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WELCOME

Thank you for deciding to join the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process – Networking Event ‘Disentangling the complexity and variability of Mediterranean temporary ponds (habitat type *3170)’ of the Botanic Garden of Rome, where together we will drive forward the restoration, conservation and management of the EU freshwater habitats.

Throughout this gathering, we will exchange our experiences, knowledge and good practices in an interactive and hands-on manner. We will also get to know each other better, invigorate our relationships and have thought-provoking conversations and debates.

During the event, we will talk about the progress of the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process in the Mediterranean Region, explore how science and practice can strengthen each other, examine best examples of enabling natural processes, and brainstorm how to foster ecosystem-based restoration interventions. We will cover these topics by presenting case studies, hearing presentations, participating in brainstorming sessions, and participating in field trips and practical activities in the beautiful setting of Rome.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Italy!

The Organising Committee



GETTING THERE

AIRPORT FIUMICINO – BOTANIC GARDEN OF ROME ('ORTO BOTANICO')

The **main airport**, Leonardo da Vinci (also known as “Fiumicino airport”), is located 26 km west of the city centre. A train connects the airport and the central railroad station “Stazione Termini”. This shuttle train, the Leonardo Express, leaves every 30 minutes for the main station, Stazione Termini. The journey lasts about half an hour and costs 14 €. It operates every 30 minutes between 6:36 am and 23:36 pm (no intermediate station stops). There are also trains leaving every 15 minutes between 5:57 am and 23:27 pm and stopping at many intermediate local stations. Get off at “Stazione di Trastevere” (the 6th stop). The cost is about 5,50 €. This station is close to the Workshop venue.

The **second airport** of Roma is Ciampino, about 20 km SE from the city centre. Ciampino mainly serves “Low Cost” flights. Ciampino airport is connected to the train station Roma Termini by Cotral/Schiaffini and Terravision buses. Tickets can be bought on board and cost about 5 Euro.

Public coaches: the ticket price is 1,50 €. This ticket is valid for 100 minutes after the initial validation on the buses/trolleybuses and only for 1 ride on the subway. **From ‘Stazione Termini’** (Rome’s main railway station) to the Botanic Garden (‘Orto Botanico’) (address: Largo Cristina di Svezia, n. 24): line H. Get off at the bus stop in Piazza Belli (after Ponte Garibaldi), walk along the river in the direction of St. Peter’s (with the river on your right) until you reach Piazza Trilussa. Walk along Via P. Sisto and via S. Dorotea, turn right, go through the arch, and you will be on Via della Lungara. Turn first left after the arch to get in Largo Cristina di Svezia, where the Orto Botanico is located. **From ‘Stazione di Trastevere** to the Botanic Garden (‘Orto Botanico’) (address: Largo Cristina di Svezia, n. 24): tram 8 or lines H or 780 (direction Piazza Sonnino). Get off at the bus stop in Piazza Belli (before Ponte Garibaldi), and follows the above-described indications.

Taxi: from Fiumicino to the city centre ('ancient walls') the price is 40 € and from Ciampino it is 30 € (up to 4 people, luggage included). The location of the Workshop (Orto Botanico di Roma, Largo Cristina di Svezia, 24) is to be considered "city centre". All licensed taxi cabs are white and have a taxi sign on the car's roof and their own license number inside the car. In every official taxi, a card explains - in English - the extra charges for luggage, late-night travel, Sunday and holiday travel, and airport journeys. Be careful of unlicensed and illegal taxi drivers approaching you at the train station or the airport. They usually are costly and unpredictable.

Taxi cabs leave you in front of the main entrance of the Botanic Garden at the taxi stop.

COVID GUIDELINES

To enter Italy you will need to fill out a Digital Passenger Locator Form. Travellers from EU countries, Schengen area, Andorra, Principality of Monaco can enter Italy without quarantine obligation, provided that they:

1. Fill in the Passenger Locator Form before entering Italy. If you do not have suitable technological tools, you can download the printed version of the Passenger Locator Form.
2. Present the EU Digital COVID Certificate on arrival. Non-EU citizens can present a COVID-19 Green Certificate, in paper or digital form, issued by the health authorities of their home country, certifying vaccination recognised by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) or successful recovery from COVID-19.

Travellers who, on entering Italy, do not present this documentation may nevertheless enter the country but must undergo fiduciary isolation for 5 days and inform the Prevention Department of the competent Local Health Authority (see page: COVID-19 Toll-free numbers and regional information). After 5 days of isolation, they must perform an additional molecular or antigen test.

Please bear in mind that in Italy, until 31 March 2022, access to:

- hotels and other accommodation facilities, including internal catering services reserved for customers;
- public transport on national territory only (planes for domestic flights, trains on national territory, ships and ferries used for interregional transport services, buses, cable cars, gondolas, chairlifts);
- conventions, congresses, festivals, fairs;
- festivals following civil and religious ceremonies;
- museums and exhibitions or other places of culture;
- spas (except for essential services for rehabilitation and therapeutic purposes), cultural, social and
- recreational centres, theme and amusement parks.

Therefore, access to the event venue in the Botanic Garden of Rome, hotels and public transportation is allowed only to persons in possession of a Green Pass Reinforced ('Green Pass Rafforzato'). Wearing an FFP2 mask is also obligatory.

For more information, please check the [COVID Guidelines](#) visiting <https://www.italia.it/en/covid19> or <https://www.viaggiaresecuri.it/approfondimenti-insights/saluteinviaggio>

Please keep in mind that any covid measures are the traveller's responsibility.

If needed, we can provide you with a Letter of travel necessity, in English and Italian, that you can fill out with your name. It acts as a certificate that you can show at the airport to prove you have a legitimate business-related reason to travel.

WHERE TO STAY

A list of accommodations near the venue (Botanic Garden of Rome) can be found [here](#). **The event can cover speakers' accommodation for up to 3 nights for a maximum cost of EUR 250.** Please book your room, fill out [this form](#) and send it back to coordinator@lifeprimed.it (attention to: Mr Vito Emanuele Cambria; Tel: +39 3472283020). Please book your room as soon as possible to prevent overbooking. The organising committee will reimburse the accommodation within two weeks after receiving the form.

WHERE TO EAT

During the event, two buffet lunches will be arranged in the food court of the Botanic Garden. Keynote speakers will be invited to have a social dinner on Thursday, March 10th, in the cosy neighbourhood of Trastevere. The name, the address of the restaurant and time details will be communicated on the first day of the event.

A selection of nearby restaurants can be found on [this map](#).

WHAT TO VISIT

The most famous tourist highlights of Rome can be found [here](#).

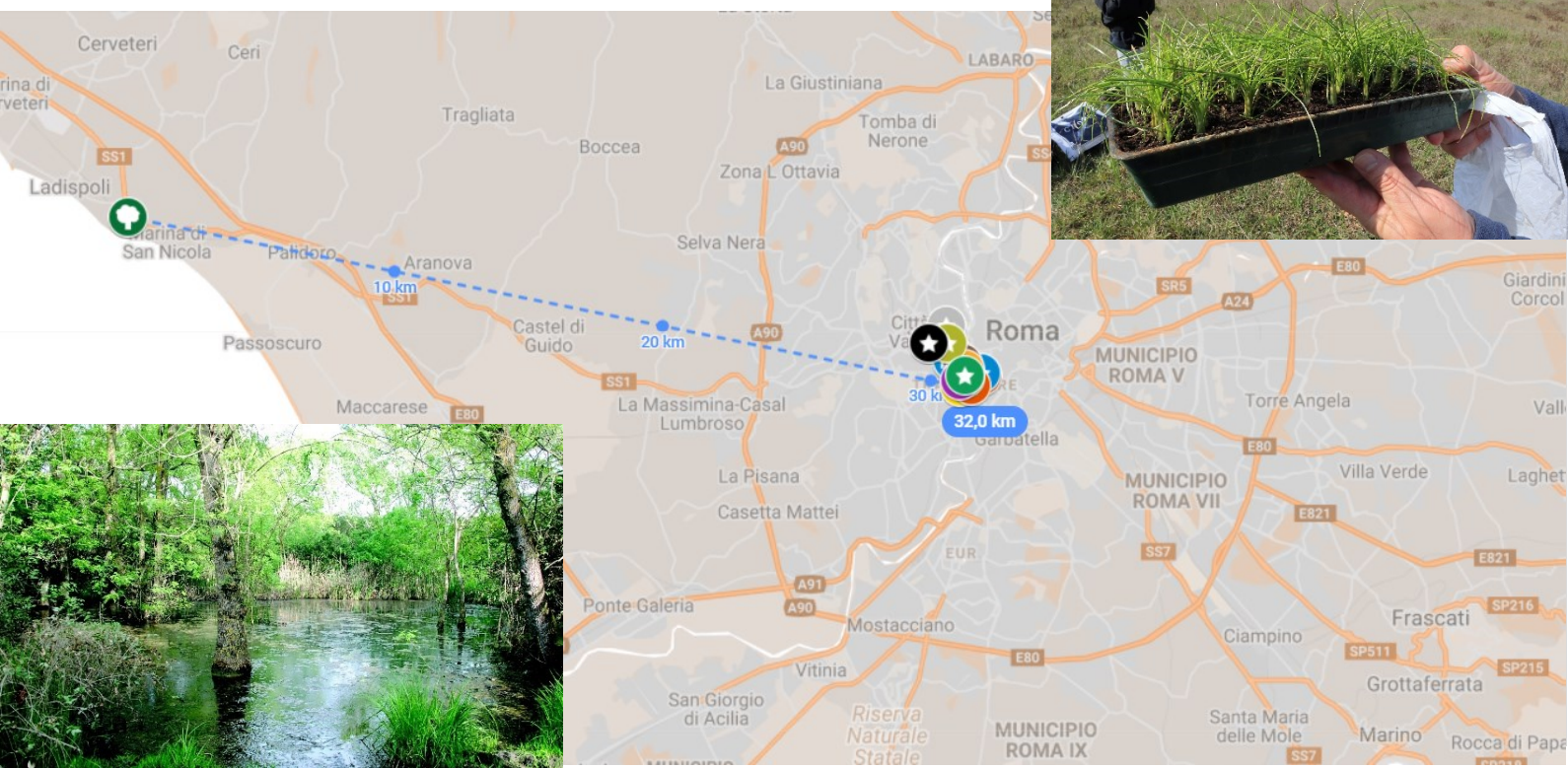
The principal underground lines are 3, line A, line B and line C, which connect perfectly all the parts of the city (the ticket is the same as for the buses). If you are going to move many times during the day, it is better to buy a daily or weekly ticket or monthly card. Schedule: 05:30 - 23:30 (Sat 00:30) Frequency: 3 - 6 minutes, Ticket: € 1,50 (for one train), BTI (Touristic 3 days): € 11,00, CIS (Touristic 7 days): € 16,00, Monthly Card: € 30,00.

Buses and tram (<http://www.atac.roma.it>) The bus and tram lines reach every street of Rome, € 1,50 for the ticket (validity 100 minutes), or daily ticket or monthly card. Ticket: € 1,50 (for 100 minutes), BTI (Touristic 3 days): € 11,00, CIS (Touristic 7 days): € 16,00, Monthly Card: € 30,00.



A COASTAL TREASURE IN ROME: THE WOOD OF PALO LAZIALE

Less than one hour' drive from the cafes and colonnades of Rome is a land that is both wild and wondrous. With one among the last remaining patches of an ancient coastal floodplain forest that in past stretched over the coastline of central Italy, the Natura 2000 site '[Bosco di Palo Laziale](#)' hosts important habitat types of priority interest (e.g. Mediterranean temporary ponds) and offers shelter to numerous protected species (e.g. *Emys orbicularis*, *Testudo hermanni*, etc.). The event attendees will have the chance to visit the site and participate in the translocation activities of some of the habitat's keystone species whose propagation is currently tested in the Botanical Garden of Rome (project LIFE PRIMED). Logistic and lunch details will be provided during the first day of the event.





WHAT TO BRING

Visitors willing to visit the site of Palo Laziale should plan on bringing a totally waterproof rain jacket and walking/trekking shoes. We will spend a full morning and afternoon hours outdoors on the site during the third day. We will participate in taking part in excursions and field activities. So please come prepared for the weather and the outdoor activities. The average minimum temperature in Palo Laziale in March is 12.0°C. The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 19.0°C.

Please bring promotional materials from your initiative and/or projects (if you have some) to show and share with other members.



Wednesday – March 9

SETTING THE SCENE FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN TEMPORARY PONDS (MTPs)

- Background from the Natura 2000 Biogeographical Process in the Mediterranean Region
- The new EU biodiversity strategy and its implications for the restoration of freshwater habitats

FACING MTPs' COMPLEXITY AND VARIABILITY

- Habitat definition, misinterpretation and its impact to the EU conservation targets
- Group discussion
- Summary and closing remarks

Thursday – March 10

CONNECTING POLICY, SCIENCE AND PRACTICE

- New methods for assessing and monitoring MTPs
- Facing conservation and management of MTPs: ground experiences from practitioners (LIFE projects, etc.)
- Group discussion
- Summary and final remarks

Friday – March 11

TOUCHING MTPs WITH HANDS

- Field excursion in the Natura 2000 site of Palo Laziale (Rome)
- Translocation of MTPs' keystone species





ADRESSES

Event venue

Orto Botanico di Roma, Largo Cristina di Svezia, 24, 00165 – Roma

<https://goo.gl/maps/qPa1tSH98udDLfcJ6>

Conference room

Sala Aranciera

<https://goo.gl/maps/fzzfhiwUtKqV1gFh6>

Bosco di Palo Laziale

Strada Comunale di Palo Laziale, 48, 00055, Ladispoli, Rome

<https://goo.gl/maps/DrNNE5GVFMhidQKA>

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