

**OPEN DAYS 2015: ROMANO PRODI WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE LOCAL EVENT IN PESCARA. IN BRUSSELS, THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN MACROREGION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CAPITAL ARE THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSIONS.**

Also this year, the **Abruzzo Region** is taking part in the **Open Days** during the « **European Week of Regions and Cities** », the most important annual event which takes place in Brussels, concerning the question of regional policies and the exchange of good practices.

The initiative is promoted by the **European Committee of the Regions** and by the **Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy** from the European Commission.

This year, the event is taking place from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> October and is titled: « *Europe's regions and cities: partners for investment and growth* ». The Open Days will also be present on the territories of the region through some decentralised events addressed to a wider public.

The Abruzzo Region is the protagonist of **three** distinct initiatives:

- 1) The **14<sup>th</sup> September**, in PESCARA: as part of the local events, the **President Emeritus of the European Commission, Romano Prodi**, will be invited to a meeting regarding the future of Europe. In addition to the president of the Abruzzo Region, the protagonists of this meeting will be: **Luciano d'Alfonso**, the Professor **Lucio Caracciolo**, director of the "Limes" magazine and the General **Giuseppe Cucchi**, the scientific Advisor of the "Limes" magazine.
- 2) The **14<sup>th</sup> October**, in BRUSSELS: as part of the « *Meeting Place* » organized by the **European Committee of the Regions**, the Abruzzo Region is coordinating a Partnership composed of 8 organizations from 6 Member States, including the Region of **Bratislava (SK)**, the **Regional Economic Development Agency for Sumadija and Pomoravlje, Kragujevac (RS)**, the **Agency for Adult and Further Education (DE)**, the **National University of Ireland, Maynooth (IE)**, and the association of **SVIMEZ**, that is to say the **Association for the Development of the Industry in the Mezzogiorno (IT)**. In collaboration with the promoters of the European project « **Regional** », members of the IDP European Consultants in **Pescara**, the results of a comparative analysis about the strategies and the policies applied in 21 European regions for the **development of the human capital** will be presented as a solution to the crisis. The *toolkit* will be provided by policymakers in order to plan policies of effective training.
- 3) The **15<sup>th</sup> October**, in BRUSSELS: the Abruzzo Region will have its contribute to the discussion about the « **Role of the Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion in the growth and employment** » during a conference organized by the partners, related to the **Adriatic and Ionian Macroregion**. The partnership is composed of 14 organizations which represent 7 Member States. In addition to the **Abruzzo Region**, these regions are also part of the event: the **Dubrovnik-Neretva County (HR)**, **Slovenia (SE)**, **Montenegro (ME)**, **Friuli Venezia Giulia, Marche, Apulia, Calabria, Sicily and Emilia-Romagna** (considered as a leader partner) (IT), **Republika Srpska, Sarajevo (BA)**, **South Eastern Serbia (RS)**, and **Croatia (EL)**.

*Further information about the OPEN DAYS 2015:*

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/opendays/od2015/](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/opendays/od2015/)

*Further information about the REGIONAL project:*

[http://www.regionalproject.eu/index\\_it.php?lang=it](http://www.regionalproject.eu/index_it.php?lang=it)

*Further information on the local event:*

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/opendays/od2015/local\\_events.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/opendays/od2015/local_events.cfm)

[http://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/opendays/od2015/country\\_leaflets/Italy IT.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/opendays/od2015/country_leaflets/Italy_IT.pdf)

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