**LEG-MTV01** – **The ring on the river**

**Location**: Malnate, province of Varese, Lombardia region

**Date**: 26/05 – 26/07

**Type**: environmental

**Number of volunteers:** 2

**Age:** 18+

**PROJECT SUMMARY**: Volunteers will help Legambiente staff on a project about protection end maintenance of the area involving the participation of citizens. The Olona is the main river of the area, it’s polluted and source of hydrogeological risk for the inhabitants. The aim of the project is to bring back people to live in balance with the river.

**Description**

PROJECT: Legambiente has taken a piece of land upstream of a dam and the field is part of a project involving citizens in environmental management to create a resilient community that fit the changes in the area. The Olona is the main river of the area, it’s polluted and source of hydrogeological risk for the inhabitants. The aim of the project is to bring back people to live in balance with the Olona river. Volunteers will help Legambiente staff on a project about protection end maintenance of the area involving the participation of citizens.

LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP: Legambiente Varese Onlus, besides giving contributions to main Legambiente national campaigns, cares about the environment of the district of Varese since the eighties. Legambiente Varese coordinates 14 local groups of Legambiente volunteers and is the connection between local, regional and national offices of the association. It carries out several activities such as the management of natural areas, the organization of workcamps, environmental education addressed to youngest generations and promotion of environmentally friendly lifestyles.

Legambiente Lombardia performs its activities on a regional basis, with more than 100 local groups. It promotes initiatives against the soil consumption and for the conservation of natural resources. The members are involved in activities such as raising awareness, information, education, scientific issues.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: The Olona Valley is characterized by a typical vegetation of the Lombard moor and it offers different kind of beautiful panoramas; tradition and culture complete the rich painting of the territory that brags architectural presences from the medieval age to the renaissance: an happy marriage between story and nature. In leisure time volunteers will make bike's trips in the area and visit lakes.

WORK: Volunteers will help Legambiente staff on a project about protection end maintenance of the area involving the participation of citizens. They will join local volunteers in the restoration of an historical building, in cleanings of woods etc. They will take care of the vegetable garden. They will participate as co-leader in teenager workcamps and will support in the organization of events as the “Big jump”, international campaign for living rivers.

STUDY PART: Volunteers will have the possibility to participate in workshop and trainings on environment e sustainability. We’ll meet some local expert of flora and fauna and we'll see activities of the "Protezione Civile" about hydrological risk' prevention.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: Volunteers' will be hosted in a flat, during workcamp they'll move in tents. Food will be provided (environmental friendly diet, local and seasonal products, little meat) and prepared directly by participants.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: Motivational letter is required.

**TERMINAL**: Malpensa Airport, Malnate and Varese railway station.

**LANGUAGE**: English