





A Tourist Association (about 100 members) and a Regional Park together to develop rural tourism in a Region famous in the world for its Riviera... that's a big deal!





### Focus group #1

## **DEVELOPING HIKING AND BIKING TOURISM**

Analyse the present situation;

Start cooperation with local hikers and bikers associations;

Start by promoting a few events

- 10 members (B&B, holiday farms, guides, associations)
- 4 face-to-face meetings and on-line collaboration







# MITE EVENTS 2015

**1-day guided excursion** with lunch in a refuge, guided visit to the S. Stefano d'Aveto Castle and final snack with local products

This excursion was eventually combined with other events planned on the same day and the day after (guided hiking tours, another MTB excursion) in the same area and became a full package for the whole family

ay guided trip with dinner and overnight stay at one of the Park's refuges





### **FUTURE GOALS**

#### HIKING:

- creating different multi-day itineraries with luggage transfer, shuttle service, catering
- creating a multi-day itinerary from mountain to sea, with the same services
- setting up a list of "guaranteed" trails, continuously inspected and fixed

#### **HOUNTAIN BIKING**

creating a list of the best "guaranteed" MTB itineraries, providing detailed infos
creating an offer of different grade guided tours (1 day or multi day)
offer additional services: luggage transfer, transport, bike rentals (especially e-bike)





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#### Focus group #2: "Horse & Horse"

### **PROMOTING RURAL TOURISM WITH TERRITORY UNIQUENESS:**

## ✓ Wild horses

## ✓ Equestrian tourism

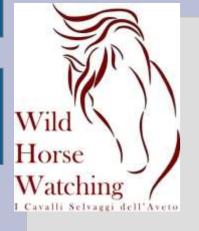
- 4 group members: naturalistic and "wild horsewatching" guide, equestrian guide, manager farm-house and artisan;
- 1 face-to-face meeting and on-line collaboration;
- Taking advantage from pre-existing promotional and conservation program for Aveto wild-horses "WILD HORSEWATCHING – I Cavalli Selvaggi dell'Aveto ®"











## **HORSE-RIDING TREKKING & WILD HORSES TOUR:**

- 2 DAYS TOUR "Wild horses + horse-manship"
- 2 DAYS "OVER 65": discovering traditional horse-breeding and approach activity to horses
- 2 DAYS "NATURE & HORSES"
- The uniqueness of wild horses to promote the territory and increase tourism in the off-season
- Rural accommodations can benefit from a higher number of tourists along hiking and horse-riding paths







Focus group #3

# PROMOTING RURAL TOURISM BY COMBINING HISTORY AND LOCAL PRODUCTS

Create a tourist package for a weekend combining our history with local gastronomy and visits to local producers

- 2 members (hotel owner, shop keeper)
- 2 face-to-face meetings and on-line collaboration
- Taking advantage of a historical route recently created: the "Fieschi and Spinola Castles' Route"







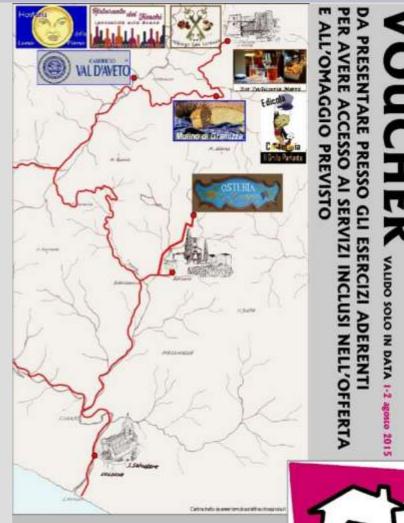




## **FIESCHI & SPINOLA CASTLES' TOUR**

- from a theoretical itinerary to a proper tourist package: 2 days across two valleys, discovering their most important historical and architectural monuments, accompanied by an expert + visits to local producers + events + restaurants + accommodation
- scheduled dates
- booking online >

www.unamontagnadiaccoglienza.it



Due giorni sull'itinerario "Terre di Castelli Fieschi e Spinola": dalla Basilica dei Fieschi, all'Abbazia di Borzone fino al Castello di S. Stefano d'Aveto, con visite guidate, degustazioni ed eventi.



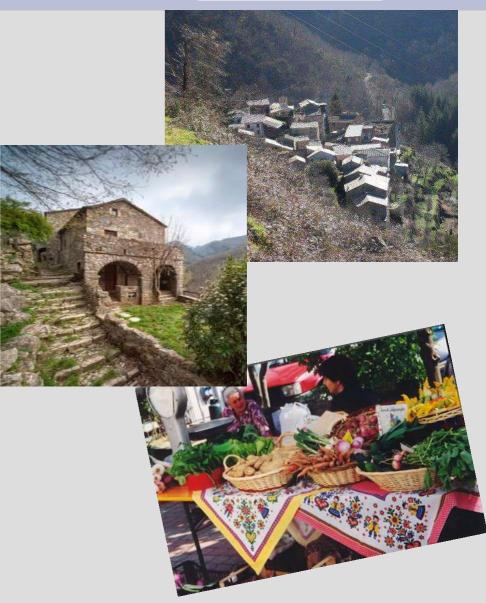




Focus group #4

Inside the project IN.RU.TOU the focus group "Gusto Card – Flavours Card" wants to promote "Itinerari del gusto – Flavours Routes" in the Graveglia Valley.

In the beauty of the mountains behind the Ligurian Eastern Riviera you will find taste, history and tradition !









Focus group #5 HOW TO ORGANIZE A BLOG TOUR AND DEVELOP A 2.0 MARKETING STRATEGY

promote the area;

support other groups in creating and promoting new tourist products

- 9 members (B&B, holiday farms, guides, associations)
- 4 face-to-face meetings and on-line collaboration













### **BLOG TOUR #enjoyParcoAveto – October 2015**

- 7 travel bloggers and journalists for 3 days across the Aveto Park
- Guided tour and story telling about nature, cultural heritage, local products
- live-post on social networks (FB, TW, IG) using the hashtag #enjoyParcoAveto (i.e. #enjoyAvetoPark) followed by articles and posts on travel blogs and magazines and a radio interviews



