**LEG24** – **Montepulciano's Lake**

**Location**: Tre Berte, Montepulciano, province of Siena, Toscana region

**Date**: 22/05 -03/06

**Type**: environmental, agriculture

**Number of volunteers:** 4

**Age:** 18+

**SUMMARY PROJECT**: Two weeks in one of the best natural Reserve in the south of Tuscany to help to organize all the activities in to the Reserve, to know most of the species of migratory birds and lacustrine plants.

**Descrizione**

PROJECT: The aim of the project is helping Legambiente local group to startup the visit center "La Casetta" that has been opened recently and that needs ordinary maintanance.

LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP: Legambiente Terra e Pace - APS was created in 1994. The group's activities focus on environmental education with the aim to promote ecological sensitivity among adults and students. https://www.facebook.com/terraepace. Its most successful campaigns are "The Tree Festival" and "Cleanup the World". During the last few years, the group's interest has moved toward promoting natural agriculture, healthy nutrition and sustainable tourism.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: Tre Berte is the area around Montepulciano's lake. The lake is the effect of a big unfinished remediation (the "Bonifica della Valdichiana"); the first project was created from the genius of Leonardo da Vinci. Since 1996 the lake is a Natural Reserve and the hunting and the professional fish is forbidden. In the free time volunteers can do birdwatching next to the river of the lake, excursion with the boat, long walks in the nature. They can visit some historical and medieval city like Montepulciano, Pienza, Chiusi, Cortona.

WORK: Volunteer will be involved in the realisation of synergic gardening near the visit centre, based on an alternative approach to agricultural methods. They can work also at the renovation of the guest house, doing some work like painting wooden enclosures, and support the local group in tourist promotion.

STUDY PART: training about synergic agriculture.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: The volunteers will be hosted in the Visit Center "La Casetta"with self-managed kitchen. Meals will be based on local and seasonal products.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: interest in agriculture

**TERMINAL**: Perugia Airport; Roma airport; Firenze airport. Train Station: Chiusi - Chianciano Terme **LANGUAGE**: English.