SMART
MOUNTAINS

HOW CAN BIOSPHERE RESERVES CONTRIBUTE TO THE GREEN DEAL?

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Euromontana will organise its XII European Mountain Convention on "Smart mountains: how to make our territories attractive and future-oriented?" in the Natural Park & UNESCO Biosphere Reserve of Sila, Italy in September 2021. This 3-Day event will aim at defining a sustainable strategy for the development of smart mountains towards 2050.

In view of this event, Euromontana is organising a series of webinars to feed reflection and showcase good initiatives and contribute to foresight analysis for our collective future. The second webinar will address the key role played by the 254 biosphere reserves in Europe, including 121 in mountain areas, in promoting sustainable development. How do they encourage sustainable economic development while preserving biodiversity? How do they encourage sustainable food and agriculture?

14:00 – 14:05	Introduction: mountains and biosphere reserves, common goals for a smarter and greener future	*Martin Price, University of Highlands and Islands*
14:05 – 14:10	What is a UNESCO biosphere reserve?	*Short video*
14:10 – 14:30	From the new Biodiversity Strategy to the new Farm to Fork Strategy: what are the EU plans to encourage sustainable development in the mountains?	*Frank Vassen, DG Environment, European Commission*
14:30 – 14:45	Biosphere reserves: learning places for sustainable development. How do they combine conservation of biodiversity and economic development?	*Meriem Bouamrane, UNESCO, Man and Biosphere Programme*
14:45 – 15:00	Example of UPVIVIUM: how the Italian biosphere reserves are supporting traditional, sustainable food practices and 'zero Km' food products	*Filippo Lenzerini, Consultant for some Italian biosphere reserve*
15:00 – 15:15	Chefs4the Planet: the vision of a cook chief for the future of our mountains	*Laurent Petit, 3-star Chef at Le Clos Des Sens in Annecy-le-Vieux*
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion with the audience	