## GEOTHERMAL ENERGY: Status and Future in the Peri - Adriatic Area



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## ALTERENERGY- Energy sustainability for Adriatic Small Communities

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The Strategic Project "Alterenergy" within the IPA ADRIATIC Programme involves eight countries (Albania, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia) and 17 partners.

It aims at enhancing energy sustainability in the Adriatic Area through an integrated approach to the efficient use of energy and support to renewable energy generation. Target beneficiaries of the project are small communities with less than 10.000 inhabitants. The project shares and supports actions on energy balances, energy sustainability actions plans, feasibility studies and capacity building at local level. It aims also at strengthening business partnership and investment support between SMEs, private investors ad banks in the Adriatic area on energy services and infrastructures.

Two demonstrative actions of energy sustainable communities will be implemented in Albania where schools of the Lushnje e Lezha regions will benefit technical and financial support, as well as in the Municipality of Sant'Agata in Puglia (Italy).

Finally the example of two sustainable communities will be analysed in details: Forni di Sopra, a best practice example of energy sustainable community for district heating and bioenergy sustainable short supply chain implementation and Brda (Slovenia), where there is a plan to implement a district heating network fed by geothermal sources.

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