

Building Reflexivity and response-ability Involving Different narratives of knowledGE and Science



The Project

BRIDGES proposes **transdisciplinary processes**, in urban and rural settings, to bring together and work with an **extended community** of people on an issue that concerns us all closely: soil health. Young researchers and citizens are invited to experiment with a new kind of participatory and hybrid research, together with educators, artists, soil microbiology specialists, farmers and stakeholders. The challenge of producing useful soil fertility indicators for the community is tackled through **an approach based on close interdependence between the various fields of research**.

In this progression of increasingly hybrid and participatory experiences, BRIDGES **induces a process of transformation** in all the actors involved, in terms of narratives to be brought to the surface, **in order to develop and practise a new ecological awareness**.

Our objectives

1. **investigate, map and enrich the narratives** that define and frame Italian disciplinary scientific research
2. to **experiment a pilot process of co-production of transdisciplinary research** practices on soil fertility, through a series of meetings and seminars, in urban and rural settings, and some citizen science activities
3. **develop a reflective attitude and a sense of responsibility** in citizens and researchers, making them aware that they are a fertile resource for Italy

What we expect

1. establish **new bridges and ways of relating between worlds** that are still poorly connected in the Italian context: science, society and ecological systems
2. to **create methods and tools to co-produce research processes** and practices useful to the community of humans and non-humans, through dialogue and participatory action with heterogeneous social actors from **different disciplines**
3. **improve the quality, sense of responsibility and effectiveness** of Italian scientific research, in its relationship with citizens and the environment, making it more capable of responding to the complexity of contemporary challenges
4. to provide interested communities and stakeholders with a set of soil fertility indicators capable of **producing greater awareness in management** and policy-making practices

More info

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