

BOND REPOSITORY OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

ITALY: Bio Space (Spazio Bio)

The aim of the BOND Repository is to share real-life solutions of farmers' and land managers' capacity to develop collective activities and participate in networks involving a wide range of actors. The Repository contains 20 in-depth case studies emerging from the BOND Project, and in addition provides a store-and-share for other initiatives and projects to upload their success stories on an on-going basis.

The Repository is based on EU 'Practice Abstracts' that provide a common format to characterise a project. This makes it possible for readers to contact the project partners and enables the dissemination of project results.

The language is English apart from the project title and abstract.

This Table aims to provide basic information about the organisation or initiative as a whole.

Title (in native language)	Spazio Bio
Title (in English)	Bio Space
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Start date	2007
Main sectors/focus	Organic farmers' shop
Type of organisation (eg coop, network)	Consortium
Number of members	120
Type of members	Organic farmers
Operating level (local, regional, national etc)	Local - Rome
Funding sources	Product sales and other activities in the space of Città dell'Altra Economia, renting out of conference rooms
Total budget	
Objectives of the initiative	To sell local (0km) organic products directly from producer to consumer
Description of main activities	Sales
Website	http://www.cittadellaltraeconomia.org/spazi/spazio-bio
Links to other websites if appropriate	https://www.facebook.com/SpazioBio/ http://www.aiablazio.it/spaziobio
Tick if audiovisual material provided	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovDPI5rg8qo
Tick if project documents provided	

PRACTICE ABSTRACT 1

This summary should be as interesting as possible for farmers and other practitioners, using easy understandable language.

(Please repeat this template for each project or subproject that you would like to record)

Short title in English	Bio Space
<p>Short summary for practitioners in English on the (final or expected) outcomes (1000-1500 characters, word count – no spaces). This summary should at least contain the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Main results/outcomes of the activity (expected or final) Include successes such as impact (on policy/productivity/land management etc), effectiveness (have objectives been achieved?), sustainability (economic and environmental), and transferability (can it be adapted and adopted elsewhere?) – The main practical recommendation(s): including both entrepreneurial elements related to cost, productivity etc as well as how any challenges have been overcome. 	<p>Spazio Bio is part of the consortium of Città dell’Altra Economia: a consortium of organic and other alternative producers that commenced in 2007 and now has 120 farmer members who sell their products through a store that is owned by themselves.</p> <p>Spazio Bio has a strong connection with local society and strong interactions between sectors. It pays 300,000€/year rent to the municipality upon whose property it is located.</p> <p>The various activities on site raise the income, many are public goods, and there are many free activities for small producers and artists, etc.</p> <p>The consortium receives support from ETIC BANK.</p> <p>Main results/outcomes A strong connection between citizens and consortium. 40% added on to prices to cover the cost of the shop There is a 30% difference in price compared to the same conventional products</p> <p>Practical recommendations Be innovative to survive in a market that is increasingly competitive –even in the organic sector products now can be bought at a lower price in the supermarket.</p>
Short title in <u>native language</u>	Spazio Bio
<p>Short summary for practitioners in <u>native language</u> (can be the language of the coordinator / one of the partners)</p>	<p>Spazio Bio è inserito nel consorzio Città dell'Altra Economia: un consorzio di produttori biologici e altre produzioni alternative.</p> <p>Ha una connessione forte con la società civile locale e vi è anche una forte interazioni tra settori.</p>

	<p>L'area in cui si trova è di proprietà del comune: devono pagare 300.000 €/anno per usufruire dello spazio. Le diverse attività che si svolgono permettono di pagare questa somma e al contempo producono BENI PUBBLICI; ci sono molte attività gratuite per piccoli produttori e artisti, ecc. Il consorzio è stato avviato nel 2007. Oggi ha 120 membri contadini che vendono prodotti attraverso il negozio di proprietà degli agricoltori. Ricevono supporto dalla Banca Etica.</p>
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