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# New Horizons APS Presentation

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A satellite-style map of the world, showing continents in green and brown and oceans in dark blue. The text 'Table of Contents' is overlaid in white.

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Part 1

# **Our Organization**

# Our Organization



- **NEW HORIZONS APS** is a non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting social development and cultural preservation for the local territory and bridging the local population to the constantly changing world outside by means of education and training, information services, and international cooperation.
- It is founded and run by professionals who are designing, implementing, and providing consultations and support for local and international projects in several fields.



# Our Organization

## **MISSION**

In essence, the founding members aim to construct “new horizons” in the imminent future of the people in their city of residence. Based in Tusa, a small ancient town in the province of Messina (Italy), New Horizons takes the initiative to rediscover, revitalize, and re-launch a struggling town against depopulation, unemployment and the shortage of socio-cultural services for its remaining residents.

# Our Organization



## OBJECTIVES:

- \* to prepare people with necessary skills and competences;
- \* to make the local territory an attractive place to live, work and thrive;
- \* to develop and implement programs in non-formal education for young people and adults;
- \* to support active citizenship and integration of all people regardless of their social and ethnic backgrounds.

# Our Organization



Associated partner in the project is the **Tindari Archaeological Park** that will support the dissemination and sustainability of the project by promoting its outcomes in its relevant network. In addition, it will provide feedback/suggestions regarding activity implementation and realization.

# Our Organization

- **Gregorio Sambataro** - Project Coordinator
- **Carmelo Di Gesaro** - Project assistant
- **Francesca Metitero** - Project communication
- **Trang Dang** - Carbon footprint
- **Gioacchino Lidestri** - Project assistant
- **Carmela Prinzi** - project finance





Part 2

# **Our Pilote Project Territory**

# Our Pilote Project Terriroty

- **Where Tusa Is Located**
  - **Region:** Sicily, Italy
  - **Province:** Messina
  - **Coordinates:** 37.98° N, 14.24° E
  - **Setting:** Hillside town overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea



# Our Pilote Project Territory



An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely the Mediterranean or Black Sea area, showing land in shades of brown and tan and water in dark blue. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the top two-thirds of the image. The text 'Part 3' is centered in the upper portion of the blue area.

Part 3

# Our Pilote Project



# Our Pilote Project Territory

## Restoration of the ‘Gebbie’ of Tusa

Gebbia,” from the Arabic *jebbiyya* meaning “cistern,” refers in Sicily to the large masonry reservoirs found in rural areas or along routes between town and countryside, used to collect and store water for irrigation and for watering livestock.

*In Tusa, the Gebbie is still accessible and in a still reasonably good state of repair.*

# Our Pilote Project Terriroty



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The pilot project includes public awareness efforts, educational activities to rediscover the Gebbie, and structural restoration of the cistern.

A preliminary study will guide the restoration of the equipment, followed by consolidation of the cistern and the **creation of a trail and signage highlighting the irrigation network** connected to the Gebbie.



# Our Pilote Project Territory

## OBJECTIVE

The project addresses the deterioration of Mediterranean rainwater collection and distribution heritage, as well as the decline of collective water management practices.

It aims to restore these systems for community use while raising awareness among residents and visitors of sustainable, shared resource management.

Also, it highlights not only the material heritage, but also the associated community practices, demonstrating how contemporary communities can organise themselves to manage scarce resources sustainably.

# Our Pilote Project Terriroty

Organized around the Gebbie di Tusa, the site exemplifies a gravity-fed irrigation system that captures and stores rainwater and surface water. Such systems reflect frugal, collective approaches to water management, supported by shared infrastructure and usage rules.



A satellite-style map of the Mediterranean region, showing the sea in dark blue and the surrounding landmasses in shades of green and brown. The text "Our Pilote Project Terriroty" is overlaid in white.

# Our Pilote Project Terriroty

In addition, the project will enable the cistern to be put back into operation, which will make it possible to reconstitute a supplementary resource for the local community, complementary to the current water distribution networks, and in particular for agricultural irrigation during dry periods.

# Our Pilote Project Terriroty



1. The local population of Tusa, with the reappropriation of its heritage and the rediscovery of collective rules for the use of water
2. The municipality, with the enhancement of its heritage and the development of a new water resource
3. Farmers, with access to a new water resource
4. Tourists, with a cultural and educational discovery trail



Thank you for your  
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