

## **ENERGIOCHI AWARDS CEREMONY HELD IN PESCARA ON 27TH MAY 2011**

On Friday, May 27th, the final day of the Sixth Edition of the Regional Competition "ENERGIOCHI 6 ... TRUE ENERGY !!!!!" was held in Pescara, promoted by the Abruzzo region, to the knowledge of renewable energy and energy saving and addressed to kindergartens, elementary and middle schools of the region.

The careful and valid educational activities conducted in several years and with great skill by the school teachers, contributes in a practical and operational goals set by the European Union of 20/20/20, namely the reduction achieved in the year 2020 of energy consumption by 20% and development of renewable energy sources by 20%.

These objectives are enshrined in the Covenant of Mayors, initiative on sustainability and efficiency of European energy policy at local and regional level, signed by the European Commission with all the municipalities of Abruzzo, supported by the province and the region itself.

Energiochi joins the Sustainable Energy Europe Campaign since 2009 and the award ceremony is an energy day of the SEE campaign as well.

During the school year children participating in the competition Energiochi were able to visit the facilities from renewable sources in Abruzzo Region, the teachers were supported in teaching by experts of Abruzzo Region, Enea and University teachers.

At the awards event 2600 students who were awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for each school level (kindergarten, elementary and middle) for each province and special prizes for the credit, accompanied by the teacher, the School Directors, the mayors of the municipalities, which have accompanied the procession with the Tricolore, the national flag and the banner of the city. The ceremony began in fact with a wonderful open-ending parade started by the Mayor of Pescara, from the Railway Station Square until the Renaissance Square accompanied by music and stilt walkers.

The award ceremony was attended by the Regional Councillor Mauro Di Dalmazio, the Regional Director Antonio Sorgi, APEA the Energy Agency of Avila County (Spain), represented by the advisers Ignacio Burgos Peres and Santiago Jimenez Gomer and members of the Examining Board of ENERGIOCHI composed of Abruzzo Region / Araen Region Abruzzo / Press Office, Ministry of Education / Regional Education, University of L'Aquila Faculty of Education and TSA (Teatro Stabile di L'Aquila).

It's important to underline that in the context of the event there was an agreement signed between the Abruzzo Region and the County of Avila for the exchange of experiences between the Energy Agency of Avila and Abruzzo Region, and organizing visits to APEA and joint development of ENERGIOCHI 7 in collaboration with APEA.

The competition Energiochi joined the campaign Sustainable Energy Europe Award and the event has been recognized as Energy Day; moreover, in direct connection through a video conference from Brussels there were interventions by Pedro Ballesteros and Maria Daria Taurisano of the European Commission DG Energy, Elodie Bossio of Fedarene (Association of European agencies and regions for energy and environment) and from Denmark representing the Italian Environment Ministry Antonio Lumicisi (Covenant of Mayors, Sustainable Energy Europe campaign and EEA).

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Abruzzo, with their teachers, principals, head teachers but also pupils that each year engage with creativity and enthusiasm to make this contest always newer and better.

**For more information see the “energiocchi” official web site:**

<http://energiocchi.regione.abruzzo.it/>