

ABRUZZO REGION TO HOST AER/MORE4NRG SEMINAR
“SUSTAINABLE TERRITORIES: INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR A
PROSPEROUS AND GREENER FUTURE”, THE “CITIZEN FORUM” AND THE
COMMITTEE 1 PLENARY MEETING

Abruzzo will host the More4Nrg thematic seminar entitled **“Sustainable Territories: intra-regional cooperation for a prosperous and greener future”**, organised by the **Assembly of European Regions** in cooperation with the **Abruzzo Region**, the **Abruzzo Regional Energy Agency** and the partners of the **More4Nrg project**.

It will take place on the **8th October 2010** and will be preceded on 7th October by the **AER Committee 1 plenary meeting**. This will also be the occasion for the **“Citizens Forum”** that will bring together citizens and experts to discuss possibilities for a green future in Abruzzo.

The **President of Abruzzo Region**, Mr **Giovanni Chiodi**, and the **General Director of Presidency and European affairs, Planning, Parks, Energy and Environmental assessment**, Mr. **Antonio Sorgi**, will take part to the initiative.

The seminar will be an opportunity for participants to learn from regional practitioners about how to build consensus between regional authorities and involved companies around the design of sustainable communities and the stimulation of business in the country to develop cleaner technologies.

With the European Union’s 20-20-20 goals now incorporated in the **Europe 2020 Strategy** intra-regional cooperation is very crucial for territories in putting forward climate and energy action, innovation and economic development as well as a new way of thinking on how to best improve the quality of life and well-being.

Around three-fourths of all European regions have already implemented energy strategies, many of which involve intra-regional **cooperation with different actors such as cities, municipalities, enterprises, chambers of commerce and other relevant organisations**.

The objective of this seminar is to debate with regional and local decisions-makers and experts how they can best cooperate within their territories so as to implement their energy strategies and contribute to the European energy goals.

Divided into two parts, participants will first be introduced to the theme through an overview on existing interaction on the regional level as well as a presentation of EU and regional factors that lead to sustainable territories.

The second part of the seminar will highlight cooperation between regions and municipalities and present the tools necessary for regions to successfully cooperate with enterprises and their respective chambers and associations to promote a green and sustainable future

The sign-up form to the seminar (to be sent before 22 September) can be downloaded from:

<http://www.aer.eu/events/regional-development/2010/more4nrg-seminar.html>

For further information, please visit the following web links:

- More4nrg seminar

<http://www.aer.eu/events/regional-development/2010/more4nrg-seminar.html>

- AER autumn plenary meeting

<http://www.aer.eu/en/events/regional-development/2010/aer-committee-autumn-plenary.html>

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