milan - participated in the event "[Ideas and proposals for mountain areas](#)" organized by the Department of Regional Affairs and Autonomies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers as part of the ITALIAE Project, which aims to promote the experimentation of new solutions and the dissemination of innovative practices in mountain areas. UNIMONT, as an active and proactive academic and cultural outpost for mountain areas, provided a contribution by Prof. Anna Giorgi. [Read the press release in italian.](#)

CALLS, INTERNSHIPS, WORK and TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



JOIN THE UNIMONT TEAM: CALL FOR RESEARCH GRANT TYPE B, LASTING 15 MONTHS (IT)

The [Ge.S.Di.Mont. Research Centre of UNIMONT](#) - centre of excellence of the University of Milan - is announcing a call for applications for a TYPE B RESEARCH GRANT lasting 15 months, which will take place at the Ge.S.Di.Mont Research Centre of UNIMONT in Edolo (BS) and the Department of Economics, Management and Quantitative Methods of the University of Milan, as part of the research program entitled: "Identify, coordinate and communicate research and innovation priorities in the Alpine region".

The deadline for sending applications is 08/01/2021. [For further info click here \(news in italian\).](#)

NEW UNIMONT INTERNSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE (IT)

An internship is an important training opportunity, which allows students to experience the reality of the world of work: a fundamental step in building a career and creating professionalism, and to which UNIMONT pays great attention. For this reason, the UNIMONT hub has conceived and developed more than 30 new internships dedicated to students of the degree course in Conservation and Sustainable Development of Mountain Areas. The themes proposed are many and varied, all in favour of the development and enhancement of mountain areas. [Find out about the new internships here \(page in italian\).](#)

IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT



Agreement between the Lombardy region and CRC Ge.S.diMont. for the enhancement of mountain areas: analysis of strategies and good practices, identification of effective and replicable methodological approaches and tools in the current national and international scenario in evolution - challenges and opportunities.

The implementation agreement is aimed at carrying out initiatives in support of policies for the development and enhancement of the mountain territory defined by the Lombardy Region in the current Regional Development Program. For more information [click here](#).

LOMBARDY REGION ALLOCATES NEW RESOURCES FOR THE GROWTH OF MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES: 35 MILLION EUROS FOR STRATEGIC WORKS (IT)

The Lombardy Region has made a firm commitment to sustainable development and the protection of mountain areas, allocating [35 million euros to 23 Comunità Montane](#), for

strategic works to be completed by 31 December 2020.

As stated on the Region's website, "the resolution was approved by the Regional Council, on the proposal of the regional councillor for [Mountains, local authorities and small municipalities](#), [Massimo Sertori](#), within the scope of regional law 9 of 4th May 2020, 'Intervention for economic recovery', which assigns loans to local authorities".

[Discover the areas of intervention envisaged and read the news in italian here](#), on the Lombardy Region website.

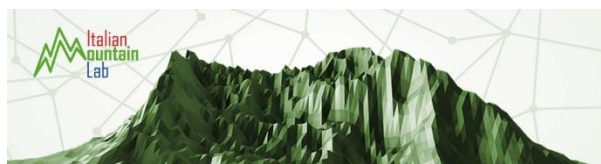
BUDGET FORECAST 2021-2023 LOMBARDY REGION: MORE THAN 112 MILLION RESERVED FOR MOUNTAIN POLICIES (IT)

A choice that confirms once again the commitment of the Fontana administration towards the development of mountain areas.

The Lombardy Region website reports the comment of Sertori: "These are important resources combined with specific policies, which are fundamental elements for developing mountain areas, formed by extraordinary landscapes but, at the same time, fragile and with difficulties in the provision of services to citizens". He continues: "The implementation of policies aimed at preventing the depopulation of mountain areas is and remains one of the main objectives of the Lombardy Region".

[Read the complete news in italian, on the Lombardy Region website.](#)

ITALIAN MOUNTAIN LAB



The Italian Mountain Lab project - FISR project, special supplementary research MIUR fund, headed by UNIMONT-University of Milan in partnership with the University of Eastern Piedmont and the University of Tuscia, aims to establish a high level training and research laboratory for the Italian mountains.

ITALIAN MOUNTAIN LAB TRAINING (IT)

A year of intense activities related to the project "[Italian Mountain Lab, Research and Innovation for mountain environment and territories](#)", created by the '[Center of Excellence located in Edolo of the University of Milan](#) in collaboration with the [University of Eastern Piedmont](#) and the [University of Tuscia](#).

Research activity for the conservation of Italian mountain areas has led to the publication of 20 scientific articles. [Here you can find the list of all UNIMONT publications.](#)

With a view to building a multidisciplinary and inter-sectoral academic platform in order to pool skills and experiences present throughout the country, numerous training activities were also provided. The recordings of all past seminars are available online on the UNIMONT website www.unimontagna.it, in the dedicated section and can be easily retrieved by using the filter by project! [Here is the direct link \(page in italian\).](#)

Italian Mountain Lab also promotes and organizes the UNIMONT literary review [RacCONTA LA MONTAGNA](#), which will resume in February!

RacCONTA LA MONTAGNA, UNIMONT literary review dedicated to non-fiction and fiction that highlights the cultural and evocative power of the mountain is **sponsored by:** [Municipality of Edolo](#), [Sistema bibliotecario Vallecamonica](#), [Distretto Culturale Valle Camonica](#).

The initiative is also supported by the following **Partners:** [Lombardy Region](#), [Fondazione Cariplo](#), [Fondazione AEM](#), [Federbim](#), [Cassa Rurale Val di Sole](#), [Consorzio per la Tutela dei vini I.G.T. Vallecamonica](#), [Consorzio per la Tutela del Formaggio Silter Camuno-Sebino](#), [Associazione "Mais Nero Spinoso"](#).

Discover this and all events planned on the page dedicated to the review; [here!](#)

NEXT EVENTS



All events are available **ONLINE**, using a virtual classroom which allows **access for up to 300 users** and **priority is given in order of registration**. The following events are in Italian.

14 JANUARY 2021 - CLIMATE CHANGE AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MOUNTAIN AREAS OF LOMBARDY

Appointment on 14/01 at 5.00 p.m. on Zoom.

The speaker **Sarah H. Whitaker**, Emory University Researcher - Department of Anthropology, is holding the first Unimont seminar of 2021, examining the effects of climate, landscape and environmental change on the quality of life in the mountain areas of Lombardy, as a consequence of the variations of temperature and rainfall that in recent decades have exceeded the global average. [Find out more and register here \(page in italian\).](#)

21 JANUARY, 2021 - A MOUNTAIN OF BEAUTY

Appointment on 21/01 at 5.00 p.m. on Zoom.

The theme of the seminar is encountering beauty in the mountains, not the beauty of the mountains.

Together with **Angelo Maggiore**, President of the Italian Alpine Club Brescia Section and Director of the ADAMELLO magazine Stories of men and the mountains, we will see that even in the mountains it is not possible to establish a hierarchy between beauties and that, unfortunately, beauty is not the truth and will not save the world as wished by Dostoevsky.

Beauty remains, however, the shining beacon that can illuminate a new approach to mountain areas, allowing a modern approach to safeguarding mountains and to protecting

them from the threatening invasion of devastating exploitation for purely economic purposes and from envisaging mountain areas as a mere playground. [Find out more and register.](#)

26 JANUARY, 2021 - WOLF AND BROWN BEAR MONITORING ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF BRESCIA

Appointment on 26/01 at 5.00 p.m. on Zoom.

Speakers: **Anna Maria Bonettini** - Biologist and employee of the Mountain Community of Valle Camonica, at the Adamello Park Service, since 1996. **Paolo Tavelli** - Superintendent of the Provincial Police of Brescia and since 2010 regional referent for large carnivores for the province of Brescia.

After illustrating the main bio-ethological characteristics of the two species, the speakers will review possible methods of reducing conflicts between large carnivores and anthropogenic activities, the monitoring techniques in progress and the presence of bears and wolves in the Brescia area in the last 20 years, with a brief examination of the regional damage compensation procedure. [Find out all the details about the event here.](#)

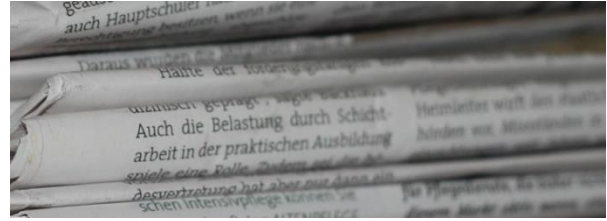
NEW PUBLICATIONS



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[UniMont Edolo, seminario su cereali di montagna](#)

Gazzetta delle Valli - 16 December 2020

[Il grande libro del ghiaccio. Appuntamento on line con la rassegna letteraria Unimont racCONTA la Montagna IV Edizione](#)

popolis.it - 15 December 2020

[Berton: «Le Alpi luogo di innovazione, dobbiamo collaborare»](#)

L'Amico del Popolo - 15 December 2020

[Enrico Camanni presenterà il suo libro online, mercoledì 16 per l'Università della Montagna](#)

Giornale di Brescia - 13 December 2020

[Anna Giorgi di Unimont nel board di Euro-montana](#)

Radio Voce Camuna - 21 November 2020

[Appuntamento UniMont Edolo - 25 Novembre 2020 - "Fronte di Scavo" di Sara Loffredi](#)

Gazzetta delle Valli - 21 November 2020

[Mercoledì in streaming la risorsa acqua in "Paesaggi di Fiume"](#)

QuiBrescia.it - 17 November 2020