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Period 10 May - 27 October 2024

Location urban and periurban rural area of Vicenza

The project was a **transdisciplinary program** of public events and activities using **different languages and tools**. The thematic areas of the project were closely connected and impacted both at **local level** (with reference to the case of Carpaneda) and in an **EU perspective**.

The main goal was to **promote the education, empowerment and participation** of the target groups (broad citizenship, including youths and vulnerable groups, without any exclusion or discrimination) concerning the **environmental crisis** and the **climate change adaptation and mitigation**.

Objectives

Civic literacy

Empowerment

Environmental literacy

Increased engagement/activism and advocacy, involving local government





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Activities

- **Webinar** | Agroecology and Common Politics. A Look at the Green Deal on the Eve of the EU Elections
- **Theatre performance for children** | Il diario di Sofia (Sofia's Diary)
- **Interactive performance Silent Play** | Effetto Farfalla (Butterfly Effect)
- **Experiential workshop for kids** | Ever seen them up close? Let's discover the world of insects together
- **Music performance** | Nic T live
- **Round table** | Agrourban Landscapes in Transition. The role of rivers, hedges and forests in the ecological restoration of the countryside
- **Round table** | Towards the Restoration of Cascina Carpaneda and the House of Agroecology. Experiences of public rural heritage regeneration
- **Round table** | Agroecology and Intersectional Struggle. From a transfeminist perspective to labour rights
- **Public Assembly with the citizenship** | Assembly Cascina Carpaneda Common Good
- **Workshop** | Pact of collaboration for Carpaneda with LABSUS - Laboratory of Subsidiarity





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Lessons, experiences and good practices

Take a STEP is a part a **broader path of activism**, started in 2019 and still ongoing, led by the project partners and supported by La Piccionaia, for the protection and regeneration of the area of Carpaneda as a common good.

Thanks to Take a STEP! the path for Carpaneda has taken **another important step**.

We learnt that...

- we can use **different methods and languages** (meetings, in-depth analysis, participatory theatre, workshops) to engage different target groups, foster participation and share/produce knowledge with citizens;
- it is important to **involve local government** in grassroots demands: increased advocacy vis-à-vis the local administration;
- doing activities in **different places in the territory** (theatre, green areas, urban areas, rural areas) allows to involve different target groups and promote territorial knowledge and regeneration
- it was particularly stimulating to work with **activists** and try to bring new interested people into the process.

Thank You!

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