

A SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE ON CARBON FARMING UNDER THE GECO 2.2 PROJECT

The Carbon Farming outreach conference, held on 7 March at **Erchie (Brindisi)** as **part of the GECO 2.2 project**, funded by the **Interreg Italy-Croatia programme**, attracted significant interest and participation.

Organised in partnership with the **Municipality of Erchie** and the **Professional Association of Agronomists of the Province of Brindisi**, the event gathered sector experts, institutions, and stakeholders. It provided a valuable platform for discussing the opportunities presented by carbon credits in agriculture, as well as the latest developments introduced by European Regulation 3012/2024.

Key Interventions:

- **Vincenzo Verrastro** (CIHEAM Bari) highlighted Italy's key role in implementing the new regulation: *«Italy has begun implementing EU Regulation 3012/2024 on carbon farming, marking the start of a long journey which will require agriculture to curb CO₂ emissions through sustainable conservation practices. With the expertise gained from the GECO2 and GECO2.2 projects, with a special focus on this issue since 2018, CIHEAM Bari is well-equipped to face this change».*
- **Simona Giordano** (CIHEAM Bari) emphasised CIHEAM Bari's commitment, alongside its partners, to promoting sustainable practices: *«In close collaboration with international partners, CIHEAM Bari has carried out a wide range of project activities. Starting in 2018 with the GECO2 project and continuing since last year with GECO2.2, we have pursued a path focused on carbon farming and voluntary carbon credit markets, aiming in particular to support the territory and its stakeholders».*

The event highlighted the growing interest in strategies for mitigating CO₂ emissions in agriculture, supported by an increasingly structured European regulatory framework and the ongoing commitment of research institutions and public bodies.

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