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Trentino

Trento, Piana Rotaliana and Pergine Valsugana intend to identify abandoned areas to integrate them in the sustainable food network, developing a network of semi-natural areas to enhance ecological value of the landscape. Nutrire Trento will relaunch urban sustainable agriculture by connecting producers and consumers.

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PAOLA FONTANA

Has the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic made your project users, customers or partners; more or less aware of the natural environment?



Paola Fontana -
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I believe that the Pandemic has made people and project partners more sensitive and more attentive to environmental issues. This is also demonstrated by the fact that the consumption of local products has increased and there is a greater attention for "healthier" food.



As a project leader do you see connections between the impact of COVID-19 and the global Climate and Ecological Emergencies?

I think that people realized how much waste we produce: we have all learn that this pandemic has, from one hand, reduced the consumption of household waste, but unfortunately it has led to an increase in special waste (medical). I believe that in the project partners this sensitivity has been very present, as we have been trying to contain the use of those materials such as disposable gloves and masks in favor of the reusable ones and washing our hands instead of throwing away tremendous quantity of disposable gloves.

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I believe that both Saturn and Nutrire Trento converge on the same matters and deal with the same issues for which I believe that synergy is always useful. Nutrire Trento is a project more linked to everyday life, while Saturn is more attentive to research, therefore I believe that combining practice with study can provide useful elements to address all these problems.

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ph. Angelica Pianegonda

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Ciro Benoni -
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The Covid Pandemic hit us suddenly with unexpected strength and intensity that nobody was and could be prepared for. All of us have had to deal with our vulnerabilities and the system where we live. In the midst of the emergency it was surprising to see how quickly the nature around us recovered its spaces.

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Given the above, the COVID emergency highlighted with extreme speed the vulnerability of our systems to the "natural system" and our weaknesses.

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Thinking about my role, albeit completely marginal, I can see the importance of providing the link between the steering and programming parts - constitutes by the political bodies which govern the Public Administration - and the operational part made up of technicians and designers who work to develop concrete ideas and projects.

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I believe there has been someone who has gained greater awareness, but also many other people who have not made this connection. Equally, there has been less selection than in the past for the type of consumption. In my opinion, many people have reacted differently, and I don't know if statistics exist.



ph. Angelica Pianegonda

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I believe there is a strong dichotomy. There are some people who were previously interested in global climate-related issues said "now the world has changed and surely everyone will be more attentive", on the other hand I find great possibilities of problems related to not entirely legal financing which can complicate the situation. In my opinion it will depend a lot on next year and on how these indispensable financing will be managed, but risky too, which will certainly come.

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I have been dealing, either for choice and for profession, with environmental education for over 30 years and in these things I have always maintained a fairly high level of attention in trying to give substance to ideas. I don't know if in this case I will have more space to realize these ideas. Many things move in this direction, but the risk is that always the same actors are involved and the feeling is that everything will be fine. However, when you move away from the group of those with whom you share certain things, you discover a completely different view and at this point there are two very strong and very opposite trends. I hope that the European Union will be able to do something. In Italy there are many contradictions that will sadly have repercussions on business world.