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## NEWS FROM ITALIAN ECOMUSEUMS

I am always fascinated by the vitality and the creativity of Italian ecomuseums and their ecomuseologists. Here are two examples.

### **1. A new Law of Ecomuseums in Piemonte.**

Piemonte, the great region in North-West Italy, Capital Torino, was a pioneer in the legal recognition of ecomuseums. The first regional law for ecomuseums in Europe was adopted in 1995. After 23 years and more than one year of evaluation, debates, among all the stakeholders, and particularly the ecomuseums themselves, a new law has just been promulgated, which capitalizes from the experience of dozens of ecomuseums and their territories. The result is truly amazing and presents a great progress over the first law. Its translation is on the way, but it has been delayed, so I thought it would be important to announce it to all. So here is the link for it:

<http://arianna.consiglioregionale.piemonte.it/ariaint/TESTO?LAYOUT=PRESENTAZIONE&TIPODOC=LEGGI&LEGGE=13&LEGGEANNO=2018>

### **2. The "Participate!" program of Parabiago's Landscape Ecomuseum**

This ecomuseum, located in the Western suburbs of Milano, is famous for its innovations in community participation: interactive *Mappa di Comunità*, *Patto del Fiume Olona*, *Parco dei Mulini*, and many others. There is a new one, called "*Participa!*" Or **Participate!**, which is calling on all citizens and groups in the town with the Municipal Ecomuseum on initiatives aimed at preserving, improving, decorating their urban environment. The ecomuseum's website maps these agreements. Fortunately a translation of the presentation of the program is available on

[http://ecomuseo.comune.parabiago.mi.it/ecomuseo/partecipa\\_ev.html](http://ecomuseo.comune.parabiago.mi.it/ecomuseo/partecipa_ev.html)

Another document, not translated, gives the text of the municipal regulations which govern the agreement process.

<http://ecomuseo.comune.parabiago.mi.it/ecomuseo/partecipa2.html>

The number of agreements and of the corresponding initiatives, already realized or in progress is already considerable. I hope a detailed report will be issued soon about this process.