

Presentation of the II Water Table in Lazio

The second regional water table was organized by Lazio region (Direction for Infrastructure, environment and housing policy) on the 18th October 2013 in Latina, linking this initiative with the local event of the Open-days organized in Brussels. In fact, Lazio region decided to participate to the 2013 Open-days workshop “The European Innovation Partnership on Water and the road to Horizon 2020” held on the 9th October 2013 in the premises of the Brussels office of Puglia region. This occasion gave the chance to Lazio to revive the debate raised on the same topic in Brussels one week before. IN Brussels on the 9th October Mr. Alessandro Scoppettuolo, an officer of Lazio region involved in the project, made a presentation of SWMED, introducing the synergies between the ENPI CBC Med Programme objectives and the growth strategy of EUROPE 2020, within the water management sector.

The II WT event was aimed at a broad spectrum of stakeholders such as local politicians, officers and practitioners from local authorities, regional development agencies and local authorities, social partners, universities, professional associations and the organizations of the civil society. The content of the event was therefore designed to engage the public including people who have little or no prior experience in the field of European projects and EU funding in order to increase their awareness of the opportunities available.

The subjects of the territory called to participate to the initiative have responded positively to the stimulus launched during the workshop that had the advantage of concentrating the presentation of the main activities carried out in recent years in the province of Latina in the field of sustainable water management through direct EU funding. Most of these were technical and policy makers interested in learning about the possible funding opportunities in the field of water resources as well as discuss the method of implementation of the projects already completed.

The meeting highlighted the need for involvement as part of a project proposal at Community level of the various actors in a position to complete the value chain such as regional and local governments, small and medium businesses, academia, civil society, the management entities of water resources and agencies dedicated to the protection of the environment.

Relevant issues concerning the various aspects of the sustainable water management in our region were widely discussed among the local stakeholders, divided in three different thematic groups. Many ideas emerged and specific contributions were given during the II water table. These were collated by the researchers from the department of CORIS (Univ. “Sapienza”) and translated into factual proposals for the enhancement of the water management (more in depth information may be found in the minutes of the II WT). The proposals discussed with the stakeholders will contribute to write the first draft of the policy paper for the sustainable water management in Lazio, that will be further approved in the third and final water table.