

# BUILDING THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF TERRITORIAL BIO-DISTRICTS

## July 2013

The meeting between the Bio-Vallée (Rhône-Alpes Region, France) and the Bio-district of Cilento (Campania Region, Italy) has permitted to launch a high-impact initiative: the International Network of Territorial Bio-districts.

The initiative started during the visit, realized from 10th to 12th of July 2013, by 30 administrators and economic operators of Bio-Vallée to the Cilento Bio-district. The French delegation participated to meetings with different local actors, visited organic farms, could appreciate the typical local products and was involved in activities such as the meeting on integrated organic certification or the Bio-beaches event 2013.



The visit, organized by AIAB (Italian Association of Organic Agriculture) also saw the participation of national and international stakeholders supporting the Bio-district experience: National Commission for Agriculture, IAM-B Mediterranean Agronomic Institute, Legambiente, European Observatory of Landscape, International Ecologic Association, Wine and Food Pole of Campania Region, International Association EURORESO, European Platform for Research on Organic Agriculture TP Organics.



At the end of the visit the initiative of building the International Network of Territorial Bio-districts was born from the all involved actors' interest in strengthening the experiences of the territories that aim at implementing models of sustainable development. These experiences organize in an integrate strategy the themes of organic agriculture, production of renewable energies, waste management and recycling, bio-constructions, valorisation of environmental, cultural and historical resources of the territory.



In October 2013 in the French Bio-Vallée a new meeting will be realized with the Bio-district of Cilento and other stakeholders interested in the implementation of the International Network. An international seminar for promoting the Bio-districts is planned for spring 2014, for involving in the network territories of European, African and Latin American Countries.

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