



*The rebirth of the Alto Belice Corleonese area  
from the recovery of land confiscated from the mafia*

Libera Associazioni nomi e numeri contro le mafie



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From the beauty of “we” of cooperatives, a model that arises and increases and is “exported”, that everyday “feeds” itself with new social projects which allows landscape re-qualification, the recovery of traditions and of local identity.



## LE COOPERATIVE

### LE TERRE DI DON PEPPE DIANA

#### LIBERA TERRA

Castel Volturno (CE)

2010

### BEPPE MONTANA

#### LIBERA TERRA

Lentini (SR)

2010

### PLACIDO RIZZOTTO

#### LIBERA TERRA

S. Giuseppe Jato (PA)

2001

### PIO LA TORRE

#### LIBERA TERRA

S. Giuseppe Jato (PA)

2007

### VALLE DEL MARRO

#### LIBERA TERRA

Gioia Tauro (RC)

2004

### TERRE DI PUGLIA - LIBERA TERRA

Mesagne (BR)

2008



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A coordination of more than **1,600** associations, groups, schools, social realities, committed in their territories to build up itineraries about democratic legality



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More than one millions of signatures. A socially mobilized country from Trento to Lampedusa. One date of beginning: 1982, year of the Rognoni-La Torre Law. One finish: the Law n.109 of 1996 on social re-use of confiscated assets. Mafia gives back ill-gotten gains.



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In 2001 the first Libera Terra cooperative was born: the Placido Rizzotto cooperative, which manages goods seized from "Cosa Nostra", in the province of Palermo. The "we" of solidarity and joint responsibility transforms criminal wealth in labour opportunities, in local re-qualification, in means of change.

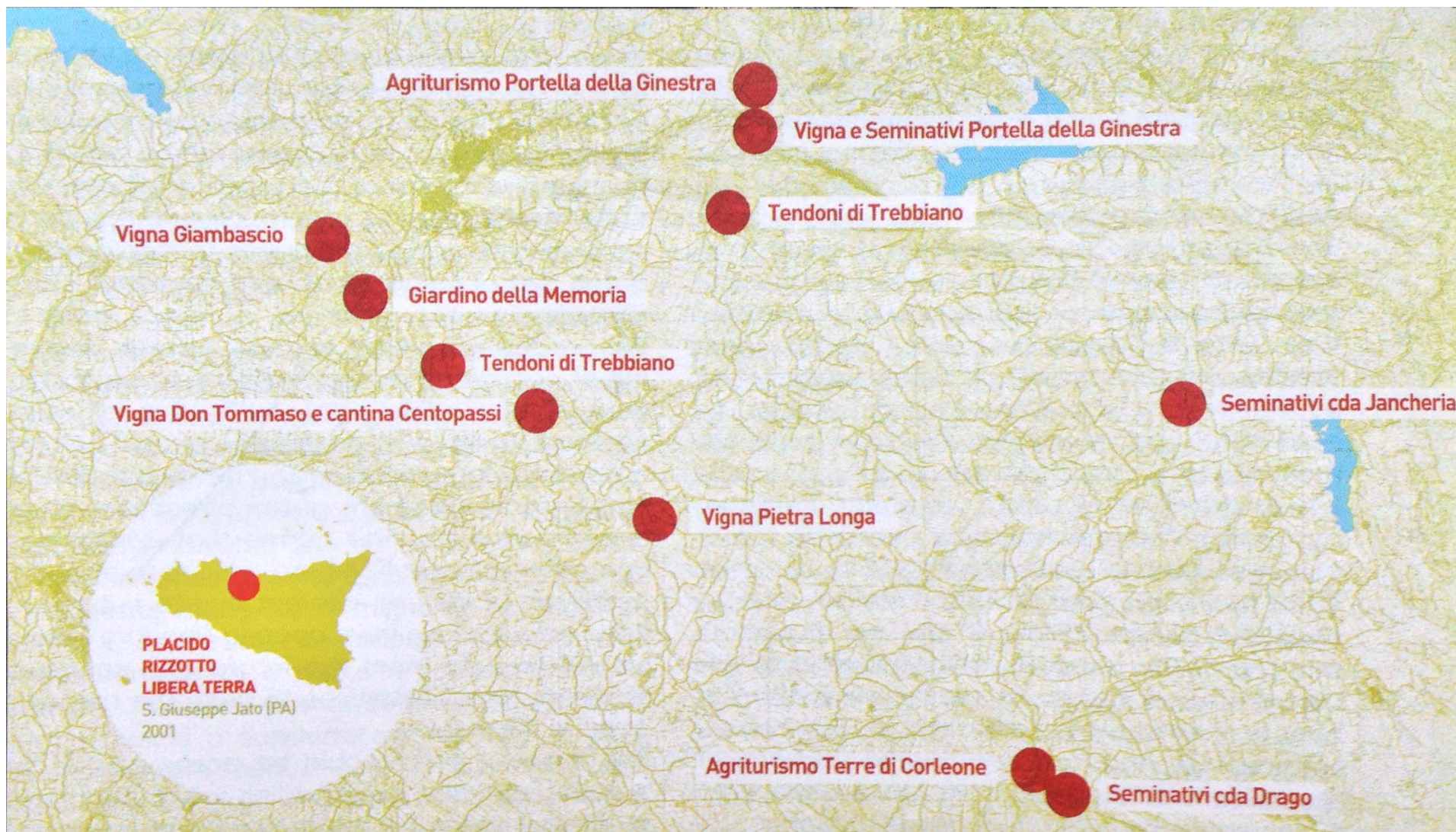


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L'“Alto Belice Corleonese” covers an area of a square kilometer and includes 25 villages. The territory is marked by water catchment areas in the South of Alto Belice and in the North of Oreto area. The wooded heritage counts about 4000 hectares, equal to 23% of the Sicilian province, particularly in Palazzo Adriano, Bisacquino, Altofonte and Monreale areas.

# Partners

- Municipalities: Corleone, San Giuseppe Jato, San Cipirello, Roccamena, Piana degli Albanesi, Alto Fonte and Camporeale
- Prefecture of Palermo
- Sviluppo e Legalità Consorzium
- Italia Lavoro Agency
- University of Palermo
- State Forestry Corps
- Cooperare con Libera Terra Agency
- Lega delle Cooperative
- Sviluppo e Italia Agency
- Alce Nero
- Melizia
- CoNaPi
- Slow Food



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Uncultivated land, abandoned manor farms. A territory and a landscape that are suffering degradation are recovered, restored with seeds of passion, will and competence. A new life and new beauty in Sicily's land.





Identity, traditions, culture find new life.  
The traditional professions, the products of a thousand-year old land thanks to the work of young people, return to be protagonists.  
The fruits of ill-gotten gains start to bloom.



A production chain that respects land, in this way local farmers are the effective “key players”, joining ethics and beauty. Products that value workforce and peculiarities. A “0 kilometre” production chain of legality.







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**Ministero  
dei beni e delle  
attività culturali  
e del turismo**





Common planning quality and participation are the watchwords to ensure an ongoing process to several training experiences on democratic legality and landscape's recovery and protection.





Oil, pasta, wine, citrus have an additional “vitamin”, the legality, justice and freedom’s “vitamin”.  
High quality products, cultivated by organic methods and by the respect of the territory and of people’s work.  
They are sold in Italy and abroad.

