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APENNINE PARK OF EUROPE

THE APENNINES,
OUR BACK BONE.

The Apennine Park of Europe project (APE) started in 1995, an idea of Regione Abruzzo, Legambiente, and the Nature Conservation Service of the Environment Ministry.

It is the most important project in Italy for the protection and improvement of the entire Apennine ridge.

Its importance comes not only from the expanse of the territory (the whole Apennine chain is about 1500 km, from Piedmont to Sicily, covering more than one-third of the national territory with more than 2300 municipalities, 64 provinces and 15 regions), but also from its potential to be a source of environmental promotion and action. It is the biggest biodiversity heritage in Italy and there are a high number of protected areas and therefore valuable interregional systems promoting tangible policies for sustainable development and the protection of nature.

This is good both for inhabitants and tourists.

The Apennine Convention provides an opportunity to set up a coordination assembly capable of setting in motion the protection and valuation process with the hands-on participation of the institutional bodies involved in building a global sustainable development project for the Apennine ridge. At the same time, dialogue with other mediterranean countries will take place to establish a common policy for the mountains of countries in the mediterranean basin.