



Speed Dating Event in Rome Italy-Croatia-Finland

#### GAL RISORSA LOMELLINA

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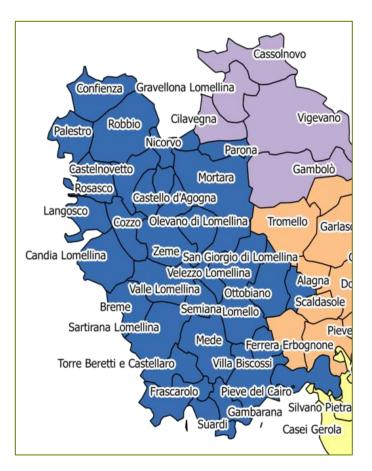






### **Description of the territory**

Lomellina lays in Po Valley, surrounded by three large rivers: Sesia, Ticino and Po. Its landscape is intimately sculpted by man's work.



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Lomellina is a rare study case, in which human activity contributes decisively to the creation of environmental and aestheic values. The identity of Lomellina is built up by:

- Predominance of agricultural land and rice production, with a highly professional primary sector.
- A very significant hydrographical network with hundreds of km of ditches and irrigation channels
- A great development of protected forest areas as in the middle of a wide agro-ecosystems of lowland
- A narrow link between the two environments, each of them sustained by the other, with a rich biodiversity namely for birds and anphybians.



### **Description of the strategy**

Strategy:

#### **GROW IN BEAUTY**

- Growth and competitiveness of the productive chain: since agriculture defines the main values in terms of environmental and paesistic values, we need our farms to be well structured, strong and young. Extracting value from rice byproducts means to strengthen the whole sector and creates new potential chains and jobs.
- We want to preserve and enhance the beauty we were delivered: the aim is to promote actions capable to increase the charme of landscape and architectural heritage. In this sense traditional food helps perceiving this beauty and has to be promoted.
- Quality of life: recovering heat from rice straw and conveying it to district heating networks lowers helps reducing costs of local public administrations and fossil fuel consumption, feedin at the same time a possible new market for rice producers.





### **Description of LEADER cooperation**

*Brief description of the cooperation strategy (thematic areas of interest)* The thematic areas of interest on the underlying our cooperation strategy are:

- Renewable energy industry development (production and energy saving)
- Sustainable tourism
- Enhancement and environmental and natural resource management

*Brief description of the project ideas* Some issues on which we intend to launch a cooperation are:

- Rural tourism promotion initiatives with particular reference to smart transportation next to big cities
- District heating supply chain using agricultural byproducts (i.e. rice straw)
- Develop green building supply chain using agricultural byproducts (i.e. rice straw)



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# **My LAG in pictures**









