

Fedarene COP21 European Forum: ABRUZZO, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ENERGY.

Paris, December 2nd - Regione Abruzzo organized together with the Energy Agency (Arene), the seminary on education in FEDARENE "Cop 21 european forum". Several European initiatives were submitted to involve young people in the energy issues, sustainable development and the fight against climate change. The discussions also touched the topic on the importance of playful and artistic activities to involve young people in issues such as energy and they talked about the problems related to fund-raising to implement training and education activities. The debate focused on the importance of bringing together schools and students with local authorities either to understand the decisional dynamics or to share the new actions. The regional competition of Abruzzo "Energiochi", for all this reasons, it has been recognized as best practices because of its capacity to involve and stimulate students, and for the ability to make citizens protagonists of the local choices, thanks to the interaction with the Covenant of Mayors and the Alterenergy project which was explained to those present. This European project has further enriched the regional competition, as it has highlighted the role of small communities in spreading awareness of renewable energy and energy efficiency among students and citizens with a strong participation of the local authorities. Therefore, "Energiochi" is an Alterenergy model and with "teatro educativo" is clearly a replicable model of awareness raising. During the seminar, Regione Abruzzo shared with European partners a new initiative aimed at a sustainable consumption of food by stimulating the short chain and the relationship between big cities and small towns, the knowledge of food and the cooking with low consumption heat. The activity will involve catering institutes of the region which will become part of the activities of "Energiochi" and the Covenant of Mayors. This initiative was immediately realized with a request of partnership suggested from Croatia, France and FEDARENE that will hold the 2016 general assembly in Abruzzo. There will be defined a special program agreement with them.