

WHO

Lombardy Region (lead partner), Piedmont Region, Emilia-Romagna Region, Veneto Region, Autonomous Province of Trento, Po River Basin Authority, Interregional Agency for the Po River, WWF Italy, LIPU - Italian League for the Protection of Birds, Legambiente Lombardia Onlus, Regional Agency for Services to Agriculture and Forests (ERSAF), Lombardia Foundation for the Environment, Veneto Delta del Po Regional Park Authority, Management Authority for Parks and Biodiversity - Delta del Po Emilia Romagna, Comunità Ambiente and Brenta Basin Council (affiliate) - Cariplo Foundation (co-funder).

WHEN

The project has a duration of 9 years, from 2024 to 2032.

HOW MUCH

With a budget exceeding EUR 46 million – 60% funded by the European Union – the project is expected to mobilise over EUR 500 million in complementary funds.



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for Natura2000
in Northern Italy to 2030

THE LIFE PROGRAMME

LIFE is a European programme established in 1992 and is the European Union's main financial instrument dedicated to the environment and climate action.

WHERE

The project area extends between Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto and Trentino, covering an area of 100,000 square kilometres, with over 24 million inhabitants and more than 840 Natura 2000 sites, characterised by the presence of the Alpine Arc and the Po River basin

REGIONS AND TERRITORIES INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT



Biodiversity under threat

Today, our planet's biodiversity faces a crisis, making its preservation a complex issue on both global and local levels. In Italy, over half of the terrestrial and inland water flora and fauna species are in poor conservation condition, as well as 89% of terrestrial and inland water habitats.

In addition, 37% of bird species are listed in categories at risk of extinction. There are many reasons behind it, mostly linked to human activities, including the loss and division of natural habitats, climate change, pollution, and the introduction of invasive alien species (IAS).

Project activities

By executing the strategies outlined in the Prioritised Action Frameworks (PAF) for Lombardy, Piedmont, Emilia-Romagna, Veneto, and Trento, the project aims to contribute to

the achievement of the objectives of the Habitats and Birds Directives and the coherence of the Natura 2000 Network.

The strategic axes of the project



Restoring habitats and species of high conservation value



Improving ecosystem resilience to support **climate change adaptation**



Enhancing **ecological connectivity**



Strengthening **governance** of the Natura 2000 Network and ecological corridors



Reducing the impact of **invasive alien species**



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