

## Gender related issues in Rendina Basin, Basilicata, Italy

- women unemployment rate , 25.02% in 2001
- 14.92% of occupied women work in agriculture (7.65% men)
- 51.35% of the workers in agriculture are women
- 34.96% of the farms are managed by women
- only 1.29% of the farm holder women get a university degree and 23.74% didn't finish any education

Land degradation can affect the local economy by threatening water availability, soil fertility and landscape integrity

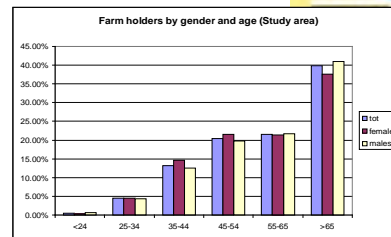
- Impacts on rural tourism
- Impacts on local productions (DOCG wine)

Several workshops have been organized by DESIRE staff with local stakeholders and end users  
Women participation was pretty good, both within technicians and farmers

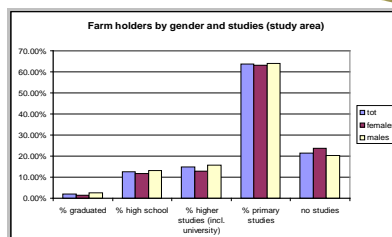
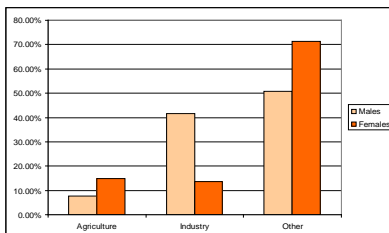


### A Global initiative

The project strategy is aimed at improving a gender neutral approach in environmental research



In Basilicata, the women employment rate has been of +5.5% in the period 2000-2004 (as compared to the males rate of +1.4%)  
The only sector where a positive rate is recorded is agriculture



- The presence of women in local agriculture is much higher when compared to men and to the Italian average
- On average, the high age, and the low education level of women are in relation to structural problems due to historical socio-economic constraints
- However, new possibilities are open for women, linked to rural tourism, local productions (wine, chestnuts), and to the positive actions of gender policies in Regional Development Plans
- The high participation to the locally organized workshops witnesses an increase in women's awareness about environmental issues

### A preserved landscape is functional to economic growth

Farm hospitality (or agri-tourism) represents an opportunity exploited at best by women  
Women manage nearly 50% of the agri-tourism farms

Tourism in the area is strictly linked to the agricultural landscapes

Local products, such as Aglianico wine, are a main driver for the economic growth of the area

Preserving the water resources, combating soil erosion helps local economy

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