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Officially illustrated the 'Project Powered'. It will examine if there're the prerequisites to use eolic energy in the Adriatic sea

The Project Powered (Project of Offshore Wind Energy: Research, Experimentation, Development), has been officially illustrated during a meeting that took place in Pescara, March the 31st and April the 1st: the aim of the project is to collect scientific data to verify the opportunities to realize eolic power plants in the Adriatic sea. The project purpose isn't to built eolic power plants, but to determinate, in a scientific way, if there're weather (an adequate wind power) or technical prerequisites and convenient regulations to invest in this typology of clean and renewable energy production. Realizing, at the same time, a new chain of production and qualified jobs. The Project Powered will end in February 2014.

'Project Powered', with the installation of a network of anemometers – placed on 40-60 mts high poles – planted offshore mainly along both the sides of the Adriatic sea, will collect advanced scientific data: they'll be used to check the climatic patterns of the area and, afterwards, to establish if there're the conditions to invest in the eolic power plants technology in the Adriatic sea, either small sized than big offshore eolic power plants. Collected data will be managed by the Aeronautic meteorological headquarter and will be published on the project web site.

The schedule of the Pescara meeting for March the 31st started with the explanation of the 'Project Powered' by the Chief director of the Abruzzo Region Antonio Sorgi (who reported on 'Project goals in the regional scheduling'), the Project manager Ercole Cauti ('Project stages and activities'), the head of the scientific committee Renato Ricci of the Polytechnic University of Marche ('Data collecting methodology and experimentation phases'), and Chief manager of Innovation and competitiveness of Crpm Damien Perissé ('Renewable energy sources in the european region'). Then, a panel took place discussing the issues concerning the energy policy in the adriatic-ionic European macro region. The President of the Region Abruzzo, Gianni Chiodi, made the final statement of the session.

April the 1st, gathered the two workshops responsible to manage the project: the 'steering committee' (led by Antonio Sorgi) and the "scientific committee" (led by Renato Ricci). The partners of 'Project Powered' – the most important financed by the Ipa cross-border program, with a budget of 4.453.000 euro – are the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, the Montenegrin and Albanian Economical government department, the Regions Abruzzo, Molise, Puglia and Marche, the Regional bureau Veneto Agricoltura, the Province of Ravenna, the croatian Municipality of Komiza, the Polytechnic University of Marche, the Cetma group, the Micoperi marine contractors. Each partner is in charge of a 'work package' (an operating task of the project).

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