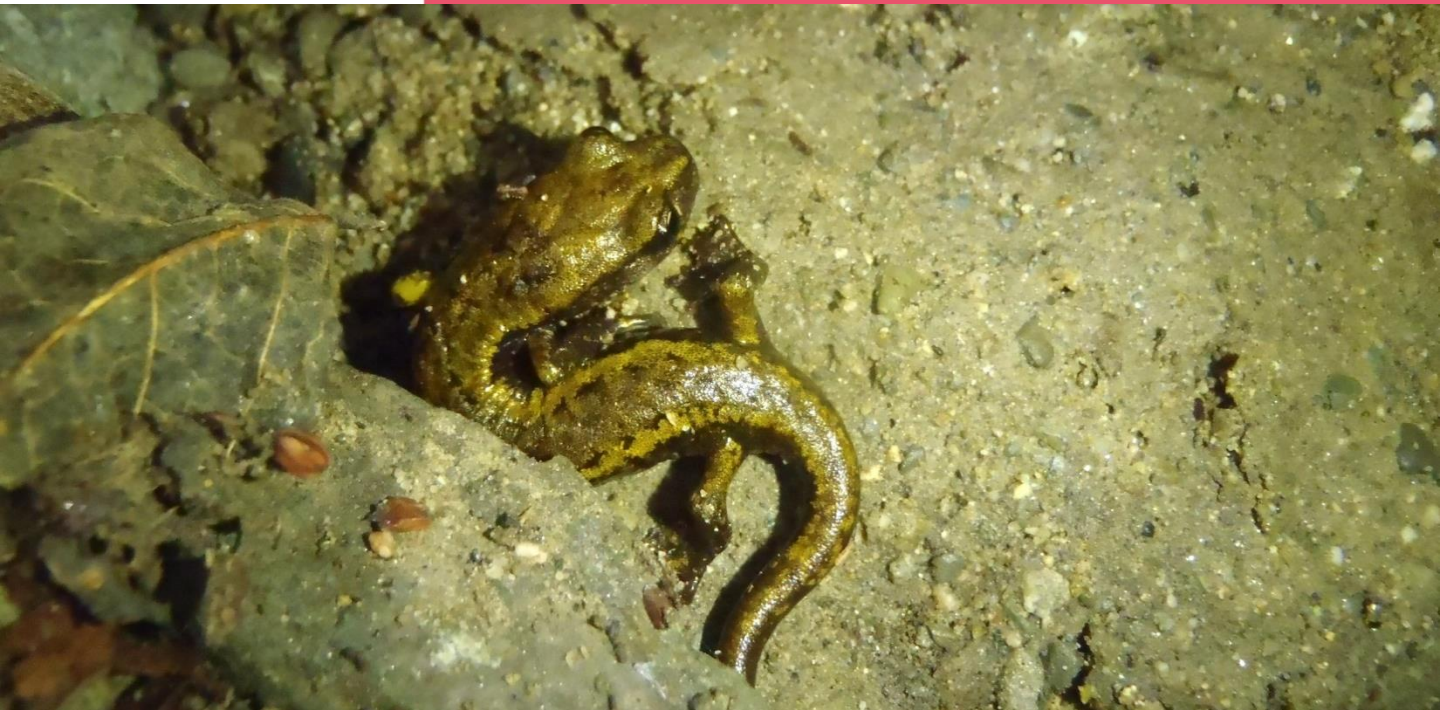


NEW PROPOSAL:
Citizen Science initiatives 2024



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...from all over the world!



Do you ever think about a new kind of outdoor activity?

What about a **SCIENTIFIC TOURISM EXPERIENCE** deep in the gorgeous Tuscany landscapes?

Join the ERSE team in performing actual *scientific projects* along the Protected Areas of North-western Tuscany, together with authentic biologists and ecologists.

About us



ERSE is a cooperative corporation that gathers high-end professionals in the fields of **Biology and Natural Science**. The company routinely provides consulting, monitoring, and analytical assessments of flora and fauna from freshwater, terrestrial and marine environments, always with an eye to sustainability and environmental caring.

ERSE is also committed in spreading the **scientific culture** through guided field trips, together with our biologists and ecologists. Namely, we have developed a series of **CITIZEN SCIENCE** initiatives, where actual on-field scientific labs are set up, and real scientific assays are experienced by everyone.

Scientists along the seashore

Participants will assess the biodiversity of the seashore by collecting and analysing biological samples from the seabed and the shoreline.

Scientists in the river

Participants will perform an in-field biological assay to evaluate the Ecological Status of a Tuscany freshwater stream.

Discovering Amphibians and Reptiles

Participants will investigate amphibians and reptiles from Tuscany wetlands, shedding light on their ecology through in-field observations.

Be a Birdwatcher

Participants will perform birdwatching in a Tuscany Protected Area, getting acquainted with the professional tools and watching protocols, and learning how to identify the most common Italian bird species.



Canoeing like a Scientist

By means of a 20-rows dragonboat, the participants will go canoeing on the gorgeous Massaciuccoli Lake (Tuscany), looking at its astonishing biodiversity. During the trip, they will also carry out a biological survey on a major threat to the Lake's life: the invasion of "alien" (*allochthonous*) species.

Scientists on board

An actual Marine Biology survey from a specially-fitted motor sailor: participants will collect samples from seabed and seawater, and investigate the biodiversity of plankton and bottom-dwelling marine fauna.

Scientists on board - A look to the depths

From aboard our ship, the participants will follow on-screen and interact with a scuba diver equipped with radio and camera: the images from the seabed will be further explained and commented by a Marine Biologist.



Project chart

INITIATIVE	PLACE	TIME	PERIOD	N° PEOPLE	PRICE/prs.
<i>Scientists along the seashore</i>	Viareggio (LU)	min 3 h	all year round	min 15	21 €
<i>Scientists in the river</i>	Seravezza (LU)	min 4 h	all year round	min 15	22 €
<i>Discovering Amphibians and Reptiles</i>	Viareggio (LU)	min 4 h	February-May	min 15	22 €
<i>Be a Birdwatcher</i>	Viareggio (LU)	min 3 h	April-June	min 15	20 €
<i>Canoeing like a Scientist</i>	Massaciuccoli Lake (LU)	min 4 h	March-October	min 15 max 40	26 €
<i>Scientists on board</i>	Viareggio (LU)	4-6 h	all year round	min 12 max 24	43 €
<i>Scientists on board - A look to the depths</i>	Viareggio (LU)	4-6 h	all year round	min 12 max 12	50 €

Our Goals

We aim to strengthen the **bond between science and society** by prompting people into a deeper commitment on environment and sustainability issues. Our initiatives also provide the people an actual knowledge of natural environments, and stimulate youngsters into exploring new interests and perhaps yet-undiscovered personal skills.

Multilingual Support

ERSE provides a multilingual support to its Citizen Science Initiatives, being proficient in **English, German, Spanish, and French**.

For further information, please visit our **website** and/or contact us by **email** or **phone**.



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