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GME-ANCI-AEEG - GO-SIGNAL TO NATIONAL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
FOR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY USE IN ITALIAN MUNICIPALITIES**

Today, a round table on **Sustainable Energy Use in Local Governments** was held in Bastia Umbra, on the occasion of the 23rd General Meeting of ANCI (national association of Italian municipalities). During the event, **ANCI and GME** (Gestore del Mercato Elettrico) gave the go-signal to an *Awareness Campaign for Energy Efficiency in Municipalities*. The round table was chaired by Diego Gavagnin, editor of "Quotidiano Energia" and attended by: **Secondo Amalfitano**, national co-ordinator of small municipalities; Stefano Alaimo, director of GME's Environmental Market Operations; Roberto Malaman, representing AEEG (electricity & gas regulator); and **Cesare Boffa**, President of FIRE (Italian federation for rational use of energy).

As pointed out by ANCI's President **Leonardo Domenici**, the initiative "is aimed at building awareness of energy savings in urban areas, by actively involving the local productive sector and institutions. For this purpose, ANCI organised a contest ("Crederci", i.e. believing in it) with an award to the municipalities that will develop the best sustainable energy use campaign".

"Greater public awareness of energy conservation" - stressed **Salvatore Zecchini**, GME's Chairman - is a strong sign of responsibility for and actual attention to energy and environmental issues. The initiative is expected to raise municipalities' and mayors' awareness of the need for giving a good example, by pursuing energy-saving policies in various fields, from transportation to utilities, thereby promoting energy efficiency and benefiting the country's environment and economy".

The energy efficiency campaign will consist of 22 seminars to be held all over Italy. During the seminars, which will involve experts from ANCI, GME and AEEG, the system for promoting energy savings will be described.

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