



FIRST ANCI-GME SEMINAR FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE

Potenza - 18 December 2006. The first of the 22 seminars scheduled as part of the *Sustainable Energy Use by Local Governments Awareness Campaign* was held today at the Teatro Stabile of Potenza, in the Basilicata region. The seminar was organised by ANCI (association of Italian municipalities) and GME (Gestore del Mercato Elettrico) jointly with AEEG (Autorità per l'Energia Elettrica e il Gas - electricity & gas regulator). The event was attended by: Filippo Bubbico, Deputy Minister of Economic Development; Vito Santarsiero, President of ANCI Basilicata; Marco De Biase, Regional President of Legambiente (environmental association); and Fabrizio Cosimo Dell'Aria, President of Federesco.

"I welcome the awareness campaign launched by ANCI, GME and AEEG." – stated Deputy Minister Bubbico in his address - "Energy efficiency is a way to demonstrate to local authorities and to the local productive system the economic and environmental benefits that can be gained by saving energy".

"The Government" - continued Mr. Bubbico - "proved to be particularly responsive to this theme, since its 2007 budget law incorporates new incentives for improving the energy performance of buildings and for fostering the use of renewable energy sources".

During the seminar, ENEL, SORGENIA, NAPOLETANA GAS and ESCOs (energy service companies) gave technical presentations and - in the round table - they described the economic advantages arising from the implementation of energy-saving measures.

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