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About us

Porto di Terra is a small organization whose mission is experimenting agroecology and permaculture through sustainable community life, non-formal education, small scale food production and eco-tourism.

The non-profit organization is also linked to national and regional rural development networks, such as: WWOOF, permaculture regional network, the network of schools of the mountain area where it is settled, the local development group network. Every member of Porto di Terra comes from different backgrounds, such as environmental education, research in agroecology, human right protection, permaculture, and arboriculture (currently, we are 6 board members working on the organization). Our organization is currently based in a farm we are taking care of. The farm is located at 800 mt in the area of the Madonie Regional Park, a mountain area surrounded by small villages.

We, as board members of the organization, work together since the last 6 years. Our richness is working as a team and valuing our different experiences. There will be two people responsible for the Forum Synergies' programme: Carlotta and Elena.

- Carlotta Ebbreo, she is a PhD in Sociology of the environment, she researches in agroecology (socio-political perspective to rural development), her experience in non-formal education started organizing workshop and youth exchanges since 2012, she has also worked as rural development consultant in the Madonie National Parc, and as member of different networks for local food system and peasant rights.

- Elena D'Anna has a three year experience in the field of environmental education, managing and working with groups of youths. Her academic background is in Law, with focus on Human Rights and Immigration law. She worked in those fields for two years in Italy. She worked for one year in Vlora with an Albanian Agency for Local Development managing also youth exchanges and trainings under Erasmus+, since 2019 she's a member of the local association Porto di Terra, cooperating in its project management to foster the vision of territorial regeneration through permaculture and agroecology.

Concerning accommodation: In our farm we can host in our camp site provided with dry toilets and fresh showers. Hot showers, electric facilities, wifi and the equipped external kitchen are available in the main house. Otherwise, the trainee can choose to rent a room/apartment in one of our neighbours' structures (agritourism or other structure).

What we expect from trainee

We offer: the possibility to learn about the daily work and challenges of a small size mountain farm managed by a group of young people (from 28 to 32) (where most of the food production activities and wood management are related to self-consumption for the inhabitants and the organization members, and a small part to alternative food networks); our theoretical and experimental knowledge in permaculture and agroecology; to collaborate and learn about our non-formal education activities (Erasmus + camps, youth camp, permaculture days etc.) as well as about ecotourism activities; our knowledge and experience about donkeys care and trekking. We want to share how several experiences of rural development are linked through different networks in the area.

We expect the willing: to cooperate in group work and in community daily life, both in daily farming activities and during the organization of events; to adapt to a simple life, far from the village and the city; to express needs and expectations for the training goals and the everyday life.

Concerning selection: as a way to getting to know each other, we would like to have a skype call to share expectation for a specific training experience, and for being able to arrange together a learning agreement (and specific tutors for it within the organization).

Preferred languages

EN, FR