

Good practices in Italy

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Description:

Goletta dei Fiumi is an initiative promoted by Legambiente Campania in order to monitor the state of health of the Sarno river, as well as of the Sele river and Tusciano river. Goletta dei Fiumi represents a further occasion of scientific monitoring enhancing the role of citizen science.

Volunteers are indeed involved in monitoring activities, as well as they assume an active role in awareness raising initiatives. They also help in running an information point. Here all the citizens can learn the best behaviour to keep in order to protect the rivers. Education laboratories are held for children and schools.

Recently has been also introduced a methodology to detect the presence of microplastic waste in waters. That has been possible thanks to the scientific partnership of the CNR research center.

This initiative is quite innovative since there are very few data on the amount of microplastic waste in freshwater ecosystems, when compared with those on marine ecosystems.

On the last January the 30th it was held a conference to show the results of the monitoring activities made during Goletta dei Fiumi. A small delegation of the LIFE VisPO project took part to that conference as an example of good practice in the same field of interest.