EMAS CLUSTER INITIATIVE ON LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

CASE STUDY: THE PROVINCE OF TRENTO

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Surface area	***6,207 km²***
Population	***504,824***
Municipalities	***223***
Districts	***11***

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- ✓ **Art. 12 bis of the provincial law of 29 August 1988, no. 28, "Regulation of environmental impact evaluation and further measures for safeguarding the environment"**
- ✓ **Motion no. 1 of 5 February 2004, approved by the Council of the Autonomous Province of Trento, on raising awareness of environmental management systems**
- ✓ **Provincial government resolution no. 493 of 18 March 2005, "Approval of criteria and management methods for the fund for initiatives and intervention to promote sustainable development of the environment, provided for by art. 12 – bis of L.P. of 29 August 1988 no. 28"**

CALLS FOR PROJECTS

2 CALLS FOR PROJECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION – ISO 14001 AND EMAS - IN PUBLIC BODIES OF THE AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF TRENTO

- ✓ **Provincial government resolution no.1589, 29 July 2005**

Projects Presented	*31*
Projects Sponsored	*9*
Total local authorities involved	*74*

- ✓ **Provincial government resolution no.967, 19 May 2006**

Projects Presented	*17*
Projects Sponsored	*17*
Total local authorities involved	*82*

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WE HAVE FAVOURED:

- ✓ ***Groups made up of more than one player, to have a shared vision of environmental protection for the area (considerable importance was given to groups involving organisations managing public services such as refuse collection or the supplying of electricity and water)***
- ✓ ***Local authorities providing for a stable figure within the project following the environmental management system in the implementation and maintenance phases***
- ✓ ***Local authorities providing for a communications strategy within the project, strongly oriented towards their own residents, and the constant involvement of the stakeholders, if possible involving them in the same type of programme***

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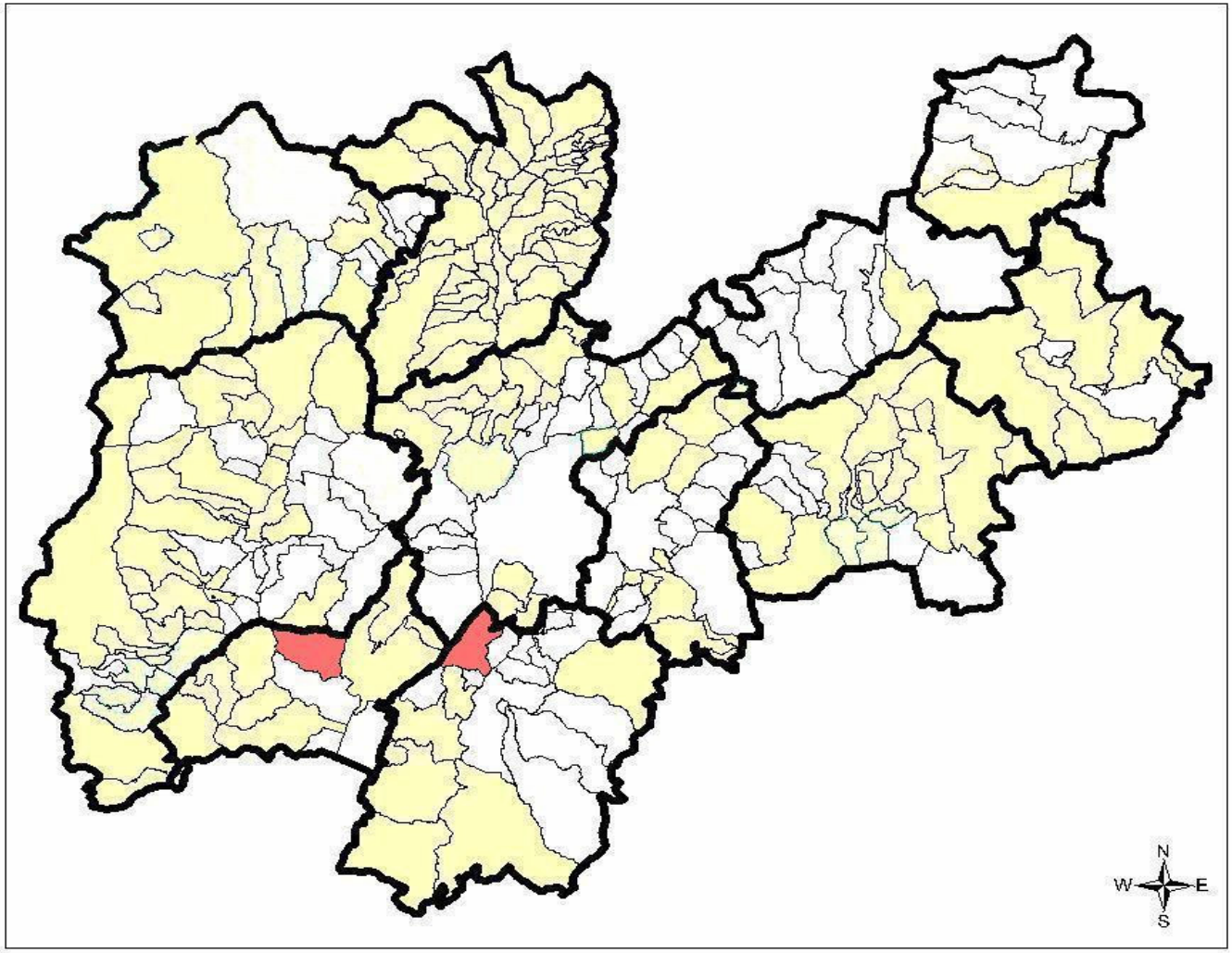

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ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED	FUND 2004	2005	2006	Total
Municipalities	2	67	68	137
Districts	1	2	3	6
Assoc. Municipalities		0	1	1
Nature parks	2			2
Consortium of BIM municipalities		0	1	1
Organisations managing services		5	5	10
Total bodies per year	5	74	82	
				161

We favoured those choosing to register according to EMAS regulations because this appeared to us to be more coherent for the public administration

EMAS	145
ISO 14001	16

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THE AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF TRENTO, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CONSORTIUM OF TRENTINO MUNICIPALITIES, HAS ORGANISED A 50 HOUR TRAINING COURSE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF OF THE BODIES INVOLVED IN THE CERTIFICATION PROCESSES

This has made it possible to:

- ✓ ***Raise awareness of the environmental registration/certification process to be followed***
- ✓ ***Provide the technical knowledge necessary to monitor the work of consultants and interact with them in constructing the environmental management system***
- ✓ ***Stimulate the exchanging of ideas between technical and administrative staff in different municipalities***

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THROUGH MONITORING:

- ✓ ***to stimulate the exchanging of opinions on the registration/certification programmes embarked on by the bodies***
- ✓ ***to check the progress of the various system stages***
- ✓ ***to encourage the emergence of critical environmental issues relating to the area***

THROUGH THE FUND FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

- ✓ ***to solve problems shared by more than one local authority***
- ✓ ***to facilitate the achievement of the environmental objectives established in the various environmental management systems***

THROUGH ITS INSTITUTIONAL ROLE:

- ✓ ***to act as an intermediary in communications with APPA, APAT and the ECOLABEL – ECOAUDIT COMMITTEE***

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ACTIVE MAINTENANCE OF SYSTEMS

A PROPOSAL TO DIVIDE THE AREA INTO HOMOGENEOUS AREAS SUPPORTING THE INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES (many of which are particularly small) MAINTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRATION WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF SYSTEMATIC INTEGRATION IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, OBJECTIVES, PROCEDURES AND ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENTS

CREATION OF A "PLACE" FOR DIALOGUE, EXCHANGING OPINIONS AND PROMOTING COMMUNICATION FOR ALL CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED BODIES, THROUGH THE CREATION OF AN EMAS CLUB FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES, FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN CATALONIA FOR EMAS REGISTERED FIRMS

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OF THE AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE OF TRENTO

1. ***STARTING FROM THE SMALLEST MUNICIPALITY IN THE PROVINCE, ADMINISTERING A VERY SMALL AREA, TO ACHIEVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REGISTRATION OF THE PROVINCE FROM THE BOTTOM, WITH AN ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OF THE AREA DERIVING FROM THE ANALYSIS OF INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPALITIES OR GROUPS OF MUNICIPALITIES***
2. ***TO HAVE OBJECTIVES AND A PROGRAMME FOR CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT, TO BE SHARED BY THE DIFFERENT PLAYERS MANAGING THE AREA***
3. ***TO USE A "PLACE" SUCH AS THE EMAS CLUB AS A VEHICLE FOR COMMUNICATION AT ALL LEVELS***

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