

GOOD HEMP FOR GOOD PRACTICES ALONG THE ALPS

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Abstract:

Since ancient times, hemp has been an important resource in the economy, culture and history of many Alpine territories. The *Cannabis Sativa* was a raw materials that mountain communities produced and processed with their own means, transforming them into textile fibres for making clothing, furnishings and work materials, according to their daily needs. Tools, objects and techniques constitute a common cultural heritage, collected and presented in many Alpine ethnographic museums and ecomuseums.

At the European level, some examples of *good hemp*'s reintroduction in the Alps have revealed positive effects in the agriculture but also in cultural and social aspects related with the local and sustainable development. This is the story of the SA.T.I.V.A. project, a bottom-up initiative created in the area of Verbania, in the Piedmontese high lands (in Italy), which was able to create a network of local and extra-local actors motivated and interested by the challenge of a new rooting of *Cannabis Sativa* along the Alps.

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