

Mascali location scouting, day summary

3rd of November, 2017.

My name is Ksenija, and I am a Giacche Verdi Bronte volunteer from Serbia. On 3rd of November, 2017. me and Kiril, another volunteer from Macedonia, made a trip from Bronte to Mascali in order to meet with the forestry expert Salvatore Vinciguerra, Giacche Verdi coordinator Anna Spitaleri, mayor of Mascali, Luigi Messina, and our fellow volunteers Roman, Adele, Petra and Helene, who moved to stay in Mascali two weeks ago.



Me, Kiril and Roman

The goal of this day was to scout locations for the tree planting activities with school children during our current project “Boschi per la Biosfera”, as well as discuss and lay ground plans for the future educational green area in the city of Mascali.

As a student of landscape architecture, an opportunity to be involved in the process of creating an urban green area is really exciting for me, especially with the chance to work with experts like Salvatore Vinciguerra!

Together with the Giacche Verdi team and the mayor, we visited the potential locations for educational park and gave our input. The places we visited are unused green areas, located within the inner city limits, in calm neighborhoods. The most pressing issue in all the places is the state of greenery and finding the best way to recuperate the area, preferably by removing the foreign or invasive species and introducing the autochthonous ones.



The chosen piece of land for reforestation in Mascali

At the end we chose a green area close to a residential block. The space will primarily be used in the Giacche Verdi project *Boschi per la biosfera*, more precisely in the outdoor excursions with children where we'll be planting the tree seeds, and have area for nature games. Afterwards, the allocated space will be used as a Community Garden, for both adults and children to cultivate fruits and vegetables in a communal manner in their neighborhood.

Ksenija Golubović

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