



OUR COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE OF THE NATURA 2000 SITE "GRAVE AND WETLANDS OF THE BRENTA"

AFTER-LIFE PLAN
LIFE BRENTA 2030 PROJECT

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ABSTRACT

The document is produced within the Action F2 “After-LIFE Plan” of the LIFE Brenta 2030 project and presents a summary of the commitments undertaken by the LIFE Brenta 2030 consortium from October 2024 onwards to ensure the continuity of the core actions activated within the project.

The actions A4/C1 and C5 were crucial to ensuring the continuity of the project, achieving results beyond the initial forecasts and expectations: on the one hand, a governance model was not only defined and shared but then formalised, and will now have its own “legs to walk on”; on the other, the fundings facilitation made it possible to activate important projects in the territory of the Middle Brenta (this is the case of the Horizon Europe InnWater, LIFE NatConnect 2030, Interreg IT-HR WasteReduce and MAP-Brenta) ensuring the continuation of governance, conservation, monitoring, communication and sensibilisation actions. Considering these aspects, we can say that the “After-LIFE” phase is already in place.

The document is signed by the LIFE Brenta 2030 partners, who thus undertake to continue the project action by defining precise tasks that must be completed with their own resources, already found or to be found.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES



GREEN AND BLUE INFRASTRUCTURES

Implementation of green and blue infrastructures and restoration of wetland habitats to support biodiversity conservation and groundwater recharge.



PILOT FINANCING MECHANISM

Development and implementation of a pilot financing mechanism for the conservation of water resources and biodiversity.



INNOVATIVE GOVERNANCE SYSTEM

Design and establishment of an innovative governance system to ensure the sustainability and replicability of conservation actions and interventions.

PROJECT ACTIONS

PREPARATORY ACTIONS

A1 - Integration of water resource planning with the management of Natura 2000, ecosystem services, and green infrastructures.

A2 - Analysis of priority ecosystem services and development of intervention scenarios.

A3 - Detailed design and environmental assessment of restoration and conservation interventions.

A4 - Governance, capacity building, and stakeholder engagement in the Middle Brenta area.

CONSERVATION ACTIONS

C1 - Implementation of the pilot financing mechanism for the conservation of water resources and biodiversity.

C2/3/4 - Nursery production, restoration of multifunctional wetland habitats, creation of green/blue infrastructures, and reduction of anthropogenic impact.

C5 - Engagement of the agricultural sector, promotion of agri-environmental measures, and facilitation of funding access.

C6 - Implementation of an innovative environmental monitoring system to support governance and monitoring activities.

MONITORING

D1 - Monitoring of habitats and species.

D2 - Monitoring and evaluation of the Project's socio-economic impacts.

D3 - Monitoring and evaluation of ecosystem services and the Project's impact on water services.

2,6 mln

€ Co-financed at 60%
by the European Union

70

km covered in the Middle
Brenta area

1,5 mln

people served by water extracted
from the Middle Brenta

13

sponsors

7

partner companies

31

supporters

RESULTS AND IMPACTS

Data updated as of March 31, 2024



MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS

1 integrated governance system for the Middle Brenta area.
1 training cycle on Natura 2000 and water protection areas available online.
1 Decision Support System (DSS) for calculating Environmental and Resource Costs (ERC) and generating intervention scenarios.



ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

Application of Environmental and Resource Costs (ERC) in the tariff system of the Integrated Water Service: the first case at the national level.
€1 million allocated for environmental mitigation interventions already included in the Area Plan.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

25.8 ha of improved and restored riparian habitats.
54,853 plants planted, including forest trees, shrubs, hygrophilous herbaceous species and mesophilous flowering herbaceous plants
9 new wetlands created.



SUPPORT FOR FARMERS

Engagement of 60 farmers.
Facilitated access to €2.5 million in funding to improve land-use sustainability.
40.6 hectares of land converted to more sustainable use.



MONITORING

1 3D model of the Middle Brenta aquifer.
1 high-resolution (HD) orthophoto of the Natura 2000 site.
Updated standard data form for the Natura 2000 site.



ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEILLANCE AND WASTE COLLECTION

85 tons of waste collected.
216 reports of special waste.
214 reports resolved.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

468 educational activities in schools on water and biodiversity issues.
4 editions of the "Parco Fiume Brenta" contest organized by Etra Academy.
16 classes participated in the contest with projects on the Brenta River.
Around 8,000 students from primary and secondary schools in riverside municipalities involved.
6 seminars for university classes, with 120 students involved.
2,450 people involved in 29 eco-awareness and cleanup days.
Integrated signage created for the 15 municipalities of the Middle Brenta.



COMMUNICATION

6,200 members in the online Facebook community.
1,700 contacts in the newsletter database.
Over 100 media appearances.

INTRODUCTION

The present After-LIFE Plan defines and describes the transition process from the final phase of the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project to a subsequent medium-term phase (up to 2030), characterized by the continued collaboration of the current Project partners. By endorsing the Plan, these partners commit to specific actions to sustain governance, conservation, communication, dissemination, and awareness efforts.

Specifically, the After-LIFE Plan is structured around the following key points:

- Presentation of the governance model and management delegation for the Special Area of Conservation (SAC)/ Special Protection Area (SPA), agreed upon with the Veneto Region and local authorities (Action A4). This model will support the Plan's implementation by enabling integrated management (water, biodiversity, recreational services) and the conservation measures for the Natura 2000 site "Grave and Wetlands of the Brenta."
- An operational plan (who, how, where, by when, with what resources) to continue the actions initiated by the Project (notably, Action A4 on governance, C1 on the financing mechanism, and C3/C4 on conservation interventions).
- A financial strategy connecting potential regional, national, and European funds with the governance and conservation needs of the area.
- Guidelines for recovering and utilizing tariff funds dedicated to environmental compensation activities (Environmental and Resource Costs - ERC).
- Management approaches for habitats and species of European interest, particularly in the intervention areas.
- Communication and dissemination actions to ensure the spread of the Project's innovative and demonstrative results.
- Replication and transferability actions for the Project's results.

The After-LIFE Plan was effectively "prepared" during the Project, primarily through key governance and financial actions:

- A4: The governance model was not only defined but also formalized, providing a ready framework to host the Plan's actions.
- C1: The definition and application of Environmental and Resource Costs in the water tariff ensured the continuation of conservation actions and the procurement of necessary resources.
- C5: Securing European and private funds and initiating complementary projects: the Horizon Europe InnWater, LIFE NatConnect 2030, Interreg IT-HR WasteReduce, and MAP-Brenta (funded by the European Union through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan–PNRR—managed by the National Biodiversity Future Center, NBFC) represent the natural continuation of the actions initiated by the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project. Additionally, various private sponsorships have made it possible to co-finance several additional interventions beyond those already planned by the LIFE project and to co-finance future maintenance actions, thanks to the communication strategy and the wownature.eu platform.

THE GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR THE NATURA 2000 SITE

To improve the management of the Middle Brenta riparian area—previously lacking a local managing body capable of implementing the conservation measures required for the Natura 2000 site—a thematic working group was created to develop a shared vision, both within and beyond the partnership.

A summary of the innovative management model identified, shared, and formalized during the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project is provided below.

As part of the participatory governance process promoted by Action A4, on July 31, 2023, the Veneto Regional Council approved the delegation of management for the Natura 2000 site "Grave and Wetlands of the Brenta" to Consiglio di Bacino Brenta (the Drinking Water Board). (Figure 1).

<p>DELIBERAZIONE DELLA GIUNTA REGIONALE n. 965 del 31 luglio 2023</p> <p>Individuazione del Consiglio di Bacino Brenta quale Soggetto Gestore del sito Rete Natura 2000 IT3260018 "Grave e zone umide della Brenta". Direttive 92/43/CEE "Habitat" e 2009/147/CE "Uccelli".</p>
<p>Note per la trasparenza</p> <p>Con il presente provvedimento, in ottemperanza agli obblighi derivanti dall'applicazione delle Direttive 92/43/CEE e 2009/147/CE, la Regione del Veneto provvede a garantire il mantenimento della coerenza della rete ecologica europea Natura 2000 nel territorio veneto mediante l'individuazione del Consiglio di Bacino Brenta quale Soggetto Gestore del sito di Rete Natura 2000 IT3260018 "Grave e zone umide della Brenta".</p>

Figure 1 - Regional Council Resolution No. 965, July 31, 2023.

The innovative management model operates as shown in Figure 2. The key innovation is the establishment of a Steering Committee composed of five representatives from local administrations involved in the Project area. This committee will play a consultative and advisory role in managing the Middle Brenta area. The Consiglio di Bacino Brenta may delegate operational responsibilities to ETRA and enlist technical-scientific support to identify the area's management priorities.

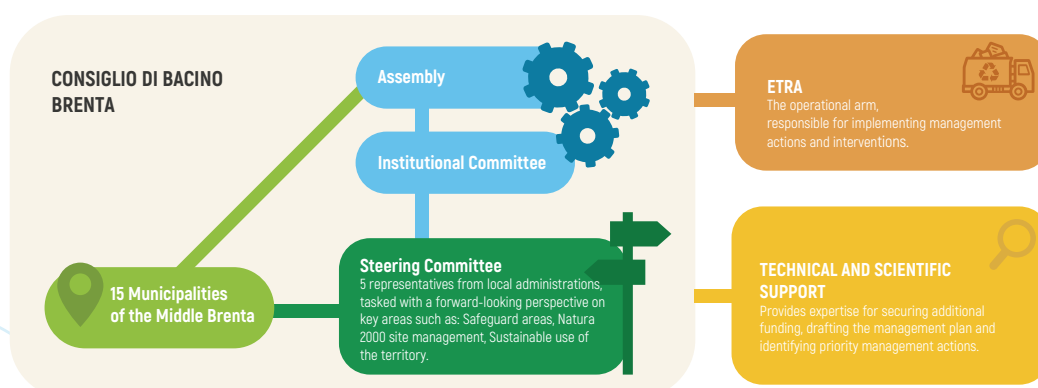


Figure 2 - Innovative governance model for managing the Natura 2000 site "Grave and Wetlands of the Brenta."

It is emphasised that the model has already been formalised (through approval by the Veneto Region) and must now be regulated through the signing of a specific Memorandum of Understanding between the Region and the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta. Subsequently, the Steering Committee will need to be activated, for which a regulatory agreement with the municipalities has already been reached during the participatory process promoted by the Project. Once the Steering Committee is established, implementation agreements will be initiated with the entities responsible for operations (ETRA) and technical-scientific support. The Consiglio di Bacino Brenta undertakes to follow through on its commitments by identifying the necessary resources and appointing a responsible figure within its organisation, as well as initiating the agreements required to carry out the management functions for the Natura 2000 site.

For a better understanding, please refer to deliverables D-A4.3.1 "Preliminary Results of the Governance Action" and D-A4.3.2 "Summary Document on the Vision", both available on the Project portal at <https://www.parcofiumebrenta.it/download/>. Refer to deliverable D-A4.3.2 "Summary Document on the Vision" for a complete description of the dedicated sub-action. Regional Council Resolution No. 965 of 31 July 2023: "Identification of the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta as the Managing Body for the Natura 2000 site IT3260018 'Grave and Wetlands of the Brenta.' In accordance with Directives 92/43/EEC 'Habitats' and 2009/147/EC 'Birds.'"

CONTINUATION OF PROJECT ACTIONS

The actions of the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project that will continue beyond the end date of the Project are listed below, indicating the parties responsible for their continuation:

A4.2 **Etifor, Municipality of** **Carmignano di Brenta**

Stakeholder consultation and facilitation of governance processes

Etifor will continue its territorial facilitation activities throughout the Middle Brenta area, particularly at the institutional level, to finalise the governance process and support the development of new initiatives. The Municipality of Carmignano di Brenta will continue engaging citizens and civil society regarding the management of tourism and recreational flows in the Camazzole area.

A4.3 **Consiglio di Bacino** **Brenta, Etifor**

Definition of a vision and innovative governance models for the future of the area

This action will continue until the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Veneto Region and the activation of the Steering Committee. The Consiglio di Bacino Brenta (CBB) will also involve the Brenta Waste Basin Authority and other local entities to establish coordinated management led by CBB through specific agreements.

C1.3 **Consiglio di Bacino** **Brenta, University of** **Padua, Etifor**

Planning compensatory interventions and calculating ERC

The University of Padua and Etifor will support the Steering Committee of the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta in identifying management decisions, including compensatory measures to be converted into interventions within the Area Plan. This will occur during Plan updates and under specific agreements to be signed.

C3 - C4 **Consiglio di Bacino** **Brenta, Etra**

Creation of green/blue infrastructure and restoration of multifunctional wetland habitats and infrastructure for reducing recreational impact

Using funds from the ERC component of water service tariffs and additional resources (already secured or to be sought), the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta will promote multifunctional interventions for water resource protection and biodiversity conservation in line with actions C3 and C4. In line with ERC tariff funding, Etra, as the water service manager, will carry out the work through targeted assignments or more structured arrangements.

C5 **Consiglio di Bacino** **Brenta, Etifor**

Engagement with the agricultural sector, promotion of agri-environmental measures, and other funding opportunities

As in the Project, this action will continue, focusing also on public entities to capture various funding opportunities available to them. The action will be led by the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta and Etifor under the LIFE NatConnect 2030 project.

C6 **Etra**

Implementation of an innovative environmental monitoring system to support governance

Etra will continue environmental monitoring and waste collection activities in the 15 municipalities of the Natura 2000 site. This action will be reinforced by the WasteReduce project, funded by the Interreg Italy-Croatia programme, which includes

activities to prevent waste abandonment in the Padua sector of the protected area. This initiative aims to identify critical situations and good practices, applying them through actions in collaboration with public and private entities (municipalities and associations). Training, awareness, and promotion of good behaviours will also be carried out in schools and on-site in the most critical areas and periods.

D1

**Consiglio di Bacino
BrentA, Etra,
University of Padua**

Monitoring habitats and species

The Brenta Basin Council will continue the floral and faunal monitoring of the Camazzole area. This activity will be funded by the MAP-Brenta project, which aims to carry out wildlife monitoring actions focused on fish, amphibians, reptiles, and bats, as well as vegetation monitoring limited to the intervention sites of the LIFE Brenta 2030 project. The project also includes an initiative to develop a study for restoring river continuity along the Brenta River within the Natura 2000 site "Grave e zone umide della Brenta," to improve the conservation status of fish species.

D3

Etra, Veneto Acque

Monitoring and evaluating ecosystem services and project impacts on water services

Monitoring and evaluating ecosystem services and project impacts on water services
The monitoring approach developed during the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project has been integrated into the water safety plan for the Carmignano di Brenta plant. The analytical packages, including those linked to the Project, are periodically reviewed based on monitoring results, regulatory updates, and risk assessments. To date, this review has been conducted twice since the initial Project definition.

The quantitative monitoring of the Camazzole well field area, previously conducted by Veneto Acque during the Project, will be taken over by Etra, which will ensure its continuity over time.

The integration of water resource databases, initiated by Etra in collaboration with the ULSS (the Socio-Health Local Unit) and ARPAV (the Veneto Regional Agency for Environmental Prevention and Protection) in 2019 as part of the Project, has been formalised by Legislative Decree 18/2023 on water intended for human consumption. This regulation establishes a national database to consolidate analytical data from water managers, food companies, ULSS, ARPA, ISPRA (the Superior Institute for Environmental Protection and Research), ISS (the Higher Institute of Health), and others. It also requires the integration of water manager and ULSS controls into a control plan developed by the Region.

E1

Etifor

Communication tools

Etifor will continue managing the Project website, the email address (info@parcofiumebrenta.it), the newsletter, and the Facebook page. The Parco Fiume Brenta channels will be updated with new initiatives in the Middle Brenta area, which may be further supported by resources from various sources.

E2.3

**University of Padua,
Etifor**

Technical communication

The results of LIFE Brenta 2030 will be presented at conferences, sector events, and other relevant occasions by the entire partnership, with the University of Padua and Etifor, as scientific partners, playing a leading role.

E4

Etra

Environmental education and dissemination to the local population

Etra will continue supporting municipalities in organising ecological and awareness days, as well as educational workshops in schools. The biodiversity and ecosystem services modules developed during the Project will continue to be offered not only to riverside municipalities but across the entire Etra district.

GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING FUNDS FROM THE ERC MECHANISM

Within the framework of the ARERA regulation (the national authority responsible for regulating the Integrated Water Service) and its related deadlines, the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta will proceed with biennial updates of the Intervention Plan, which is the operational tool of the drinking water plan - and its timeline. In summary, alongside the more typical and established infrastructure planning (water supply, sewerage, and wastewater treatment), specific interventions will be identified to create green infrastructures and enhance the multifunctional management of priority areas.

These specific interventions will first be budgeted and later accounted for within the tariff component known as ERC (Environmental and Resource Costs), covering both investment and operational costs, thereby ensuring stable and recurring support for such actions.

The selection and promotion criteria for these interventions will initially focus on the established Safeguard Areas, which are functionally connected to the protection of drinking water abstraction points. These areas are particularly suited for investments aimed at promoting multifunctional solutions and, given their territorial restriction nature, encourage dialogue and support for pre-existing economic activities.

Once priority intervention sites are identified, the type of actions will be evaluated using the comparison and analysis tools developed under Action C1 of the LIFE Project, as well as the Decision Support System (DSS) created by the thematic working group on funding.

MANAGEMENT OF INTERVENTION SITES

The intervention sites will be managed by the Project partners in collaboration with local stakeholders (municipalities, associations, farmers, private landowners) involved in Action A4.2, with whom agreements for post-intervention management of the sites have been signed.

The maintenance of intervention sites will follow the protocol defined by Veneto Agricoltura.

Etifor, which carried out forestry interventions through a third-party company, will ensure the maintenance of all forest plantations implemented across the four Project sites for five years following planting.

Between 5 and 10 years after planting, an expert evaluation will guide potential thinning interventions.

- For non-forestry-related maintenance:
- Etra will directly maintain the Camazzole site, the largest among the Project sites, for which it has obtained a concession.
- The remaining sites will be managed by the entities that signed agreements in 2020 and 2021, following specific site-by-site instructions.

COMMUNICATION, AWARENESS, AND DISSEMINATION

As previously outlined under Action "E," the After-LIFE Plan will include actions for communication, dissemination, and raising awareness about the Project's results. Specifically, these actions will cover:

1. Communication Channels: The website, social media pages (Facebook), and dedicated newsletter will continue to be managed by Etifor with the collaboration of Project partners. The Parco Fiume Brenta brand will remain associated with the LIFE Project and future initiatives developed in the area.
2. Dissemination for Replication: The LIFE Brenta 2030 case study will continue to be presented nationally and internationally to promote the replication of its results.
3. Awareness: As described in Chapter 3 (Action E4), Etra will continue its commitment to biodiversity and ecosystem services education in schools. It will also support local administrations in organising eco-awareness days for citizens and collaborate on similar initiatives targeting youth (e.g., Ci sto? Affare fatica).

REPLICABILITY AND TRANSFERABILITY

The LIFE Brenta 2030 Project has fostered new expertise and innovation in the economic evaluation of environmental impacts related to water use through the application of the “Environmental and Resource Costs” (ERC) concept. This approach and innovation are or will be employed in other territorial contexts by integrated water service management entities, within projects, or by other organisations governing water uses. Below is a summary of replication and transfer activities (refer to the replicability and transferability report for details).

Entity	Territorial Context	Activities and Context
ETRA	Asiago Plateau (province of Vicenza)	Together with Etifor, the University of Padua, the Oceanographic Institute of Trieste, the Unione Montana dei Sette Comuni, and some agricultural enterprises from the Asiago Plateau, ETRA is forming an Operational Group to adapt the water resource protection approach to the karstic environment. This includes developing a hydrological model for the plateau and involving farmers to improve resilience and reduce the impacts of livestock activities.
Po River Basin Authority (ADBPO)	Po River Basin	Thanks to LIFE Brenta 2030, the LIFE NatConnect 2030 project includes an action dedicated to the economic evaluation of the biodiversity impact of hydraulic uses in the Po Basin. This involves applying the ERC concept to hydraulic uses (bank maintenance, hydraulic works, etc.). Activities will start in 2024.
Lereti Spa	Province of Varese	As part of the BioClima project in the Campo dei Fiori Park (Varese), co-funded by the Lombardy Region and Cariplo Foundation, these two local utilities were involved to replicate the approach used in LIFE Brenta 2030. This includes risk centre identification and mapping, safeguard area definition, and intervention planning to be incorporated into the Area Plan, with costs recoverable through ERC application.
ALFA Varese Srl	Province of Varese	
Acque Bresciane Srl SB	Province of Brescia	Within the BioClima project for the Sebino Peat Bog Nature Reserve (Brescia), Acque Bresciane was involved in a biodiversity impact assessment study of an overflow structure located within the protected area. The study aims to develop a mitigation and compensation strategy at the basin scale and use ERC to support implementation.
WasteReduce	Italy-Croatia	The ERC approach has been included in the WasteReduce project, which aims, among other objectives, to calculate the environmental costs of waste abandonment in protected areas in Italy and Croatia (e.g., Sakarun Bay, western Istrian coast, and a stretch of the Brenta River).
International Office for Water	Europe	The LIFE Brenta 2030 Project and the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta have been included as a “pilot activity and best practice” within the Horizon Europe InnWater project, which focuses on governance and innovation in water resource management.

ETRA: THE FIRST MULTI-UTILITY MOVING TOWARDS NATURE POSITIVE

The application of the Environmental and Resource Costs (ERC) evaluation approach within the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project encouraged the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta and ETRA to reflect on the biodiversity impacts of their water abstraction facilities and to plan effective mitigation and compensation measures to minimise their effects on ecosystems. This process involved adopting an ecosystem-based approach to analyse risks and dependencies on natural capital, leading to the identification of safeguard areas for the protection of water sources and the development of a Decision Support System (DSS). Recognising the link between the quality of the natural environment surrounding abstraction facilities and the quality of water resources was a key step in fostering responsibility toward the Natura 2000 site "Grave and Wetlands of the Brenta", which hosts ETRA's most important abstraction facilities. In 2024, the Consiglio di Bacino Brenta became the managing entity of this Natura 2000 site.

At the same time, developments such as the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (2022) and the recent introduction of regulations on ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) reporting and investments (e.g., the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive - CSRD, EU Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation - SFDR, Green Claims Directive, EU Taxonomy Regulation) highlight the need for companies—particularly water utilities that rely on a strategic natural resource—to adopt robust and comprehensive sustainability strategies. These strategies must extend beyond climate reporting to include all environmental dimensions. This evolution shifts the focus from achieving Net Zero to contributing to a Nature Positive economy, aiming to halt and reverse environmental degradation by 2030 and 2050 (naturepositive.org). This involves measuring and acting on impacts across key natural systems: water, biodiversity, and climate.

Specifically, looking at the environmental requirements of the European Sustainability Reporting Standards, we find:

E1: Climate Change; E2: Pollution; E3: Water and Marine Resources; E4: Biodiversity and Ecosystems; E5: Resource Use and Circular Economy. For these five thematic areas, reporting must generally focus on: a) governance, b) strategy, c) impact, risk, and opportunity management, d) metrics and targets.

ETRA, therefore, to align with the ESG reporting requirements mentioned above, intends to adopt a rigorous and integrated Nature Positive strategy that can cover its three core sectors (water, waste, energy) by leveraging internationally recognized methodologies. In particular, it aims to structure a corporate strategy based on the approach outlined by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, known as ACT-D (Assess, Commit, Transform, Disclose), following these steps:

- Assess: Measure risks, dependencies, and impacts on water, biodiversity, and climate using leading protocols (e.g., Carbon Footprint, Biodiversity Impact Assessment aligned with IFC Performance Standard 6).
- Commit: Set reduction and mitigation targets by adopting the guidelines of the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) and Science-Based Targets for Nature (SBTN).
- Transform: Further invest in the Sustainability Plan to neutralize impacts on climate, biodiversity, and water, based on the set targets. In particular, ETRA will develop environmental restoration projects (e.g., improved forest management, reforestation, wetlands) that simultaneously achieve the following results: positive impacts on CO2 (removal), biodiversity, water infiltration, and water risk prevention. These projects will leverage ETRA's role as the Managing Authority of the Natura 2000 site "Grave e Zone Umide della Brenta", as well as other protected areas in the region, while accounting for the positive impacts on ecosystem services generated by restoration and conservation efforts.
- Disclose: Enhance communication with users and stakeholders on the above topics, following current guidelines (e.g., Global Reporting Initiative), with a particular focus on investments and activities related to source protection, biodiversity, climate, and the local area.

In 2024 and 2025, ETRA will work to define a group-wide strategy and policy for its three core sectors, integrating them with the pillars of the Sustainability Plan and impact reporting as a Benefit Corporation. Subsequently, by 2030, ETRA aims to implement the four steps outlined above, setting and pursuing clear objectives for reducing and neutralizing impacts on water, biodiversity, and climate.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Below is a summary matrix outlining the funding items for each action/commitment that can be quantified economically:

Actions (per partner)	Resources						
	ERC	InnWater	NatConnect 2030	WasteReduce	MAP-Brenta	Internal resources	Total
Consiglio di Bacino Brenta							
Planning for the management of the Natura 2000 site					57.780€		57.780€
Conservation interventions for the Natura 2000 site (including maintenance of LIFE intervention sites other than Camazzole)	1.000.000€		330.000€				1.330.000€
Signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Veneto Region and activation of the Steering Committee		32.500€	19.000€				51.500€
Facilitation of fund acquisition for the Medio Brenta area			120.000€				120.000€
Improvement of communication and user awareness		49.750€	65.000€		37.390€		152.140€
Fauna monitoring in the Natura 2000 site (fish, amphibians, reptiles, bats) and flora monitoring (limited to LIFE intervention sites)					146.450€		146.450€
Subtotal	1.000.000€	82.250€	534.000€		241.620€		1.857.870€
Etra							
Implementation of conservation interventions	50.000€						50.000€
Maintenance of LIFE interventions at the Camazzole site	30.000€						30.000€
Continuation of the environmental surveillance system and waste collection				240.000€		250.000€	490.000€
Monitoring of water resources and risk centres						350.000	350.000€
Environmental education and awareness-raising among the local population						70.000	70.000€
Subtotal	80.000€			240.000€		670.000€	990.000€
Etifor							
Support for governance		50.000€		80.000€			130.000€
Maintenance of forestry interventions under LIFE Brenta 2030						60.000€	60.000€
Communication and awareness-raising		35.000€		30.000€			65.000€
Subtotale		85.000€		110.000€		60.000€	255.000€
Veneto Agricoltura							
Technical support for the design and programming of specific actions aimed at conserving and improving biodiversity in the Natura 2000 site						5.000€	5.000€
Subtotal						5.000€	5.000€
Total After-LIFE							3.107.870€

CONCLUSIONS

In 2018, the LIFE Brenta 2030 Project was conceived as a forward-looking initiative designed to extend its impact well beyond its natural deadline. This ambitious and highly practical Project has laid the foundation for a transformative approach to managing a Natura 2000 site and a critically important natural and social capital that had been underappreciated.

The significant investment in governance, financial innovation, facilitation, communication, and fundraising activities enabled the implementation of planned actions and the creation of a robust strategy, territorial expertise, and resources to sustain the After-LIFE Plan activities until 2030 and beyond.

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