



## #2 U4V Newsletter

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### On the road to Murcia *by Giuseppe Pace*

When we planned the annual scheme of the Action, we imagined the Training School as the main focal point of our activities, where all knowledge, collected in the working groups and in the living labs experiments, could be finally explicated and shared in training modules. No professors and students, but all students, learning together about those intangible assets so important for seeding local community engagement in the UBH valorisation. This collective learning process has moved its first steps in Naples, where trainers and trainees studied together for five days, through interactive lectures on theories, methodologies and experiences, and research teamwork. The lectures also became for us, action members, a possibility to better clarify the overall approach, and to question about theoretical and methodological weaknesses. This action has not only the scope to build and share new achievements, but also to transmit the excitement of working on this fascinating and rich heritage, the underground, and empowering local communities in the decision-making. This Naples TS was that first step and built capacity from both academic and professional perspective, and integrated multi-disciplinary knowledge about the UBH with an innovative planning approach, more than any specialistic conference. We will never

forget the enthusiastic participation of these trainees that, also in non-favourable logistic conditions, elaborated credible proposals for real life case studies. We will never forget the tutors, which became full members of the research team and led them in the very intensive and interactive effort of creating a research idea and designing it in a poster. A mutual learning process has just started: the trainees evaluated and commented the training, providing important recommendations for the follow up; all of them will contribute to the Training School Handbook; some of them will perform a future Short Term Scientific Mission (STSM), assessing a new UBH case-study, following a new living lab experiment, and becoming trainers; some others will become members of the Action working groups; finally, I hope, many of them will support their local communities to have benefit from this meaningful resource. We will make good use of their trainee experience, by following their recommendations to improve training modules, school organisation, and activities. Thanks to them, I am sure that the next Underground4value Training School, held in the beautiful Murcia and organised by Susana Martínez-Rodríguez, is going to be an important milestone for Underground4value.

**IN THIS ISSUE:** 1. The Training School in numbers and graphs: some stats from participation and evaluation analysis of TS; 2. The six posters prepared and presented by Research Groups; 3. A photo gallery of the final award ceremony; 4. A presentation of the four case studies: Green Karst Region (SLO), La Unión (ES), Naples, (IT), Göreme (TR).

### Values and Experiences

*By Renata Salvarani*

The first **Training School of Underground4value** has been a challenging experience. The works, carried in Naples, into the great rooms faced to the sea of Castel dell'Ovo, have involved 30 graduated trainees from 12 countries across Europe and Turkey. This special issue of #U4Value Newsletter is entirely dedicated to this event. The spread of **Covid-19 pandemic** has delayed some activities and has made more difficult some steps of our work, but we re-start conscious of the human value of our network and aware of the relevant results that we have achieved together, to prepare next steps of the Action and our further career passages.  
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