

ONE LOVE, ONE HEART (EARTH).

LET'S GET TOGETHER AND
GO PPP AND VA.

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«One love, one heart, let's get together and
feel all right»...

The lyrics we are listening to, must inspire all
of us to actually «get together» and be as
one...

Be as one heart but also be one earth, one
common approach, common efforts to save
our planet, to save the world's heart.



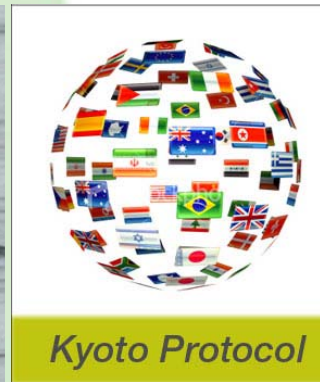
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Deforestation



Melting of the ice caps



Desertification



“We are only as strong as we are united”.

With little local actions and together towards one common goal, we can achieve big results.

Small communities can activate a chain effect that expands the single action into a worldwide result.

Climate change can be tackled.

Tangible examples

PPP and VA are tangible examples of little local actions that expand into macro-regional and transnational common goals.

They are the concrete and immediate tools of the bottom-up strategy and multilevel-governance.

What is PPP in the field of energy and environment?

PPP is the acronym that stands for “Public Private Procurement”.

It is a way to innovate public procurement procedures and stimulate their integration with energy efficiency criteria to meet EU Public Procurement requirements and to contribute to achieve EU energy strategy objectives.



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Why PPP?

- It strongly impacts on EU GDP and it is an important tool for public authorities to effectively address energy efficiency policies fostering production and consumption of energy efficient products and services and the adoption of energy technologies.
- It re-addresses private sector supply towards the production of energy efficient services and products, thus creating sustainable consumption and production policies and technologies and new business opportunities.

PPP in Regione Abruzzo

PPP in Regione Abruzzo is translated into EEPP (Energy Efficient Public Procurement).

It is a way to strenghten the role of public authorities in promoting energy efficiency in the private sector, upgrading its competencies on the preparation / participation to energy efficient public tenders.

Actions are carried out together with 7 SEE (South East Europe) countries: Italy, Hungary, Greece, Austria, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Romania.



What is Regione Abruzzo doing?

- Analysis on the status of implementation of energy efficiency criteria in public procurement procedures in 7 SEE regions;
- 1 set of transnational criteria on EEP developed;
- 7 national guidelines developed;
- Transnational training activities to qualify the skills in developing EEP procedures in the following fields: integration of criteria for energy efficiency in PP with a special focus on the mayors who signed the CoM initiative; information system for the certification of energy efficiency; green purchases and energy performance certificates of buildings;
- Identifying common qualifications and selection criteria for the SEE area to uniform requirements for integrating energy efficiency into public procurement procedures. They are adapted and integrated by each 7 SEE countries into national regulations through MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDINGS with local authorities. These types of MOU are an example of.....VA!

Tangible example

Regione Abruzzo applied the PPP model during the reconstruction of L'Aquila city and its crater area, destroyed by a terrible earthquake that took place in 2009.

Public tenders were launched for reconstruction and refurbishment in order to make private companies to comply specific requirements such as energy consumption reduction, use of materials that limit energy dispersion, re-use of rubblework and specific training for the workers.

....VA. What is that?

VA is a voluntary initiative taken by different countries that are willing to collaborate on concrete and immediate actions in the field of energy efficiency, consumption reduction and climate change, more and more often seen as an alternative to legislative measures at the EU level.

Why VA?

EU decision-makers are increasingly opting for alternative forms of regulation, such as voluntary environmental agreements, instead of using traditional legislative instruments.

Their efficacy is dependent on certain minimum criteria based on a general legislative framework and the public authorities must monitor, review and efficiently enforce them.

The agreements objectives should be based on realistic needs and they must be transparent and democratic, ensuring balanced stakeholder representation throughout the process.

Examples are presented below.

The Covenant of Mayors Initiative

It is the mainstream EU movement involving local and regional authorities, voluntarily committing to increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources on their territories.

Covenant signatories aim to meet and exceed the European Union 20% CO₂ reduction objective by 2020 through concrete measures and projects. They notably undertake to prepare a Baseline Emission Inventory and submit and a Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) outlining the key actions they plan to implement.

All 305 municipalities in Abruzzo Region and the 4 provinces joined the CoM. It is described as a good EU practice to be disseminated and reproduced.

More than 35 million € from axis II “energy sustainability” 2007/2013 POR FESR.

618 energy efficiency interventions have been carried out so far (mainly in schools).



The New Integrated Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

As part of the "New Integrated Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy", signatory cities will pledge action to support implementation of the new 2030 EU targets, a joint approach to tackling mitigation and adaptation to climate change, and the extension of the initiative to a more global scope.

Regione Abruzzo is endorsing the 2030 objectives for a minimum 40% CO2 reduction, 27% increase in energy efficiency and renewables, and supported the integration of mitigation and adaptation to climate change under a common umbrella.

To meet these objectives, Regione Abruzzo has approved, last September, the PACC – Regional Plan of Adaptation of Climate Changes– and it is working on the drafting of a climate profile preparatory to the plan. The initiative will be officially launched on 17th December 2015.

The River Contract (I)

The RC is a process of negotiated governance (TDFFA - Territorial Development Framework Agreement) to restore the eco-landscape of river basins through multi-sector actions.

Its aim is the consolidation of the governance within the full basin, where actions to lower hydraulic risks are integrated with the protection and valorisation of the river, with the reduction of pollution of both surface and groundwater, with the restoring of the landscape and historical cultural sites and with the protection of biodiversity.

The process is developed in stages: construction and animation of the network, definition of rules and tools, building the vision and prioritization of shared objectives, execution of the agreement, implementation and performance monitoring, communication and training.

The River Contract – examples of Regione Abruzzo (2)

Regione Abruzzo implemented 16 initiatives, including Tordino, Sagittario, Tavo-Fino, Alento, Aterno, Arielli, Liri, Nora, Piomba, Sangro, Saline, Trigno, Pescara and Vomano-Mavone.

Some tangible examples:

- **Tordino River Contract** involves 17 municipalities, an area of 450 km² and a population of about 100.000 citizens. This successful model of hydrogeology redevelopment has been implemented thanks to the european project ERCIP.
- **Sagittario River Contract** involves 12 municipalities. It has been financed by the Province with 75.000 € and by privates with 80.000 €.
- **Aterno River Contract** (November 2015) engages about 55 million € in interventions related to river restoration, protection of water quality and flood control. The funds are mostly destined to create compensation basins.

The Macro-Region Ionian Adriatic Strategy (EUSAIR)

EUSAIR is a macro-regional strategy adopted by the European Commission and endorsed by the European Council in 2014. The Strategy was jointly developed by the Commission, together with the Adriatic-Ionian Region countries and stakeholders, in order to address common challenges together.

EUSAIR is not about funding, it is about closer cooperation and connectivity of the entire region!

The EUSAIR covers 8 countries: 4 EU Member States (Croatia, Greece, Italy, Slovenia) and 4 non-EU countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia).

It has a limited focus on 4 areas of mutual interest with high relevance for the Adriatic-Ionian countries:

1. **Blue growth** (Blue technologies, Fisheries and aquaculture, Maritime and marine governance and services)
2. **Connecting the region** (transport – maritime and intermodal connection to the hinterland - and energy networks)
3. **Environmental quality** (the marine environment and transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity)
4. **Sustainable tourism** (Diversified tourism offer - products and services – and Sustainable and responsible tourism management - innovation and quality)

Regione Abruzzo is one of the coordinators of Pillar 2, with particular attention to topic n.3 “Energy network”



Transnational Cooperations and cross border projects

They aim at developing joint actions on matters of strategic importance, in order to improve the territorial, economic and social integration process and to contribute to cohesion, stability and competitiveness of the involved regions.

Regione Abruzzo is lead partner or partner of several EU projects.

Between them, the Region has implemented concrete actions in the field of promotion of energy efficiency and renewable energy production through the cooperation with the small communities of the Adriatic area.

This is the focus of the cross-border Cooperation Programme IPA-Adriatic Alterenergy project.

Why are PPP and VA so important?

Because they are the concrete and immediate implementation of the Bottom-up Strategy and Multilevel-Governance.

They are the most effective and operative tools to actually involve the population, bringing up peoples' voices from the bottom to the top, translating ideas into actions tackling global issues by facing and solving local needs through regulations that are really suitable for the territories.

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la ville de l'amour.

