

Urban and rural heritage role in Italian small towns affected by incoming threat and traumatic event

Norcia and its surrounding Apeninnes



Norcia and Castelluccio di Norcia have been hardly hit by the 2016-



2017 Central Italy earthquakes: the former is one the biggest centre (around 5000 inhabitants), with the most important cultural heritage affected by the earthquakes, the latter its biggest mountainous

hamlet, located on one of the biggest and highest (1452 m s.l.) plateau in Central Italy and almost entirely destroyed by the 30th October 2016 shock



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ABSTRACT

This community is a network of small towns in Central Italy (in the area of Norcia and its surrounding Apeninnes) hit by the 2016-2017 earthquakes. The goal is to help restoring and maintaining the rich cultural identity and values connected to tangible and intangible culture, namely the varied local handcraft activities and rural manufacturing processes that connote this area. The agricultural biodiversity (with the production of typical vegetables, legumes, cheese, cold cuts, etc.) of the territory is due to the particular geomorphology and to the attachment of the local communities to their traditions, habits, way of life and traditional economies.