

## **ECOAPPENNINO - The first exhibition dedicated to energy-saving technologies and the use of renewable energies in mountain areas**

From Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 Porretta Terme, the well-known thermal resort in the Bologna Apennines, will host ECOAPPENNINO: for the first time a technology exhibition, together with a rich offer of meetings on renewable energies and energy-saving, will be held outside the usual exhibition channels and within those local communities in the Bologna Apennines, which have been working on the creation of a **sustainable energy district**.

The exhibition will wind along a path, equipped with more than twenty pavilions, across nine squares and each of which focussing on a specific issue.

**Six thematic squares will deal with:** 1) photovoltaic, thermal and concentration solar energy, 2) wood biomass, 3) small scale hydroelectric energy, 4) small scale wind energy, 5) biobuilding, 6) energy-saving and heating management. Three further squares will be devoted to sustainable goods and services trade, to the activities of associations, institutions and organisations and, finally, to typical products from the Apennines.

In eight cinemas, hotels and public institutions over thirty events are scheduled to take place during the three exhibition days: meetings, conventions, seminars, training courses, best practises sum-ups and book presentations. An “energy desk” will be available to supply visitors with information on technical and fiscal issues and regulations.

Cultural events, such as plays and film shows, are being organised during the whole exhibition.

ECOAPPENNINO is a unique event because it has been conceived for the mountains in the mountains. Global climate changes and the commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions put Italian mountain in a far-front position in relationship to new clean energy production assets thank to its important renewable energy sources (such as woods biomass, wind and waterfalls).

*The prospect is that the Apennines will be, in the next years, a must for investments and constructions of energy plants.*

ECOAPPENNINO is therefore the suitable place to present services and products, to a specialised public operators and to final users, both private consumers and local authorities.

ECOAPPENNINO is the right place where to “see for oneself” products, technologies and services for renewable energies use, home comfort and energy-saving; and it is also the place where to evaluate and compare costs and benefits, methodologies and timing, existing incentives and funding opportunities.

ECOAPPENNINO is organised within the project, co-financed by the European Union (Objective2), to create a renewable energy district in the Bologna Apennines, as a centre for best practises dissemination in the environmental sector starting from energy sources, the sustainable exploitation of local natural resources, CO2 emission reduction, biobuilding dissemination.



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