



ITALIAN NETWORK OF
ECOLOGICAL VILLAGES

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RIVE

Italian Network of Ecological Villages

Ecovillages: eco-sustainable intentional communities

What is RIVE

The Italian Network of Ecological Villages - RIVE was born in December 1996 to keep in touch many heterogeneous realities of eco-villages that are scattered throughout the Italian territory, and to support the start-up of new ones. The diversity among the members of RIVE is a characteristic trait of the association, richness that inspires multiple lifestyles. In fact, many community experiences - different in philosophical and organizational approaches - belong to it, but all are aimed towards a responsible and sustainable way of life from the ecological, spiritual, socio-cultural and economic perspective, where sustainability means the attitude of a human group to meet its own needs without reducing, but improving the current environmental perspectives and that of future generations.

Mission

The Italian Network of Ecological Villages - RIVE :

- believes that the experience of community life are real laboratories of social and educational experimentation for a better world;
- recognizes social equity as ethic basis of its work, based on spiritual , economic and ecological harmony;
- facilitates/promotes the spread of the experiences of communities and ecovillages already existing and supports newborn projects;
- supports and collaborates with all organizations that promote culture of peace, mutual acceptance, respect for diversity and solidarity.

RIVE offers:

- the opportunity to meet members, supporters and friends of Italian ecovillages;
- the organization of public meetings, and members-only meetings, during the year;
- the opportunity to represent the colorful multitude of ecological villages through a single organization;
- support and advice for new projects;
- a website and a newsletter where members can introduce themselves and show their activities, and a mailing list to cooperate to the network;

- direct contact with the international movement of ecovillages, by participating in the GEN-Europe (Global Ecovillage Network).

How to participate:

- bringing more awareness and environmentally-friendly practices into your life
- becoming an active member of RIVE as “Supporting Member”, ecovillage, or newborn project
- offering your help in the organization of events or conferences
- by sending a donation to: RIVE, Banca popolare Etica, IBAN: IT38 F050 1802 8000 0000 0171 976.

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Some families have repopulated the valley of Acquacheta, with the aim of restoring the ancient buildings, the uncultivated land and to preserve the area located into the National Park of "Foreste Casentinesi". The members of the community promote self-sufficiency and have the great common goal to collectively manage the land, promoting educational courses addressed to the young generations.

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Prior to being an eco-village is a Community. It has been founded in 1979 by the joining of two previous community experience and is composed of 16 people. Specific characteristics: total economic sharing, organic farming and breeding, use of the method of consent, self-sufficiency, political and social activism.

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The project starts in 1985, with the purchase of the rectory and church of Campanara. Here live 7 adults and 7 children, members of the same family. The goal of the group is self-sufficiency, the discovery and exploitation of ancient arts and crafts, and respect for the ecosystem.

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Since 2010 a group of 6 people have started a process of community. Ciricea is located 450 m above sea level and consists of a large farmhouse and outbuildings, plus 2 hectares of vegetable gardens, olive trees and fruit trees. The project promotes cultural days and workshops.

LA CITTÀ DELLA LUCE

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La Città della Luce has been founded in 2006 by a group of enthusiasts scholars of Reiki, already members of an association since 1999. In the Ecovillage live 25 members, whose main interest focuses on research and training in the bionatural disciplines. Members share the economy and work within the community structure as holistic and artisans practitioners.

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Small village to renovate in a woodland setting surrounded by abandoned farmland. Since 2003 6 people live there in self-built houses of straw. The project is a laboratory of “happy decrease” and permaculture design. In addition to this, they have skills related to synergic agriculture and biodance.

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Founded in Italy in the early 70s, Damanhur is a center for spiritual, artistic and social research, well-known all over the world. It is composed of 600 members divided into 25 groups that form the Federation of communities. The Federation, founded in 1980, has a social, political and economic structure continuously evolving and in relation to their path of spiritual quest.

IL POPOLO DEGLI ELFI

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Since the eighties the Pistoia Apennines hosts one of the most original of the Italian community movement, it is il Popolo degli Elfi. Here live 200

people in over fifteen groups, some distant even an hour of walking from one to the other. Some of the housing is without electricity , they practice self-sufficiency , exchange and barter.

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The project began in 2011 thanks to the availability of an olive grove at the foot of the Gargano. Here live 8 adults who practice self-subsistence and synergic agriculture. They live in yurta and they have their own homemade solar panels, the community kitchen , the compost toilet and the circus.

LUMEN

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Lumen is an eco-village where 63 people live, 25 of which are children. The member of the community have renovated a farmhouse in a rural village of the 7th century. The main activity of the community is the Naturopathy School, the Wellness Academy and the Natural Cooking School.

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This farm house has started in 2008 from the idea of a couple. It's composed

by some apartments which surround an educational farm run through organic farming, it hosts an ethical purchasing group and a music room.

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The Ecovillage Torri Superiore is located in the small medieval town of the thirteenth century. The community, active since 1989, has made the work of restoration of the village which now houses, in addition to the 25 residents, also a ecotourism project and cultural association. Other activities are farming, olive growing and breeding on a small scale.

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It is an old stone village restored by 13 families who live there. Each family runs its economy and work independently. They share common areas, which are managed collectively.

IL VIGNALE

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It is an eco-village project started in 2010. The building that will house the community, currently united in agricultural cooperative and consists of 10

people , is being renovated. The land is 5 acres designed in permaculture mode . The objective is food self-sufficiency. The main areas of interest: renewable energy, music, circus and theater, green building, collection and use of herbs.

VILLAGGIO VERDE

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Born in the 80s from an idea by Bernardino del Boca (esoteric person died in 2001), whose will was to create an experimental center for the Evolution of Consciousness. Here live 15 people who are part of a building and agricultural cooperative, which owns 16 houses and about 8 acres of land. It is an experience somewhere between a cohousing and an intentional community.

VILLA VILLA VIGNA

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Villa Vigna is a rented house in the “Castelli Romani” area, where the inhabitants experiment life in community, organic farming, permaculture and self-building of renewable energy plants.

ECOVILLAGGI IN COSTRUZIONE

CA' DEI VENTI

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Motivated by their voluntary work in the RIVE, 6 young adults move to a house in the country side in order to live and experiment cohabitation and to ground the roots for an eco-village community. The base values of the group are organic farming, self subsistence, permaculture, use of techniques to facilitate relationships and collective decision making. The community is open to the local community and to international networks.

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Consolida is a rural eco-village composed by 4 adults and 3 children who starting from 2010 have followed the ideals of sustainability, self-sufficiency, sobriety, degrowth and natural nutrition. The community includes a farm (13 hectares of forest and 7 arable) which follows the principles of permaculture and synergetic agriculture to produce vegetables which are sold in the local markets of Bologna. The community is open and ready to accept new members.

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Since 2009 a group of ten households, families and single individuals, formed the San Rocco Community to establish an eco-village that will be built on a plot of one hectare of land at 720 m above sea level. The buildings, designed in both private and common spaces, will be built with straw, wood and clay. Core values of the group: respect for Mother Earth and mutual support. They have been farming together for five years. The construction works of the Ecovillage are about to start.

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Dulcamara starts in 1984 as an agriculture cooperative which has been entrusted to run and manage the Foiano farm, near Ozzano d'Emilia, 15 km from Bologna. The land is inside the Regional Park "Parco dei Gessi e dei Calnchi" and collaborates with the public organization which runs the park. There are 12 arable hectares and 1 hectare where there is a vegetable garden, a typical fruit trees orchard and an educational farm. The community runs a vegetarian and organic restaurant and runs a bed and breakfast. Eight to twelve people live in Dulcamara, according to the season. The aim for them is to become an intentional community.

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Since 2010 a couple bought a plot of 13 acres where they built wooden structures, which feature a kitchen and a classroom. They are a cultural organization that aims to create a center for the protection and care of the native Tuscany flora and fauna and of each species at risk of extinction, including the issue of seeds.

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Born from the experience of Eureka, International Research Institute for High Quality of Life, founded in 1997, which deals with the research and experimentation in agriculture, which led to the homeodynamic method. The community is made of 30 people who follow the values of Christianity and draw inspiration from the anthroposophical Spiritual Science.

ECOVILLAGGIO A PEDALI

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A group of 5 people in 2013 has rented a house with land where experiment and try to live a shared and supportive living. The experience looks for food, economic and energetic self-sufficiency.

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P.E.R. Is a scientific, touristic and an informative center which experiments new technologies, processes and activities which can improve human life and which can reduce the impact of society on the planet. Since 2009 the center has the aim to inspire the wish and dream of changing life. The center's mission is to experiment energy saving, to promote and practice permaculture and life in community.

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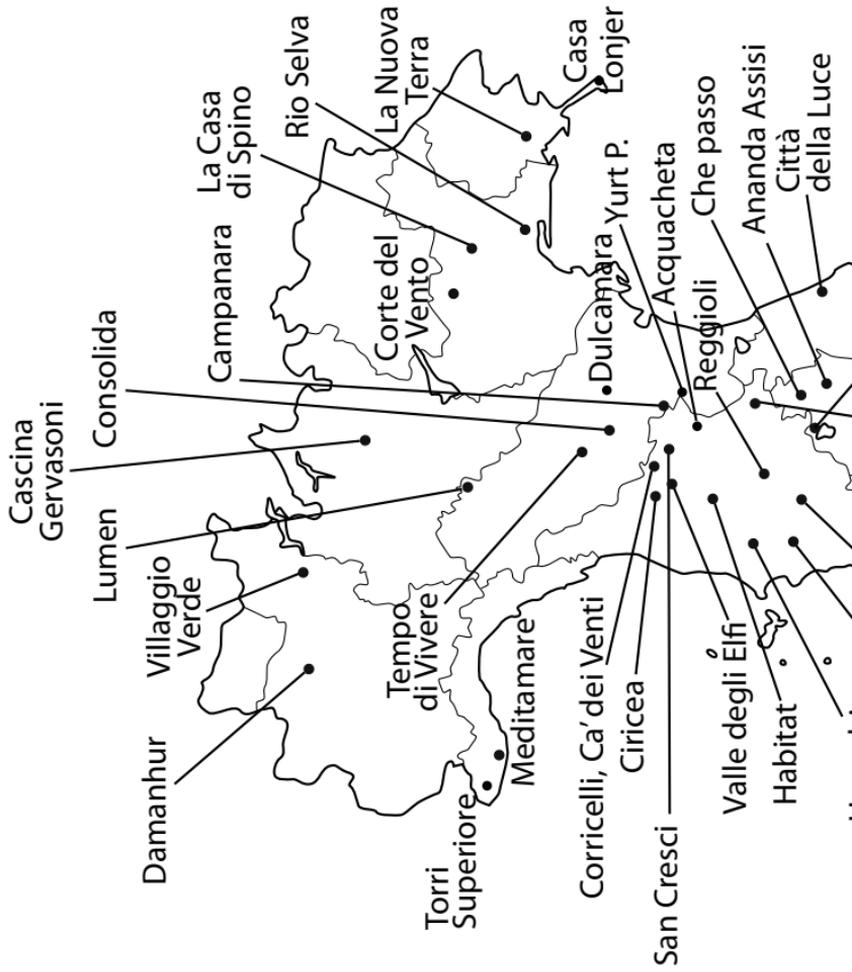
Rays has been founded in 2003, it has 3 inhabitants (with more people interested in the project) that experience natural farming techniques, permaculture aiming at food self-sufficiency. They practice exchange and barter.

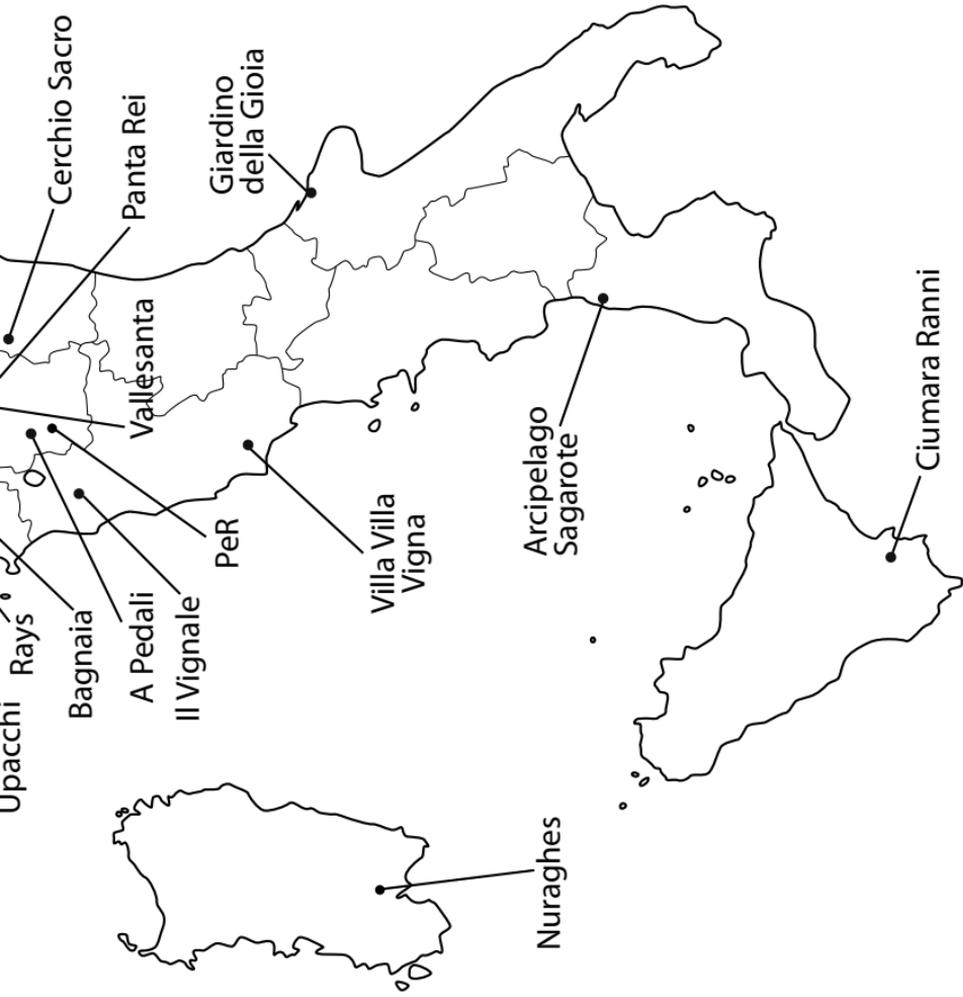
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Tempo di Vivere is an eco-village which focuses on the human being and his capabilities. Its aim is to promote a conscious degrowth in harmony with Mother Nature. The founders created an intentional autonomous community where everybody can bring their own experiences and





skills to acquire the common goal of a life based on the person's needs. Collaboration and sharing will bring personal and collective growth. The community follows a holistic and respectful vision of the wellbeing and healing of humankind and the environment and wants to be an example to create a new culture and social system.

ECOVILLAGGIO IN VALLESANTA Cooperativa Cantieribelli

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Seven families are building houses and common spaces of a rural eco-village. A shared project design, self-construction with natural and local materials (wood, straw-bell, earth), shared owning of the houses and lands, communitarian life in respect of each individual, sobriety and openness towards the local community are some of the values and principals with which this community wants to repopulate this valley in the Appennini mountains.

PROGETTI DI ECOVILLAGGIO

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Cultural and voluntary non-profit organization, the project promotes funny, recreational and “onodidattica” (education through donkeys) activities, theater, music , arts and crafts for children with and without disabilities, aiming at the reconstruction of human values, solidarity and equality.

LA CASA DI SPINO

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In 2012 a couple has rented a house with a hectare of land, to create a first nucleus for the establishment of an eco-village. The project aims to environmental sustainability, mutual help, inner search, artistic expression and intercultural welcome. They dream of a space for libertarian education.

CASCINA GERVASONI

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Cascina Gervasoni it is an organic educational and social farm, agritourism, open in 2000 by Max Archetti, who later decided to convert it to and

ecovillage. He is currently supported by many members and adheres actively in local associations.

CASA LONJER

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Casa Lonjer is a community laboratory where babies and bread are produced at home. A group of people which since 2007 are growing together in a urban community project. At the moment four people are involved in this project which evolves day by day. They live in a house with a garden and they are enlarging the green area. The main interests of the community are: to promote the freedom of birth and growth, to heal the earth, attention and caring for interpersonal and intra-personal relations, the research for viable, resilient, ecological and community ways of living.

IL CERCHIO SACRO

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The project promoted by Maddalena Armenise is located in the Regional Park of Gola della Rossa e di Frasassi, and is suitable for the creation of a spiritual ecovillage, inspired by the knowledge and wisdom of the native peoples. The property has 6 acres, ruins and a house to finish restoring. For several years, in summer, there are classes of the School of Nature.

CIUMARA RANNI

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A small group of young people live since 2012 in loan for use in a valley crossed by a large river (Ciumara Ranni, in Sicilian dialect). Their main activity is to renovate the house and retrieve the crops in the soil, abandoned for years. They adhere to a number of local and national networks.

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It is a project to re-house the valley of Prino in Liguria. Here currently live 20 people in a cohousing mode (private houses), but share services in a supportive network. The intention is to create 'green jobs' in the field of health, hospitality and tourism path.

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Ecovillage project in Sardinia Region.

REGGIOLI

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In spring 2011, Christian and Lucile with their 5 children have bought a farm in the marvelous and untouched hills of Chianti, in Tuscany. Step by

step they are renovating the farm in order to promote an agritourism as well as cultural and handicrafts initiatives and to reorganize the farming activity. The aim is to host courses, seminars and to give a space to women who decide to give birth in a peaceful home. A membership quota is foreseen to join the project.

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In Florence, a Renaissance project of the 21st century, a concrete answer to who searches a wonderful life, believes in the Common Good, invests on self-sufficiency and sustainability of the Earth and of productive processes.

IL SOGNO DELLE GINESTRE - CHE PASSO!

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Michela and Roberto with their 3 children have rented a farm where they host pilgrims and where they practice self-production. Recently they have bought an adjacent land with a farm counting 7 hectares. Here they would like to develop the hosting, social and farming activities with a new orchard, a vegetable garden, a medicinal garden, an animal farm and food production. They are looking for other families, preferably with children, who have experienced a cohabitation and are willing to start a new adventure.

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The project is promoted by a couple and includes the purchase of land on which to erect houses of straw. They would like to engage in agriculture and in activities with children and parents.

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Yurt Paradise is a ceremonial village made of yurts on the borders of the Casentino Forests on the Romagna hills near Tredozio (FC). The village is part of the project “Island of the Wolf”, which includes an educational farm and an agritourism. Eleven adults and six children live here. Most of the adults are therapists with different spiritual paths and experiences. This experiential group is based on research and study, following different approaches aiming at self-awakening and a better life in harmony with the laws of nature. The final goal is to create a concrete alternative to the modern world and to leave a better one to the future generations.

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