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The islands of the European Union are facing demographic, economic, and environmental challenges which are often different from those of the rest of the continent. Yet, they are a unique resource from a geographical, environmental, and cultural point of view. This dossier tells how the EU cohesion policy helps them recover their centrality



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#### Cres: from wool to felt

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This photo story describes the phases of the processing that leads from the fleece of the sheep to felt. A practice that Vesna Jakić, of the "Ruta" association, continues to spread with passion on the island of Cres. Text and images by Nicole Corritore and Davide Sighele



#### INTERVIEW Baška, tourism, its limits

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As in other areas of the Croatian coast, also in Baška, a municipality on the southern tip of the island of Krk, the local administration is facing depopulation in the winter months and saturation in the summer ones. We talked about it with its mayor, Toni Juranić



#### The Cres sheep

Small, but lively and resistant. Forged by the context in which it is raised. It is the Cres sheep, an enduring tradition of the island. Despite it all. A video story by Nicole Corritore and Davide Sighele



#### TERRITORIES Islands in Croatia: Otra, development agency

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In Cres and nearby Losinj there are many territorial development projects that can be promoted thanks to the support of the European Union. But nothing could be done without those who care about the future of local communities



## REPORTAGE Cres, the sheep, Europe

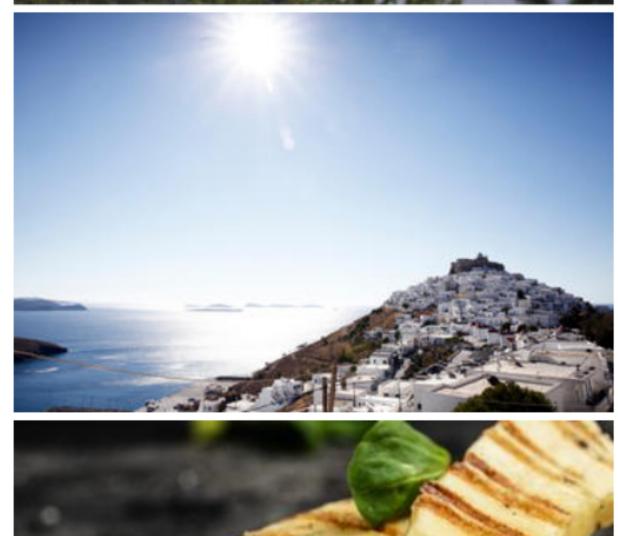
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Local official in the morning, farmer in the afternoon. Franjo Toic is the emblem of what Europe can be: local, global, with a strong civic and community sense. An encounter



# The griffons of Cres

The island of Cres, together with Krk and the neighbouring island of Prvic, is the last natural habitat of griffon vultures in Croatia. It is cared for by a centre located in Beli and managed by 'Priroda', a public institution based in Rijeka, which is responsible for preserving the natural environment and is also supported in this by European funds



#### Astypalea: a little bit closer now?

16/9/2022 Astypalea is a magnificent Greek island in the heart of the Aegean Sea. It is difficult to access from the mainland, but now significant European investments are changing its prospects, starting with internal mobility. A photo gallery



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In Cyprus, cooperating across the lines that divide Greeks and Turks is always complicated. Also thanks to EU intervention, however, halloumi cheese – one of the symbols of the island – is once again a heritage shared by the two communities

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