

## **Adhesion of the Protected Marine Area “Torre del Cerrano” to the Environmental Sustainability Observatory of the Province of Teramo.**

During the conference “Cerrano Torre d’Europa” (Cerrano, Tower of Europe), has been signed the Grant Agreement between the Province of Teramo and the Protected Marine Area “Torre del Cerrano” within the only step, in Abruzzo region , of Biennale Habitat, an international initiative whose aim is to promote the safeguard and the enhancement of Adriatic and Ionian Macro-region in order to strengthen the common objectives of development in the programmatic context of EUROPA 2020 strategy ( intelligent, sustainable, inclusive growth).



*The speakers in the morning of the Conference*

The province of Teramo, based on the results achieved by the project "SUSTAIN", developed an operational tool that allows a better management of the Province coastline through the realization of Environmental Sustainability Observatory (Geo O.S.A), a platform of sensitive data immediately usable by policy-makers and stakeholders in order to plan future sustainable actions as close as possible with the practical needs of the territory, to implement better policies on a such sensitive area to climate change and socio-economic factors.

The Sustainable Indicators set, developed by “SUSTAIN” (about 100 grouped in issues- Governance, Environmental Quality, Economy and Social Wellbeing- were processed in order to measure the level of sustainability over time) showed how the collection of information is a complex task since they vary in their treatment performed by those Institutions that hold data.

To solve the problem has been created the Environmental Sustainability Observatory, a web and win-desktop platform, with which all the public Institutions can share the collected data highlighting the territory’s sustainability, through a geographical referencing.

For this purpose has been set up a collaboration with the Consortium of Protected Marine Area Management “Torre del Cerrano”, the first institution adhering to the Agreement after the first signatories, in the person of Benigno D’Orazio (Consortium’s President) who signed the agreement in the presence of Francesco Marconi, Provincial Councillor for the Environment, with the technical support of the Community Policies Service of the Province of Teramo. Among the aims the parties are going to achieve, in addition to the promotion of a sustainable development in coastal areas, there is also the achievement of a better use of “Torre di Cerrano”, as main symbol of sustainable tourism and environmental safeguard.



*In the photo councillor Francesco Marconi*