**LEG31** – **Anapo Valley**

**Location**: Sortino, province of Sirausa, Sicilia region

**Date**: 20/07 -03/08

**Type**: environmental, cultural

**Number of volunteers:** 10

**Age:** 18 - 35

**SUMMARY PROJECT**: Enjoy the experience of making new friends and living new adventures while working in the unspoilt nature of the Anapo Valley.

**Descrizione**

PROJECT: The project aims at safeguarding and enhancing the environmental, historical, cultural and artistic heritage of the Hyblean Mountains, in Sicily; the workcamp will be organized in a territory very rich in history, culture and lush natural environment, an UNESCO World Heritage Site: the Necropolis of Pantalica and the nature reserve of Anapo Valley; -the activities will be held in the natural reserve area, in the archaeological areas of Pantalica and medieval Sortino and in the city centre.

LEGAMBIENTE LOCAL GROUP: The local group Ecopolis was born in 2005 thanks to a group of young people that decided to fight against the lack of civic sense, the inadequacy of public policies, to improve the respect towards common goods and to raise the value of the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The group adopted the slogan “say by doing” and worked to give positive inspirations to the local community.

LOCATION AND LEISURE: The camp is organized in one of the most important prehistorical sites of Sicily: the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Pantalica, in the Nature Reserve of river Anapo Valley. It is located in the area of Sortino, a small town on the Hyblean Mounts, near Syracuse, Noto and the whole baroque part of South-Eastern Sicily. The planned excursions will take into consideration the treasures of our area: natural reserves, archaeological sites, and of course our wonderful beaches.

WORK: Volunteers will be involved in different activities: with locals they will clean up an abandoned area and build an enclosure around it in order to create a park dedicated to pets; they will cut grass, branches and bushes to open up a new path in the nature reserve guided by a worker of the Forest Department; they will promote the archaeological and nature areas of Pantalica, Anapo Valley and the Medieval Sortino working at the path system and welcoming tourists.

STUDY PART: volunteers will attend a workshop on local handicraft held by an expert artisan and aimed at the realization of a traditional object.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD: Volunteers will be hosted in an old hermitage out of the city centre and self-managed. There is no internet and the water supply is limited. The diet will be vegetarian and arranged with local products.

TERMINAL: Catania International Airport Fontana Rossa(CTA). Train stations in Syracuse and in Catania. -Last bus from Catania at 19:00 (stops at the airport); -Last bus from Siracusa at 20:00

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: No specific skills are required. Just keep in mind you will spend most of your time outdoor, immersed in the wild nature, so pay attention to insect bites or stings, especially if you are an allergy sufferer.

LANGUAGE: English