

Interview To
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Q: Which are the results of the collaboration Italian - Albanian in the field of the Interreg II program ? Which will be the next objectives in the programme?

A: The results of the Italian - Albanian collaboration in the Interreg II programme were excellent. The Biological Research Institute that I represent was founded by a great support of the scientific staff of the University of Lecce and Bari regarding the direction of the study of the Albanian vegetable biodiversity. Our researchers in collaboration with the Italian colleagues have completed a number of studies in the fields of flora, preservation and exploitation of the plants etc.

The organization of four scientific bilateral and of qualification of our specialists near the Italian institutions was of great importance for the preparation of new research projects of the future. The Biological Research Institute is responsible for the monitoring of the biodiversity and anthropic level of the coastal wetlands of Albania.

Actually, our specialists and laboratories are prepared to participate in the Interreg III programme.

The expected experience to be gained will serve for the sustainable management of vegetable ecosystems especially at water ecosystems. The aim of the project by the creation of a network among the coastal ecosystems of both countries will enable also the introduction of optimal strategies for the improvement of the environment and socio-economic conditions.