

**PRESENTATION OF THE LEZHE REGION (ALBANIA) TO THE
SEAT OF THE ABRUZZO REGION AND THE ASSEMBLY OF
EUROPEAN REGIONS**



On 21 and 22 March 2013, the region of Lezhë (Republic of Albania) presented its municipalities and various territories to the common seat of the Assembly of European Regions (A.E.R) and the Abruzzo region in Brussels.



The two-day meeting aimed at promoting non only its institutional, productive and tourism cooperation with other European regions, but also the institutional strengthening of the region itself.



As legal representative of the Abruzzo region, the architect Antonio Sorgi, the regional Director for Presidency affairs, legislative and community policies, planning, parks and territories, energy and environment, took part to the conference.



During this two-day meeting, were also present: the President of the Lezha Regional Council, Pashk Gjoni, the Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the Kingdom of Belgium, H.E. Ilir Tepelena, the Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the European Union, H.E. Mimoza Alimi and the General Secretary of the Assembly of European Regions, Pascal Goergen.



The two-day meeting programme was promoted by the Assembly of European Regions (A.E.R) in collaboration with the Abruzzo region.



Let's remind that the Abruzzo region represents the **Managing Authority of the "Adriatic IPA Cross-border Co-operation European Programme"** and is in partnership with the DG Enlargement for the **"Local Administrator**

Facility” programme, which aims at strengthening institutions of the Balkan countries.



In October 2012, the Abruzzo region took part in the 10th edition of the “Open Days” as **Leader-Partner** of the Consortium on the “**Adriatic-Ionian Macro-region**”, which includes 13 administrations, among which seven Italian regions, representing more than 20 million inhabitants.

Previous news about the participation of the Abruzzo region in the Open Days 2012 :

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

Maria Damanaki’s speech, the European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, during the Open Days:

http://ec.europa.eu/commission_20102014/damanaki/headlines/speeches/2012/10/20121010_speech_en.htm

Marta Dassù’s speech, the Italian Under-secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, during the Open Days:

http://www.esteri.it/MAE/IT/Sala_Stampa/ArchivioNotizie/Interventi/2012/10/20121012_Macroregione.htm?LANG=IT

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