



Eliante social cooperative

Profile

Eliante is an Italian charity working to promote environmental sustainability. Eliante's main focus is on education to raise energy-saving awareness and promote energy efficiency. After recruiting new members, acquiring new skills and thanks to a close relationship with WWF Italy, Eliante has enlarged its vision to include nature conservation, environmental education and responsible tourism. Eliante's staff is also highly qualified in the fields of environmental communication and international development cooperation.

Eliante is made up of professionals with a predisposition for writing projects and group-working from a range of different backgrounds including: biologists and energy experts, communicators, educators, tourism experts, GIS technicians and experts in international development cooperation.

Independent and provided with cross cutting skills, Eliante is interested in developing partnerships with high-quality bodies both at a national and international level. It has two teams based in Milan and Rome.

What we do

Eliante is interested in working on the following areas:

- Biodiversity conservation, management plans for protected areas, environmental restoration actions, ecological networks, data analysis, GIS mapping;
- Environmental education through a participative approach, local community involvement for the designing of sustainability paths;
- Education to energy saving and renewables;
- Responsible tourism;
- Support to international development cooperation;
- Support to the evaluation of Strategic Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Assessments and Impact Assessments by providing detailed observations and remarks based on scientific, technical and legal knowledge.

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Who we are

This is the list of Eliante's partners:

Mauro Belardi

Biologist and project-cycle management (PCM) expert, he has been working on environmental issues since mid-90s. He has been involved with different organizations, such as WWF, LIPU, Faunaviva and Eliante itself. Grown as an ornithologist, he is currently working also on the conservation of large carnivores in the Alps. He worked on several projects as project manager, both at Italian and European level. He also dealt with protected areas design and management, identification of guidelines and management plans for parks, SCI and SPA (EU Natura 2000), as well as habitat restoration actions. He is currently in charge representing WWF Italy in the Board of WWF European Alpine Programme (EALP) and in the related Large Carnivores working Group. He has been Eliante's president since 2007, for which he previously worked as project manager on European projects concerning energy education.

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Antonio Bossi

Naturalist and environmental education senior expert. He has an extensive experience in the designing and managing of educational programs on sustainable development, participation and environmental education. He also works on training activities for kids, teachers and adults, with a particular expertise in the management of groups. He is responsible for the editorial coordination of teaching materials and he has authored publications and articles on environmental education. He served for many years the education department of WWF Italy. He exercises also independently the activity of trainer.

Giorgio Cancelliere

Degree in Geology in 1977. Organizer and co-coordinator of the master on the Use of land and water management in developing countries. He has worked in more than 20 countries and international organizations (UNDP, UNIDO, UNICEF, EU, MAE), NGOs and private companies in the water sector / environmental and mining. Former president of the Association of NGOs operating in Somalia, based in Nairobi, and water and environmental expert at the UTL (Embassy of Italy) in Asmara, Eritrea. He has participated in numerous missions monitoring development projects with various international agencies. He has worked and is working both in Italy and abroad with NGOs and international agencies in the identification, formulation and monitoring of projects in the water sector and the environment. He has collaborated with the University of La Paz in Bolivia for Economic Geology courses and has taught courses on water services sector and development cooperation at many colleges and educational institutes in Italy and abroad. Teacher Module Water & Sanitation at the master of urban planning in developing countries at the University of Venice (IUAV).



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Gianluca Catullo

MSC, biology, and a field work background (census methodologies for ungulates), expert in monitoring and management actions of wild vertebrates (wolf, otter, wildboar and ibex) in several protected areas in Italy and abroad. He has been working as consultant since 2000 for WWF Italy, for which he coordinates national and international activities (life – and other EU funded projects) on Mediterranean species and forests. From 2004 to 2007 he coordinated an international project on south-east Asia mammals on behalf of the Institute of Applied Ecology. He also collaborated with WWF Mediterranean Program (MedPO) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Fabio Fussi

He has been interested in international development cooperation (IDC) programmes since his university period (geology) at Milan University. Then, he got a postgraduate in groundwater and a master course in water resources surveys at Institute for Aerospace Surveys and Earth Sciences in Enschede – Holland, where he specialized in techniques of field mapping and geographic information systems for surveys and management of water resources. He has a 15 year experience in IDC programmes, mainly in water and sanitation (emergency, post emergency and development), as well as disaster risk management, food security and environment. He worked as technician of water/sanitation and mapping/analysis of geographic data with GIS, as program coordinator and as project design and evaluation expert.

Simone Montonati

Biologist and project management expert, he has been working on project management since 1998 in several fields: nature conservation, environmental and energy education, development of new technologic and computer applications. He collaborated with different NGOs (WWF and LIPU-BirdLife International) and companies working on projects at national and international level, the economic management of organizations and the development of new applications and methodologies. He has been Eliante's partner since 2005, for which he managed several EU-funded projects aimed at testing and applying new methodologies for developing new occupational profiles and educating to energy-saving.

Riccardo Nigro

He worked in the environmental communication field first as a press officer within WWF Italy's communication department, then as a coordinator of WWF's campaigns, both at Italian and European level. He worked on several European projects in various

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fields, from biodiversity to energy-related issues, designing communication plans aimed at making popular and easy-to-understand scientific and technical notions. Currently, he is working on WWF Italy's campaigns and he is collaborating with Eliante for all the matters related with communication and project drafting.

Valentina Nargino

After her degree in Design and Management of Tourism Systems at the University of Ferrara (Italy), she has been working on the planning, management and implementation of tourism projects, cultural events and educational tours since 2005. She worked for several nonprofit organizations, carrying out press office activities to spread cultural events. She worked as a consultant within WWF Italy's Responsible Tourism department.

Alessandro Ripamonti

He has been working in the environmental sector since 1992 working in several offices inside WWF Italy: he got experiences as protected areas manager, LIFE (EU Funded) projects coordinator and Natura 2000 expert. As Natura 2000 expert he acquired his most significant experience, by the participation to more than 650 of legal controversies in order to assure the application of EC directives for the protection of biodiversity and the correct fulfillment of EIA and SEA procedures.

Marina Trentin

Graduated in Environmental Sciences in 2003 (MSc in ecotoxicology, thesis on lagoons, coastal and transition environments management), in 2005 got a post-degree master in water and natural resources management in international cooperation. Tasks on water quality and on surveys and assessment, also through participatory tools, for resources management.

Her experiences in international cooperation concern projects coordination and management in developing countries, consultancies on water and sanitation issues, natural resources management and environmental sustainability. From 2005 to now works for many public, private and third sector organizations in Tanzania, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Lebanon and Republic of Congo for project identification, draft, management, monitoring and evaluation.

In Italy she collaborates with various private and third sector organizations as a consultant for sustainable development projects and land management with participatory approach, and for EIA, SEA and ESHA processes.

As a support for logistics and didactics, she works with post-degree master in "Water management in international cooperation" at University of Bicocca, Milan.

Guido Trivellini

Graduated in 2003 in Biological Sciences (MSc) by a thesis on the behavioral ecology of mountain ungulates on the Alps (radio-tracking and ethological observations), he

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spent some time at the University of Sherbrooke (Quebec, Canada) working in a project on evolutionary consequences of trophy hunting on mountain ungulates.

In 2005, he got a postgraduate degree in International and development Cooperation (Land use and water management in developing countries) at the University of Milan Bicocca, with a field-based work in participatory land use and natural resources mapping (GPS-GIS) implemented with the Maasai communities of northern Tanzania. IN 2011, he got a PhD degree, working on the quantitative biodiversity assessments and the habitat selection of indicator insect species .

Since 2006 he' has been working for the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF Italy and WWF European Alpine Programme -,EALP-, for which he works now as the head of biodiversity) by scientific consulting, GIS analyses (landscape ecology) and project management (writing budgeting, implemetation) .

He's finally a founder member of THE HUB Milano, a social innovation centre and think tank for a sustainable economy. He joined Eliante in 2012.

Maurizio Valota

Naturalist, specialized in herpetology. He mainly works in the field of environmental education in schools and he is involved in projects aiming at spreading the environmental culture beyond the world of education, both with children and adults. He collaborates, among others, with regional protected areas and other associations. Still an active researcher in the herpetological field with scientific and popular publications, he has been Eliante' partner since 2008, for which he has worked on aspects regarding energy audits of buildings in small towns in Lombardy.

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