

**THE ABRUZZO REGION TAKES PART IN THE WORKING GROUP SET UP BY
THE CONFERENCE OF PERIPHERAL MARITIME REGIONS ABOUT THE
ADRIATIC-IONIAN MACRO-REGION**

On the 12th November 2012, the Abruzzo Region took part in the working group set up by the **Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)** regarding the **Adriatic-Ionian macro-region**.

Officials and experts representing the European institutions as well as the local and regional administrations belonging to the network gathered for this initiative.

The Abruzzo Region was asked to outline the progress made on **regional initiatives** supported by the Adriatic-Ionian macro-region project especially referring to the work highlighted during the workshops organised by the region during the 10th edition of **Open Days**.

In the working group, officials talked about some of the themes that are on the agenda for the development of a potential **Adriatic-Ionian strategy** in the future.

Let's remind that the Abruzzo Region has been the **managing authority of the European "Adriatic IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme"**, which is the backbone of every European initiative regarding the territorial cooperation in the area. The Abruzzo Region also works with the DG Enlargement for the "**Local Administration Facility**" which aims at the institutional reinforcement of the Balkans. Moreover, in October the Abruzzo Region took part in the 10th edition of the "**Open Days**" and organised the workshops for the consortium on the "**Adriatic-Ionian macro-region**" which gathers thirteen administrations with **seven Italian Regions** and more than **twenty million of inhabitants**.

For further information about the meeting:

<http://www.crpm.org/en/index.php?act=6,1,2,308>

For further information about the participation of the Abruzzo Region in the Open Days:

<http://www.regione.abruzzo.it/xEuropa/index.asp?modello=notizieSing&servizio=LE&stileDiv=sequence&b=notizia337&tom=337>

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