

*An Italian experience in*

# *Regional and Local Policy Involvement in implementing energy efficiency measures*

**Investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy**

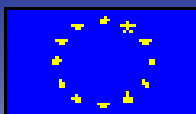
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***Abruzzo Region is located in the centre of Italy and is made up by 4 provinces:***

***Chieti, L'Aquila, Pescara and Teramo.***

***Each province territory is divided into municipalities:***



Provinces n. 4

Towns – total in Abruzzo n. 305:

104 in Chieti province

46 in Pescara province

47 in Teramo province

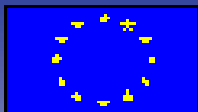
108 in L'Aquila province

Citizens in the region: n. 1.262.392

***Since the 23° of March 2010 all 305 Towns joined the Covenant of Mayors***

***Also Abruzzo Region and the 4 Provinces, since the 4° of May, signed the CoM as supporting structure***





The Covenant of Mayors is the mainstream European movement involving local and regional authorities, voluntarily committing to increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources on their territories. By their commitment, Covenant signatories aim to meet and exceed the European Union 20% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction objective by 2020.

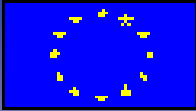
*3,142 Signatories*

*145,696,220 Inhabitants*

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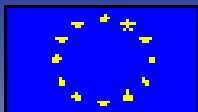
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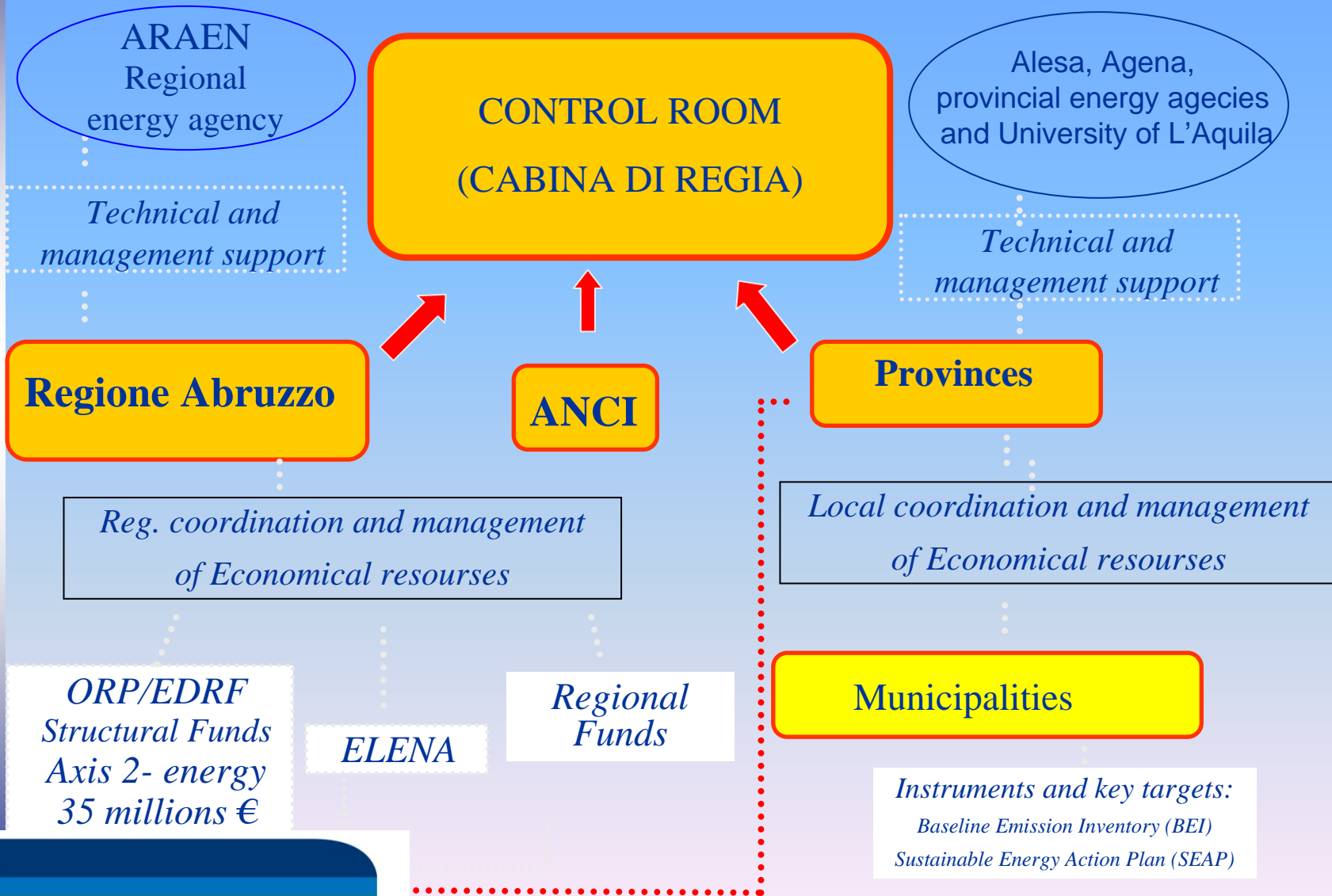
*The Regional Council on 10° of May 2010 adopted a Memorandum of Understanding with the Provinces to regulate the supporting action to municipalities in the preparation of the SEAPs (sustainable energy action plans) and implementing activities to reduce energy consumption and develop renewable energy.*

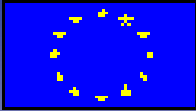
*The "governance" of the Memorandum of Understanding is assigned to a Control Room containing Region, Provinces and ANCI (Italian Association of Regional Municipalities).*

*Regione Abruzzo also provided regional funds to Provinces to the start up the activities and in particular to support municipalities in BEI (CO<sub>2</sub> Baseline Emission Inventory) drafting.*



# COVENANT OF MAYORS - REGIONAL GOVERNANCE SCHEME





*The Control Room is a decision making body concerning the activities definition at municipal level to be carried on.*

*The Control Room set the criteria for:*

- *the BEI and the monitoring activities*  
(One of the main tasks has been to involve local operator )
- *SEAPs preparation*

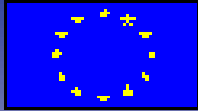
**STURT UP FINANCING:**

*The Regional Government has decided to adopt European Regional Development Funds to finance the start up of the Covenant of Mayors activities at local level.*

*The Control Room has decided the allocation of resources for this homogeneous typologies of activities:*

- *supporting municipalities in drafting the SEAPs*
- *involving citizen*
- *disseminating all activities*
- *energy production by renewable sources*
- *making buildings energetically efficient*

*(at least one building in each municipality where school buildings as priority)*



*Actually in spending for the CoM Start Up:*

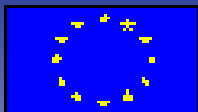
*ORP/EDRF - Axis II Energy € 35.239.821,00*

*To continue*

*Regional Government is defining long terms financing tools to develop economy and investments in the sector of renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and reduction of consumption such as Rotative Funds.*

*Thanks to an OECD Project which Abruzzo Region was involved in since last years, came out the relevancy for local economies represented by the developement of RES use, mostly the Biomass .*

*Very important in Local RES development is to consider in the Economic Balance also the Mangement cost with its implication in terms of local level of employment, to be compared to the same intrinsic cost of «non local» energy sources.*



***Thank you for your attention***

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