



Bio-based revitalisation
of local communities



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The Department of Earth and Sea Sciences of the University of Palermo, in the Sala Lanza of the Palermo Botanical Garden, promoted the first workshop on the BlueRev Project, of which the Blue Fishing and Growth District is also a partner.

The working day was coordinated by Professor Concetta Maria Messina.

The project's objectives are: to change course and develop a sustainable blue economy, in which environmental protection and economic activities go hand in hand; shift the focus from mere exploitation to sustainability and resilience.

BlueRev intends to revitalize local communities in Europe with innovative organic businesses, governance models and social innovations focused on the blue organic sector.

The BlueRev consortium is composed of eight partners from 6 European Union countries (Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Portugal and Estonia), who bring together all the necessary expertise to carry out the activities of this ambitious project.

Denmark and Greenland, Estonia and Italy are the pilot regions that will serve BlueRev to develop or replicate new governance and business models that enable the transition towards socially and environmentally responsible behaviour.

In first session, moderated by Prof. C.M. Messina, Dr. Alberto Pulizzi General Manager of the Mediterranean Fishing Department of the Sicilian Region Administration spoke, then Dr. Giovanni Basciano Vice President AGC, Dr. Francesco Foraci coordinator of the activities of the DFBG for the project, reported on the role of the District as a facilitator of relations between scientific research applied to the Blue Economy and companies in the fishing sector, Dr. Franco Andaloro for the BIG - Blu Italian Growth Cluster, and Dr. Leonardo Manzari - National Contact Point for Westmed EU, spoke online.

There was an intervention by an Assessor of Sciacca municipality Dr. Francesco Di Mino very pleased that the Municipality of Sciacca has been invited to the presentation of the BlueRev Project considered important for the growth of the "Blue" sector.

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In the second session, moderated by Eleonora Curcuraci (DiSTEM - UniPA), the speakers representing BlueRev were Dr. Alessio Spera (APRE) Dr. giovanna Ottaviani Aalmo (NIBIO), Dr. Soogand Goolesorkhi (UIA), Prof. Concetta Maria Messina (UNIPA) and for the project Engage4BIO Doc. Viola Pinzi was present online.

In the third session there were the interventions of the master students of UniPA with the presentation of the related work.

During this session Dr. Antonino Vincenzo CARLINO, President of the DFBG, spoke; He is the Legal Representative of one of the important and historic fish processing companies of Sicily called CARLINO srl which is based in the city of Sciacca which has an important fishing fleet and a significant fishing port.

The President addressed the public to promote the BlueRev project and to express the interest of DFBG, and of the numerous associated fishing companies that he represents, in the project.

The pilot study developed in Southern Italy is related to the exploitation of fish and algae processing residues for industrial applications, for example for cosmetics and nutraceuticals.

Prof. Concetta Maria Messina (DiSTEM – UniPA) was end workshop.



Prof. C.M. Messina UniPA and Dr. Nino CARLINO President DFBG

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