

RECOVERING OLD GREEK-ALBANESE (ARBËRESH) SETTLEMENTS (CALABRIA-ITALY: JONIAN SLOPE) BY CAR-TOURISM HOME-HOTEL PROJECT WITHIN THE BROADER RESEARCH STUDYING APENNINE RIDGE AS A GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AT WIDE RISK

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Old Greek-Albanese Settlements (1400-1600 AD) built near man", churches and convents of Greek-Orthodox religion, are arranged in three groups: a) Pre-M.Pollino Group, b) Group of the Jonian Hills and r,) PreM.Sila Greca Group: their possibilities are studied of being inserted within the Home-Hotel Main-Project managed by an informatic network, optimising post-industrial tourist traffic. Focusing our study on these anthropic evidences now, inclusions of Tyrrhenian-Slope Calabrian Arbëresh Settlements will be done in the future. Additional villages and boroughs comparable for various peculiarities - are included to improve Sub-Project local reliability with complementary facilities. All inclusion topographies and geo-morphologies are described, with references to earthquake, landslide and overflow local risks to suggest possible improvements of road networks and the car-traffic efficiencies. Comments on these Settlement economic potentialities are outlined, considering both the Main-Project Southern Section and these exceptional opportunities under archaeological and ethnic points of view.