



## UNIONE DEI COMUNI “ERIMO ERICINI”

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Buseto Palizzolo - Custonaci - Erice - Paceco - San Vito Lo Capo – Valderice

### Partner Identification Form (PIF)

| Organisation Data               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| PIC                             | 866038893                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Official language               | Italian                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Legal Information               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Legal entity status             | a legal person                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Legal entity type               | public body                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Legal entity qualification      | non-profit                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Gender equality plan            | Yes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Background and experience       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Description of the Organisation | <p>The Unione dei Comuni Erimo Ericini is a functional union of 6 Sicilian municipalities (Buseto Palizzolo, Custonaci, Erice, Paceco, San Vito Lo Capo, and Valderice).</p> <p>We manage shared strategic services, including local economic development (SUAP) and environmental protection.</p> |

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| Governance and Human Resources           | <p>The Union operates through a streamlined and representative governance structure, ensuring both political direction and operational capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Executive Board:</b> Composed of the <b>Mayors of the 6 member municipalities</b>, acting as the primary executive body.</li> <li>• <b>Union Council:</b> The strategic oversight assembly consisting of <b>24 Councilors</b>, delegated by the member municipalities to ensure pluralism and democratic representation.</li> <li>• <b>Human Resources &amp; Staff:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Direct Staff:</b> 1 dedicated project manager and 1 legal-administrative specialist.</li> <li>• <b>Functional Staff:</b> About <b>20 employees part-time seconded</b> from the 6 member municipalities, providing specialised expertise across technical, legal, and administrative departments.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Population                               | About 60.000 (2020)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Territorial Context and Economic Profile | <p>The territory of the Unione dei Comuni Erimo Ericini represents a unique Mediterranean "micro-cosmos" where high-end tourism, environmental heritage, and robust industrial traditions coexist.</p> <p>A vibrant and flourishing tourism ecosystem, fueled by the iconic status of locations – such as the medieval village of <b>Erice</b>, the seaside hubs of <b>San Vito Lo Capo</b> and <b>Cornino</b>, the <b>Culcasi</b> Salt Pans, and the <b>Monte Cofano</b> and <b>Zingaro</b> Nature Reserves – its economic resilience is deeply rooted in a diverse entrepreneurial landscape.</p> <p>The Union's profile is characterized by three major industrial pillars:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Marble District (Custonaci): Custonaci is home to one of the most significant marble basins in Europe (the second largest in Italy). The extraction and processing of the "Perlato di Sicilia" marble represent a global export excellence. This industrial backbone requires advanced governance to balance heavy-industry logistics with environmental preservation and high-quality tourism.</li> <li>2. Sustainable Mobility Industry (Buseto Palizzolo): The territory is proud to host Lombardo Bikes, an international leader in the bicycle manufacturing industry.</li> <li>3. The Union's industrial landscape is further enhanced by the agro-food sector: the PDO 'Valli Trapanesi' covers all six member municipalities, and the territory hosts the main production plant of 'Oleifici Barbera', a leader in the international olive oil market.</li> </ol> |
| Main Activities and Expertise            | <p>The <b>Unione dei Comuni Erimo Ericini</b> is implementing a structural professionalisation of its European planning office. Central to this process is the appointment of two resource fully</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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|  | <p>committed to the planned calls for proposals and the list of funding opportunities for the 2021-2027 European cohesion policy.</p> <p>One is a <b>Project Manager with over 30 years of experience</b> in IT, New Media, and Digital Transition.</p> <p>The team is complemented by a <b>Legal-Administrative Specialist</b> with a strong legal background, specialising in public procurement, contract law, and administrative procedures.</p> <p>This professional background is a key asset for the Union, ensuring that territorial development is managed through high-level technical coordination and innovative digital methodologies.</p> <p>A strategic priority of the Union is the establishment of a "<b>Central Technical Control Room</b>". This unit is designed to coordinate the technical offices of the 6 member municipalities, creating a unified governance model to intercept and manage funding opportunities effectively.</p> <p>The actions regarding direct EU funding are built on the Union's international strategy based upon four <b>core thematic pillars</b>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Democratic Resilience &amp; Small Villages:</b> Focusing on the revitalization of historic centers by tackling youth out-migration (Brain Drain) and promoting sustainable local development. This includes creating new opportunities for youth engagement and balanced tourism models.</li><li>2. <b>Inclusion &amp; Diversity:</b> Promoting social cohesion through the exchange of best practices regarding the integration of migrants. This pillar focuses on leveraging culture and traditional sectors, such as agriculture, as tools for social and economic inclusion.</li><li>3. <b>Digital Citizenship:</b> Enhancing the digital literacy of the local population. This involves specific training programs for both youth and the elderly on the use of European digital services, ensuring that all citizens can benefit from the Digital Single Market and EU opportunities.</li><li>4. <b>Climate Resilience &amp; Civil Protection:</b> Strengthening territorial preparedness against emerging hydrometeorological risks and safeguarding natural ecosystems. This focuses on enhancing local civil protection networks, deploying advanced micro-environmental monitoring systems, and developing data-driven adaptation strategies to protect coastal areas, river basins, and inland communities.</li></ol> |
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