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Great interest to the Renewable Energy Forum in Sant'Agata di Puglia The role of the little town in Foggia province in the strategic project Alterenergy

About sixty participants among citizens and local stakeholders. Great interest, on June 26th, for the Forum in the Imperial Castle of Sant'Agata di Puglia (Foggia). In the event, part of the "2014 European Energy Week" and organized by Regione Puglia and ARTI in partnership with Ambiente Italia, has been explored the theme "The energy sustainability in the small adriatic communities: the pilot project for Sant'Agata di Puglia".

After the greetings and the introduction of **Gino Russo**, new mayor of Sant'Agata di Puglia, the manager of the Mediterranean Department – Puglia Region, **Bernardo Notarangelo** outlined the general objectives of the service and the strategic nature of the Alterenergy project in the Adriatic basin, in view of the new 2014-2020 programming.

Claudio Polignano, Alterenergy project responsible (Mediterranean Department - Puglia Region) explained to the participants the whole project, deepening Sant'Agata role in achieving the objectives and targets set out by the partnership.

Afterwards, Rodolfo Pasinetti and Filippo Loiodice of **Ambiente Italia** animated a discussion forum on the theme "Promoting sustainable energy in the territory of Sant'Agata di Puglia", presenting the activities to be implemented in the coming months in the town, including the revision of the Action Plan for Sustainable Energy, the realization of feasibility studies for new projects in the territory, training activities, information and entertainment planning and implementation of specific pilot interventions. All participants received a questionnaire for energy data detecting in order to map the energy state of the art in Sant'Agata.

The conclusions were entrusted to Bernardo Notarangelo who reiterated the importance of the active involvement of the entire community to ensure best practices in the energy topic and multiplier effects on all communities of the region.

The meeting continued with the "Spectacular Laboratory" of theater company "Il carro dei comici", committed by the Teatro Pubblico Pugliese. In the courtyard of the beautiful Imperial Castle, the children were able to learn the rules and basic techniques of alternative energy sources, like wind and solar. A celebration of recycling enriched by the performance of animated reading, "Rosemary", in which the actors used the artifacts produced by the little participants.



The strategic project Alterenergy relies on a partnership of 18 organizations, regions, ministries and energy agencies belonging to all the countries of the Adriatic area: Italy (7 Adriatic Regions), Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia and it is led by the Mediterranean Department of Puglia Region with the scientific support of the Technology and Innovation Regional Agency (ARTI Puglia). It is the first strategic project funded within the cross-border Cooperation Programme IPA Adriatic 2007-2013, which relies on 12.5 Million Euro total budget; it has been launched in September 2011 and it will last until August 2015 (4 years duration).

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