



CALABRIA: EUROPE'S largest botanical garden

Dubai, Italy Pavilion

5th November 2021



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Expo Dubai, Italian Pavillon – Amphitheatre
November 5th, 2021 from 11:00 am to 11:45

Italian Dialogue dedicated to Calabria, a natural laboratory for the protection and safeguard of Biodiversity and a model in the Mediterranean area for economic, cultural and landscape development through scientific research and technological innovation. Calabria is located in the centre of the Mediterranean and has a very rich floristic heritage, consisting of about 2,700 species, out of a total number of 6,711 species of vascular flora in Italy, including important botanical rarities.

Due to its geographical position surrounded by two seas (Tyrrhenian and Ionian) and a greater altitudinal gradient, which covers the entire Apennine chain, Calabria is one of the richest areas in terms of biodiversity in the entire European Union: 3 National Parks, 185 Natura 2000 sites, of which 178 SACs (special conservation areas) and 6 SPAs (special protection areas).

Calabria is also the first Italian region in terms of the number of agro-biological farms and areas converted to organic methods. It could be defined as the largest blooming botanical and vegetable garden in Europe, due to a system of diversified micro-climates and a botanical production chain with an adaptive matrix that determines multiple outlets for field crops as well as maximum adaptability to the market and new requirements of world consumers.

(Event promoted in collaboration with the Calabria Region)

The event will be held in Italian, simultaneous translation into English will be provided

PROGRAM:

Moderator

Mr. Giovanni Aramini

Manager of "PARKS AND PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS".
Environmental Protection Department of Calabria Region

WELCOME

Mr. Paolo Glisenti

Commissioner General Italy's Pavillion at Expo 2020 Dubai

Hon. Dalila Nesci – Undersecretary –

Minister for Southern Italy and Territorial Cohesion (via streaming)

KEYNOTE SPEECH (to be delivered from a remote location)
“The Italian strategy to protect and sustain biodiversity.”

Mr. Maurizio Battezzore

Director Division III "Biodiversity, Flora e Fauna, CITES"
Directorate General for Natural Heritage
Ministry for Ecological Transition

KEYNOTE SPEECH

“Focus: biodiversity in Calabria”

Prof. Giovanni Spampinato

Full professor of Environmental and Applied Botany, Department of Agriculture
Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria.

KEYNOTE SPEECH (to be delivered from a remote location)

“The Implementation of the Habitats Directive in Calabria and Italy”

Pierangela Angelini PhD

ISPRA (The Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research) · Department
for the Monitoring and Protection of the Environment and for Biodiversity Conservation