

#### VIIth European Mountain Convention

"European Mountain Regions- A spirit of Innovation"



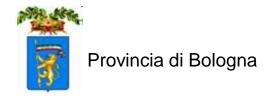




# Creating the Bologna Apennine sustainable energy district

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### Where we are

This project involves the centralnorthern areas in Apennine mountains, between Tuscany and Emilia-Romagna regions. It's a territory divided into parallel valleys with mountains reaching nearly 2,000 meters high, with an area of about 1,000 sq.km. and a population of about 80,000 inhabitants





#### Who we are

CISA (Center of Innovation and Environmental Sustainability) is non-profit company formed by 3 partners to be a center for innovation and transfer of environmental technology, with special reference to weaker territorial areas as Apennine mountain.

CISA is a component of Emilia-Romagna High Tech Network, coordinated by ASTER (Emilia Romagna Association of Science and Technology)



plays a national role in the

environmental, social and economic innovative policies,

that may be feasible and

development

development and promotion of

effective to address sustainable



#### **Our mission**

Play a role of a link between research, technology transfer and production system Primarly carry out the technology transfer activities towards local authorities and public administration because it is the task for these institutions to define the choices allowing people and companies to become players for proposals and achievements in the area.

Increase in population the awareness of the problems stemming from the waste of energy and the need to review their individual role model in the context of sustainable

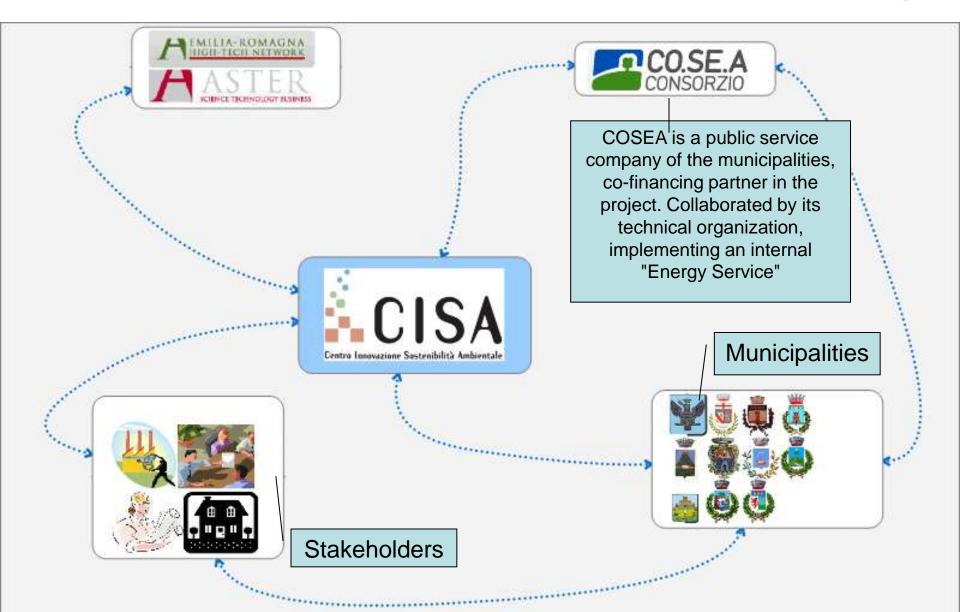
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Strategic objective is to characterize the Bologna mountain area as a "District of sustainable energy."

To be a landmark in helping the development of a local industry based on energy saving and renewable energy technologies.

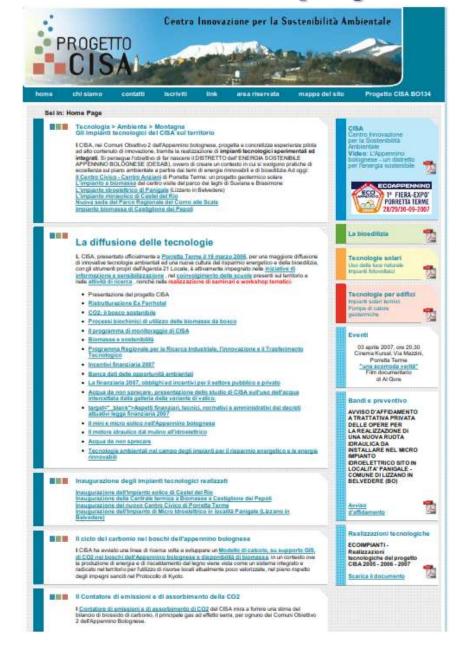


# **Local Context**Outline of Relationships





### Let's start the project





### First Step - startup

Direct construction of experimental and technologically integrated facilities



Park lakes Suviana and Brasimone Visitor center and Forest Museum woodchip heating plant (35 kWth) with small district heating network





Park "Corno alle scale" – Panigale micro hydroelectric (5 kW) old-like plant





Le Selve Resort - Castel del Rio small wind turbine (6 kW)





### **Second Step - Municipalities**

Construction of experimental and technologically integrated facilities in financial collaboration with the municipalities and their public company COSEA

CIVIC CENTER - Porretta Terme:
Biobuilding - integrated solar thermal + geothermal + PV
in collaboration with Porretta Terme municipality

Castiglione dei Pepoli – Primary School 400 kWth Wood chips plant with district heating network in collaboration with COSEA

Castel d'Aiano – Primary school and swimming pool 35 kWe + 140 kWth Wood chips CHP Plant (gasifier + Stirling engine), in collaboration with COSEA









# Zero CO2 mobility in Porretta Terme







### Third Step - (SMEs)

Construction of technologically integrated facilities in financial collaboration with municipalities and local small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

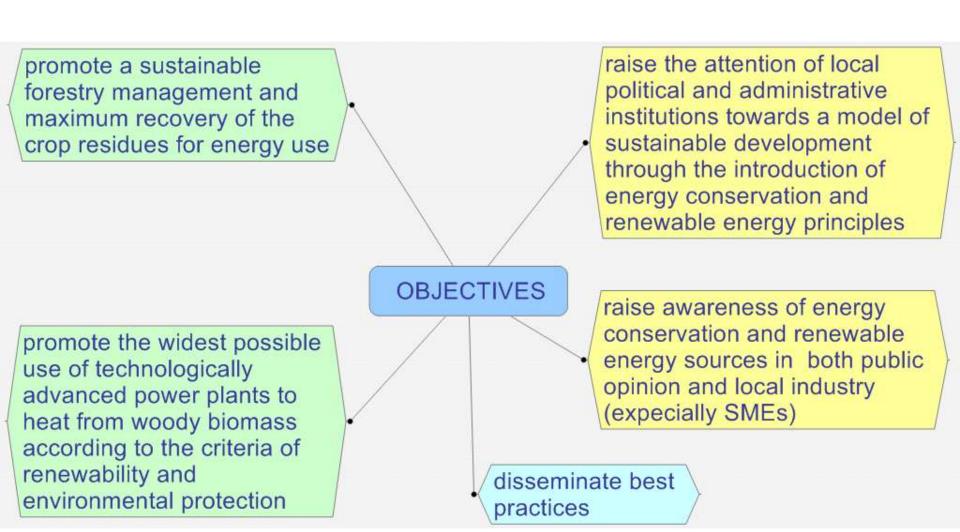
Through the "move with the sun" project, developed and organized by CISA, and co-financed between CISA and the municipality, some services of the City (social and technical services) are equipped with electric vehicles, also a group of electric bicycles are made available to citizens and tourists.

The required energy (about 20.000 kWh/year ) is supplied by a 20 kW PV plant on the roof of a municipal warehouse

A local small enterprise built in project financing the 20 kW PV plant retaining the incentives to pay plant and leaving produced electricity to the municipality



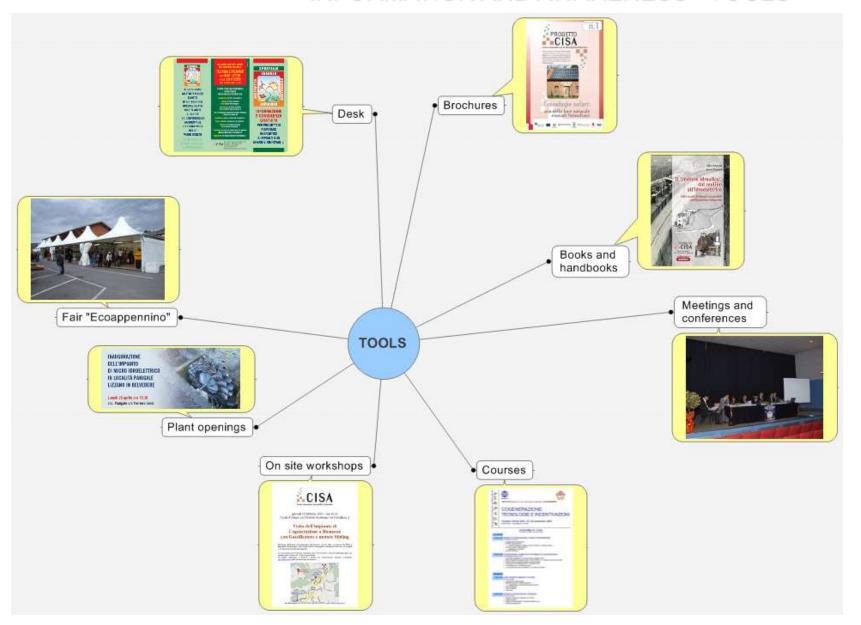
# Technology dissemination INFORMATION AND AWARENESS -OBJECTIVES





## **Technology dissemination**

**INFORMATION AND AWARENESS - TOOLS** 





# **Technology dissemination Desk for people**

People book an interview and CISA's technicians arrange a meeting in the rooms made available by various municipalities to give information and provide an initial general advice

we provide you
the free
assistance of a
technician to
help you
understand the
environmental
and economic
advantages of
the various
choices



Call and book an interview

information and free advice on energy saving projects and renewable energy plants



# **Technology dissemination The fair**



ECOAPPENNINO - The exhibition dedicated to the energy-saving technologies and the use of renewable energies in mountain areas





September 2007 and September 2008 in Porretta Terme,

The whole town has been transformed into a large outdoor exhibition and all squares hosted thematic areas to solicit people's interest and facilitate contact with new technologies

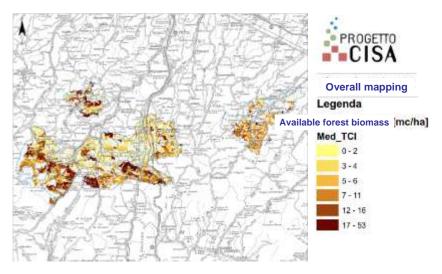


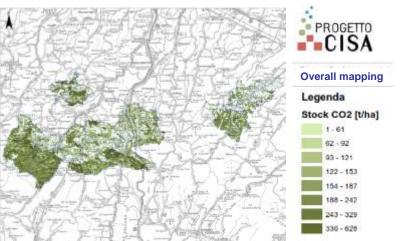




# Research - Biomass CO2 ABSORPTION AND ENERGY USE

# Model – GIS System to calculate the stock and increase of CO2 and forest biomass available for energy use





Wood biomass was identified as the component with the highest chance of good effects in the territory as a source of energy and for the function of forest and as a reservoir of CO2

For this reason, many resources were used to develop research in this field to evaluate the stock and increase of CO2 and the forest biomass available for energy use according to the criteria of renewability and environmental protection

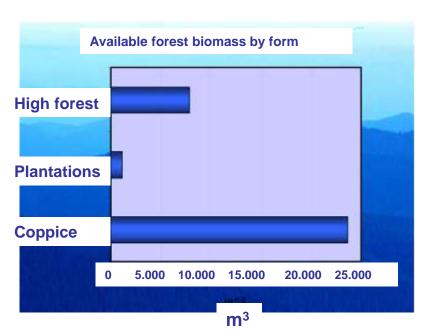
The model provides fairly accurate information on the maximum quantities of timber withdrawable from the forests to ensure sustainability and therefore also allows an evaluation of the number and power of the plants to be installed in the area

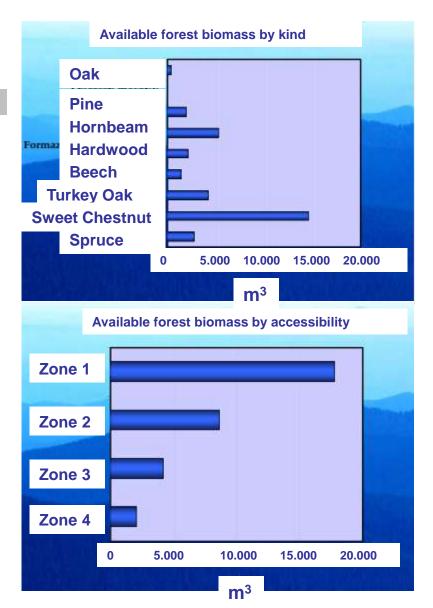


# **Research - Biomass**CO2 ABSORPTION AND ENERGY USE

#### Example for a municipality

Population	5.982	Inhabitants
Total area	6.580	ha
Population density	91	Inhab./ sq.km
Woodiness index	68%	%
Forest area, total	4.465	ha
Forest area subject to	93	ha
Epigean CO2 stock	742.262	t
CO2 annual absorption	23.354	t
Epigean forest biomass CO2	747.743	$m^3$
Available forest biomass (gross)	32,675	$m^3$







#### Research

#### Greenhouse emissions at the municipal level

To estimate emissions of greenhouse gases at the municipal level, according to the IPCC methodology emphasizes problems hard to solve, starting from difficulties in obtaining the necessary data.

Therefore, we adopted a mixed top-down and bottom-up method, starting from the given total emissions data produced by the National Environment Protection Agency for the Province of Bologna, distributed among the various municipalities on the basis of a differential detected on a number of significant energy parameters.

These parameters are linked to the consumption of natural gas, LPG, gasoline, diesel, heat transfer fluids and electricity; the data are produced by utilities companies and other agencies at the provincial level and for each municipality.

This methodology has been implemented with special software and is being extended to other municipalities in the province of Bologna.

	t CO2 eq.	t CO2 eq.	t CO2 eq.
	Total	Per capita	Per capita
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Camugnano	10.301	4,9	Regione Ed Brog Transigners
Castel d'Aiano	9.866	5,0	cop super
Catsel del Rio	8.324	6,6	Fotonica
Castel di Casio	17.024	5,2	Catal tol Re
Castiglione dei Pepoli	26.065	4,4	Protein Brings
Fontanelice	13.638	7,2	Pareta Terre
Granaglione	9.252	4,1	Faco CBA
Lizzano in Belvedere	11.192	4,9	Castel di Caste
Porretta Terme	28.881	6,0	Carlol d'Alans
S. Benendetto Val di Sambro	21.184	4,7	Compan
CISA	185.764	5,5	Liczano in Beliedere
Provincia Bologna 💛	5.879.129	6,2	i bredsto liii
Regione Emilia-Romagna	41.992.024	10,1	Castigline to Popul
Italia	505.186.720	8,6	Grangline



### Impacts - 1

First we can certainly say that most of the project objectives have been achieved and in particular we can here remember those which were the most important results:

□The municipal authorities started to become aware of innovations in energy saving and renewable sources: this has led to continue investments and intervene in the simplification of procedures; some municipalities have also taken the path of the energy certification of public buildings and drafting of municipal energy plans.

**Many schools** have been able to use the documentation and dissemination of programs offered and the teachers were able to incorporate significant elements of innovations in energy saving and renewable sources in their educational programs.



### Impacts - 2

- ☐ Many **install equipment companies**, including small size ones, could know better new technologies, putting them in their service offerings and some **larger companies**, with more financial resources, evaluated the convenience of entering into the trend of "green economy" and made proposal for the construction of public facilities by the system of project financing;
- ☐ Many **design teams** and engineers have participated in specialized courses organized within the project, acquiring new skills.
- ☐ Many **people**, through fair and the establishment of an information desk, are aware of the possibilities offered by new technologies and the use of renewable sources and the action of information and environmental education, increased greatly **in population** the awareness of the problems stemming from the waste of energy and the need to review their individual role model in the context of sustainable development.



### Impacts - 3

- □The team of young engineers and technicians who participate in the project development from the beginning get a remarkable expertise which remains in mountain area. Moreover the building of the experimental cogeneration woodchips small plant (gasification and Stirling engine cycle) allowed to play an important role within the international group of experts.
- **DAt regional level**, the access into the High Technology Network of Emilia-Romagna allowed to leave the narrow confines of the territory affected by the project and to act as a reference model in cooperation with other centers and laboratories in the network, broadening horizons to other operational areas and other initiatives.



## **Transferability**

The essential elements for the transferability of the project are:
□One organization already in the area that has local knowledge and can serve as "incubator" of the project by providing its organizational structure;
□A project manager with technical and organizational skills but also with good knowledge of procedures and regulations;
□A team of young engineers, with a team leader able to motivate them;
☐The presence of universities or research centers to support the initiative;
☐The availability of <b>local companies capable</b> of building plants and <b>banks</b> who can co-finance, with the system of project financing too;
☐The availability of <b>public funds to support the initial stages</b> of organization and planning and subsequent monitoring and dissemination of results.



### The new project

### The project we talked about is ending (december 2010)

A new project will be launched for the period 2011 - 2013

#### The topics are as follows

- Implementation of the methodologies developed during the first project and territorial extension of the research
- Concentrated Solar Power system (CSP)
- Small size CHP plants
- Smart grids
- Development of new systems of public-private partnership for construction and facilities management
- Municipal energy plans



# Thank You for Your attention

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