Locarnese National Park Project

EUROPARC Conference - 20 October 2016
“We are the People who can decide”
1. Overview of the Park
The central Alps
The southern part of Switzerland
Within 35km, there’s a great naturalistic, landscape, climatic, morphological and cultural differentiation.
Woodland

Extended forest complexes at low altitude: a natural heritage of European importance.
Nature beyond borders
The cross-border context

With the establishment of the Locarnese National Park, a natural landscape and a cultural heritage typical of the Central Alps will be enhanced.
2. The democratic process
A new generation
National Park

• The institutional process is democratic ("bottom up")

• The Park promoters and managers are:
  - Communities
  - "Patriziati" / “Bourgeoisies”
The Park Council

Political actors:
Confederation, Canton, other Communities

Park Council

Local actors:
Committees

Local people

Sponsors

Management
Quel che è successo finora

2000-2002
Fase 1
Pre-studio

2006-2007
Varo legge
e Ordinanze
sui parchi

2007-2010
Fase 2 Stesura 
e riorientamento
del progetto

Le prossime tappe del progetto

2015-2016
Fase 3
Pianificazione
di dettaglio

2017
Votazione
sull’istituzione
del parco

2017-2025
Attribuzione label
e 1° contratto
di 10 anni

Up to now

Next steps
The focus of the negotiations

- Central and protected areas
- Peripheral and socio-economic areas
International classification (IUCN)

1A: Nature Reserve
1B: Wilderness Area
2: NP Central Areas
3: National Monument
4: Area of Habitat Conservation
5: Terrestrial and Maritime Landscape Protection
6: NP Peripheral Areas

Swiss National Park (Engadin)
Fragmented central areas Locarnese National Park Project
Peripheral Area – Locarene National Park Project
“Human visitation, use and impacts are strictly controlled and limited to ensure protection of the conservation values. Such protected areas can serve as indispensable reference areas for scientific research and monitoring”. www.iucn.org

For example: - Hunting
- Fishing
- Walking off the official paths are all strictly forbidden.
“Large natural or near natural areas set aside to protect large-scale ecological processes, along with the complement of species and ecosystems characteristic of the area, which also provide a foundation for environmentally and culturally compatible spiritual, scientific, educational, recreational and visitor opportunities”.

www.iucn.org
Central areas concept
3. Involvement of local people
Participation

Pilot projects, events, other activities

• These activities will allow us to:

  - Outline the Park as a support and networking platform of projects, activities and people
  - Understand what role the Park could play in different sectors (agriculture and landscape, economy, tourism, …)
  - Model the Park to the varying needs and interests of the territory
The main goals:
- Identification of the local people with the Park
- Secure consent to the Park
- Being a “believable” Park
Pilot projects

3 types of development projects:

• *Landscape, agriculture and biodiversity*

• *Environmental education, culture and research*

• *Economy, tourism and mobility*
How the Park supports its people:

• Financial contribution
• Support in managing and planning
  and / or
• Support in the coordination and communication of activities
First 88 projects
... and the “farina bona”
Progetto
Parco Nazionale
del Locarnese

Pagliarte
• All the Park’s events are organized with local communities, “Patriziati”, local associations and residents.

• They aim to:
  - Promote environmental information
  - Enhance history, tradition and culture
  - Involve the local people
  - Encourage local people to become more aware of their heritage, in order to enhance welcoming skills
14 agosto - Valle di Vergeletto

VERGE...LENTO

La Festa della mobilità lenta

Scopri una delle vallie più selvagge del futuro Parco Nazionale del Locarnese eccezionalmente chiusa al traffico dalle 10h, lungo 3 percorsi con attività e giochi per grandi e piccini!

PROVE SU STRADA!
Porta da casa la tua bicicletta, il tuo monopattino o un altro mezzo di trasporto e assaggia, o prova sul tetto, un tandem... o se sei troppo alla moda, una moderna elettricaruta...

CACCIA AL TESORO!
Risolvi gli indovinelli sulla natura e raccogli gli indizi che ti porteranno al tesoro di Verge-lento.

FESTA FINALE
A partire dalle 16h allo Zardin ti aspettano musica, bar e griglia in funzione, giochi e... il Mago Renato!
Vergelento
Tre Terre d’autunno

In viaggio, giocando tra gusto e cultura

Tre incontri
Mött di Ponte Brolla
Colazione offerta

Tre itinerari
Camminando
dalle 9.30 alle 13.00
in montagna

Visitando
dalle 9.00 alle 13.00
luoghi inediti
e scorci originali

Giocando
dalle 10.00 alle 13.00
tra le tappe
dalle 14.00 alle 17.00
in Piazza a Cavigliano

Tre Terre
Grazie alla chiusura straordinaria al traffico di transito, non al traffico locale, previsto dalle 8.00 alle 12.30, le Tre Terre sono percorribili a piedi, in bicicletta o con un mezzo a scelta grazie ai Tre itinerari che partono da Ponte Brolla.

Strada Cantonale chiusa al traffico di transito

Terre di Pedemonte

11 ottobre

Dettagli sul retro
Guided tours: history, culture and traditions

Centovalli
THE CENTOVALLI PEDIEMONE MUSEUM
On demand from March to October
Doston 13
A tour he group of the Centovalli and Pedemonte Museum is inltrege and the i-
heral traditions of the valley.
Adults: 5.00, children 3.00. Tickets are only valid for the day of the visit.
Bookings can be made on the website.
Centovalli Museum: www.centovalli.ch
Pedemonte Museum: www.pedemonte.ch

Onsernone Valley
DISCOVERING WILD HERBS
Every Thursday on demand from March to September
Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Walk in the wild area of the valley to discover seasonal wild herbs and their uses.
Adults: 12.00. Trips are limited to 6 participants, booking required.
info@onsernone-valley.ch
www.onsernone.ch

MONUMENTS COME TO LIFE!
On demand from May to October
Doston 29
Discover the main monuments of the valley with a guide.
Adults: 5.00, children 3.00.
Booking required.
info@parco_LOCAVITI.ch
www.parco_LOCAVITI.ch

PALAGNESTRA: THE HISTORY OF SAN MICHELE AND THE FRIEDRICH FRIEDS
On demand from April to October
Doston 16
Discover the history of the ancient village of Palagnesta.
Info: 091 398 05 90
www.parco_LOCAVITI.ch

ONSERNONE ONCE AND TODAY
CULTURAL WALKS
On demand
Adults: 20.00
An exploration of the history and culture of the Onsernone Valley.
www.onsernone.ch

PATINA DRIVING
On demand from April to October
Doston 4
Guided tours in the Onsernone Valley by car.
www.onsernone.ch

HISTORICAL TRIP THROUGH CENTOVALLI
On demand from March to October
Doston 4
Guided tours through the historic streets of Centovalli.
www.centovalli.ch

Dining in the dark with the senses
On demand from April to October
Doston 4
A guided tour in the dark through the senses of the Onsernone Valley.
www.onsernone.ch

Guided tours:

ONSERNONE ONCE AND TODAY
CULTURAL WALKS
On demand
Adults: 20.00
An exploration of the history and culture of the Onsernone Valley.
www.onsernone.ch

ONSERNONE ONCE AND TODAY
THE MUSEUMS
On demand
Adults: 20.00
Discover the history and culture of the Onsernone Valley through the museums.
www.onsernone.ch

THE PARADISSO VALLEY
On demand on the last Sunday of the month
Guided tours of the valley by car and on foot.
www.onsernone.ch
Other activities
4. Conclusion
The future Locarnese National Park will result from the representations of the Park itself, which will be expressed by political and local actors, and the local people.
Democracy at work

• Political representation of the Confederation and the Canton: the legal base (LPN, Opar, etc.)

• Political representation of the local representatives (Park Council): the best Park according to the needs of the local people

• Resident’s representation: the best Park according to my personal needs

• ...
The Park is ephemeral, it’s not defined once and for all.

The residents’ representations are related to personal interests and needs, whereas the Park is built at community level.

The politicians’ representations are also related to personal political interests and ambitions.

For the local people, it’s difficult to identify with a new model of a Park (absence of a “best practice”): Park as an opportunity vs. Park as an obstacle.
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