

## Good practices in Italy 21/2019

**Title:** Contratto di Lago per il Lago D'Orta  
**Owner:**  
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### **Description:**

This Memorandum of Understanding is aimed at starting shared concertation paths through the testing of innovative governance measures on the lake basin and its surroundings.

This kind of agreement is part of the Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC which is an EU directive committing member States to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water bodies.

The lake agreement, as well as that on rivers, is a tool for the governance of local development processes, which involves all the actors operating in the management or in the use of this resource and its basins.

A focal point of the directive refers to the participation of local communities, since any operation on this common resource should be shared by all the stakeholders.

Since the 80s the D'Orta lake has been representing one of the most compromised water bodies, due to human productive activities. Between 1989 and 1991 it was also made a clean-up procedure named liming of D'Orta lake.

The Ecomuseo del lago d'Orta e Mottarone has been identified as the designated institution helping the Novara and VCO territories activate facilitation processes for the involvement of different actors.