

**Final SUSTAIN National Conference, Teramo 19th October 2012.**

**Indicators for Measuring Coastal Sustainability. Presentation of the Environmental Sustainability Observatory (Geo O.S.A.). Integration of Indicators to Territorial Plan of Provincial Coordination (TPPC) and to the General Town Planning of Tortoreto Municipality.**

The final SUSTAIN National Conference was held at the headquarters of the Province of Teramo on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012 in the presence of all the actors involved in the sustainable management of this important territory strip. Attended, indeed, the Forestry Commission, the Board Chairman of the Consortium of Protected Marine Area “Torre del Cerrano” and the local administrators.

During the conference were presented the Indicators, divided into 4 Sustainability Pillars: Governance, Economy, Environmental Quality and Social Wellbeing. Within them were showed Core Indicators, *i.e.* communal to those 22 European Coastal States, and Optional Indicators that could vary in every different European regions. Was also presented the “DeCyDe” policy tool, to estimate numerically Core Indicators in order to support the self-assessment and to define whether the stakeholders are moving towards a Sustainable Enhance of their own territory.



*The speakers in the morning of the Final Conference.*

Very interesting was the Environmental Sustainability Observatory (*Osservatorio di Sostenibilità Ambientale* Geo O.S.A.), realized on a web platform and already successfully presented during the Final International Conference held in Southport (UK) on 18<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September 2012. On that occasion were signed a first Grant Agreement between the Province of Teramo and five of the Coastal Municipalities (Martinsicuro, Alba

Adriatica, Tortoreto, Roseto degli Abruzzi and Silvi) to manage jointly the Observatory while, during the SUSTAIN National Conference, were formally signed the Grant Agreement with the Municipality of Pineto and with others Authorities such as the Protected Marine Area “Torre del Cerrano”.

Another relevant subject was the transfer of the Best Practices.

The Portuguese partner (Tago River Administration District) adopted the fishery certification in Protected Marine Areas as a good economic benefit, taking into account Teramo’s experience. Another Teramo’s good practice is the one transferred to the Leibniz-Institute for the Baltic Sea Research (IoW) (DE), *i.e.* monitoring marine litter, a real problem for many European places.

An example is the Mediterranean Area of the Province of Teramo, where a big quantity of litter and canes, through the river, amassed along the seashore and the beaches, because of heavy floods, causing serious consequences to buildings and high coasts for cleaning. Teramo solved these issues thanks to a good knowledge of the litter problem and to a well informed population to which Dr. Schernewsky, of IoW institute in Warnemünde, referred to improve the management of marine litter in his region.

Thus, the visit to Teramo led to a series of good practices approved by different partners and possibly transferable to various geographical areas. Firstly was appreciated, mainly by Sefton, the

social and economic value of those voluntaries that worked to clean beaches and rivers as well as the work of small and medium enterprises that sell high quality local products.



*Some of the participants to the Final Conference.*

The conference went on with the presentation of the Integration process of the Sustainability Indicators to the fundamental urban planning tools such as the Territorial Plan of Provincial Coordination (TPPC) and the General Town Planning (GTP) of Tortoreto Municipality.

Within the aims of the TPPC we find the sustainability of transformations, the increase of environmental quality and living as well as the research of new development forms at low impact.

Moreover, to all of these, were added the

aims of Tortoreto's GTP that included the provision of restoration and renovation of buildings and urban sectors abandoned or degraded. The jointing actions between these urban plans guaranteed the fair distribution between Public and Private, the qualitative and quantitative development of public services, the improvement of coastal and river areas with the aim of tourism and social sphere, the use of an improved technology, the increase in value of green extra-urban open spaces as well as the protection of agricultural and historical areas with an Economic value. The Councilor of the Province Davide Calcedonio Di Giacinto expressed- "This administration will support all the Municipalities of the coastal area, the Authorities and the stakeholders in the process of adapting their policies to Sustainability, to have the useful tools to preserve the environment in order to have a much more monitored tourism".