

## “Transnational Training course for first potential Community Cooperative Facilitators”



During the **3<sup>rd</sup> EntCom Project Transnational Meeting** in Prague, Czech Republic from the 14<sup>th</sup> till the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2016, primarily the organizational details and arrangements of the **Transnational Training Course Programme** as one of the main EntCom Project expected results, were debated and finalized.

This **Transnational Training for Community Cooperative Facilitators**, was held as part of the EntCom project in **Selva di Fasano, Italy, 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February**, in a residential mode, involving **65 people from 7 different countries** (Italy, Austria, Czech Republic, Latvia, U.K., Portugal, Turkey). During 5 days, the **potential future “facilitators” were confronted with some good practices of Apulia Community Cooperatives** (Melpignano Community Cooperative; Jemma of Zollino Community Cooperative, Faber City of Alberobello Community Cooperative), analyzing with them the model of governance, the sustainability process, the methods of community involvement, the nature of mutual exchange, and for each of these aspects of the strengths and potential growth. **The participants were also confronted with a number of other organizations able to offer useful tools and methodologies to work with communities**, like Coop. Improvisart (improvisational theater, education and empowerment, theater Community); Città Fertile Organization (participatory planning), Association Scie urban and project In-Cul. tu.Re (rethink urban spaces); Ithaca – Luna Rural Laboratory (innovation in agriculture and local development); Coop. InnovAction (policies environmental, compost of community); Land2Land (enhancement of rural areas and innovation in agriculture).



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The sessions included **workgroups and case analysis**, in order to stimulate interaction and participation on the following aspects:

- The **cooperative values and principles**, the **democratic management** in the practice of the **community cooperative**
- The **analysis of the needs** of the community: practices and tools
- **Identification** of the cooperative and the entrepreneurial **project** and working on its **sustainability**
- **Involving stakeholders and activating the network**

Participants further worked on:

- **Tools, methodologies and practices** for the **needs analysis** and the participatory **planning**: Microlab, metaplan, planning for real, E.A.S.W;
- **Techniques of storytelling** and work on collective meanings attributed to the places and the community resources;
- **Cooperative business model canvas** to work on the cooperative project and its sustainability.

## Partners

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