

Press Release: CIHEAM Bari hosts MONALISA Clustering Workshop and the First General Assembly of the Consortium

Bari, 21–22 October 2025 – CIHEAM Bari hosted two key events under the MONALISA project, focused on advancing efforts to combat land degradation and desertification in the Mediterranean region. On 21 October, the Clustering Workshop brought together projects funded under **the EU Mission “A Soil Deal for Europe”** and **PRIMA programme**, fostering cross-project dialogue and collaboration. The event saw the participation of collaborative projects including [BIOserviceES](#), [InBestSoil](#), and [SALAM-MED](#), as well as [EcoFuture](#), [TUdi](#), [SoilWise](#), [EARTHONE](#), [REACT4MED](#), [SoilTribes](#), and [LivingSoiLL](#). The discussion highlighted a clear shared vision among participants to build an interoperable, ethical, and policy-relevant ecosystem that connects science, governance, and open data, supporting sustainable and lasting land restoration across Europe and the Mediterranean.

This was followed on 22 October by **the MONALISA Consortium’s First General Assembly**.

The Clustering Workshop provided a dynamic platform for exchanging insights, identifying shared challenges, and exploring synergies among Mission Soil initiatives.. Discussions emphasized the importance of connecting scientific research with public policy and local practices to promote sustainable land management.

Participants also emphasized the importance of promoting an integrated approach to land management, enhancing stakeholder participation, and fostering transparency and ethics in project governance.

During the General Assembly, MONALISA partners consolidated their shared vision and outlined next steps centered on cooperation, knowledge sharing, and networking of initiatives across the Mediterranean. Participants also reaffirmed their commitment to transparency, ethics, and inclusive governance.

Together, these two days marked a significant milestone for MONALISA, reinforcing its role in building a resilient and sustainable framework for land restoration and ecosystem health in the Mediterranean region.

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