

Sasso Marconi Charta

This Charta contains the formal, not binding, agreement to support policies for mitigation and environmental protection, and to promote efficient technologies and tools for sustainable management of landscape, production activities and citizens wellbeing.

Agriculture, land, rural landscapes and their related traditions and activities are subject to the constant pressure of human activities, climate change and climate variability. A conscious and informed management of such assets, developed and enriched over the centuries by generations of farmers, artisans, entrepreneurs and citizens is imperative and requires a joint effort and a review of knowledge.

This Charta aims to promote the emergence of a new form of partnership to promote and disseminate knowledge as well as virtuous techniques and technologies to increase agricultural sustainability and resilience and to promote productivity, while operating to bring about a greater awareness and understanding of climate change.

These objectives are stimulated by a new and shared consciousness, emerged in the context of EXPO Milano 2015; this Charta is an emanation of EXPO's founding values . The same are promoted internationally by the Alliance on "Climate Smart Agriculture", supported by the United Nations to meet the urgent needs emerged due to climate change in the area of sustainability and sustainable food production in some territories of the world, being the countries of a number of Charta promoters among them.

This Charta aims to encourage fluid forms of partnerships that encourage the diffusion and dissemination of new knowledge on sustainability, bearing in mind the new unavoidable dictates of the green economy and circular economy.

Climate change and human pressure, including land use, impact all products and all utilities. Therefore, any joint activity has to directly and indirectly involve all actors and stakeholders. Research institutions, local authorities, national and European Central Authorities, NGOs are aware of the need to create active networks of cooperation and exchange of good practices, by providing their knowledge and dedicated activities.

An integral part of the promoted activities is the transfer of innovation supported by the CSA Booster of the Climate KIC in the Emilia Romagna region, which will locally support the promotion of technologies and "climate smart" opportunities related to agriculture.

Promoters

The promoters of the Sasso Marconi Charta are:

- The City of Sasso Marconi which - together with the NGO e-qo - hosts the first physical location of the center devoted to the dissemination of knowledge and techniques in the areas of climate change.

The Municipality of Sasso Marconi has operated so to create a stable connection with the regional authorities, the national government and the EU institutions in order to facilitate the collection and dissemination of information. It also provides in kind the premises where the activities scheduled in the Charta will be started.

- IBIMET- The Institute of Biometeorology of CNR, the scientific and technical partner, also in connection and in partnership with the Climate-KIC and in collaboration with WMO, the World Meteorological Organization of the United Nations.

IBIMET contributes to make the new operational center both a place of study on environmental policies and as a center of operations for the identification and dissemination of solutions to be applied in the field of climate smart agriculture.

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The Charta states that one of the main values for the dissemination of information on climate change is the creation of a close alliance between the political representatives at different levels and scientific experts. Such partnership should involve- and be progressively extended - to all the stakeholders directly and indirectly involved in the issue - be them institutions, companies or associations- so to promote the deepening of an area that has social economic and political impacts. The Charta should highlight the elements of innovation, sustainability and the ability to market technologies, and support the dissemination of good practices on environmental and territorial sustainability. The Charta should support policies and decisions that promote the development of initiatives, projects or green economy activities in partnership with authorities and institutions by sharing information about climate

change and by involving local communities in climate change mitigation actions.

Objectives

The Charta aims to support partnerships between public national and international scientific institutions to create and pursue instances, actions and projects to promote environmental sustainability, biodiversity protection, energy saving, promotion of technologies and diffusion of "climatically smart "agriculture, protection of natural resources, landscape and rural areas, and information on climate change and issues related to it, in collaboration with other local, European and international stakeholders. The Charta underlines the need to acquire an operational tool on environmental sustainability in connection with the NGO e-qo where to give birth to specific booster topics. The soon-to-be –established center will be an example that could be replicated in other countries, with the aim to facilitate and streamline the relationship between technology and users, to promote green instances and to collect and convey a shared platform where to share and spread information which in turn may lead to research projects or innovation. The Charter aims to promote alliances, thus including members, supporters, partners and sponsors; all those who have skills and networks of influence in the region will have the opportunity to take part to it.

Signers

Poltical partners	Technical partners
Mayor of Sasso Marconi	IBIMET
Italian Government	ASTER
European Parliament	e-qo
Emilia-Romagna Region	

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