

## **Functionality of Lombardy's Botanical Gardens Network – Three years on**

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The network of Lombard botanic gardens was established in 2003. It includes seven botanic gardens (Bergamo, Pietracorva, Bormio, Toscolano, Pavia, and the two botanic gardens of Milan). These gardens have quite different characteristics: among them two have an historic character, one is a typical Alpine garden, another one is devoted to medicinal plants. The purpose of the network is to promote knowledge about these gardens in a wider audience, to foster some common cultural initiatives and to collect funds for common projects. A project dealing with spontaneous and endangered plants of the Lombard flora has already been funded and implemented.