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### **RINA confirms the continuous commitment of Regione Liguria to improve the environment**

RINA has reconfirmed the Regione Liguria's environmental Management System certification according to the international UN EN ISO 14001 standard, as evidence of its commitment to improve environmental performance.

Regione Liguria is **the first Regional Administration** to have implemented an Environmental Management System involving all the structures and activities, products and services pertaining to the Department of the Environment, applying it in particular to the drafting of regulatory and administrative acts, environmental planning and programming, communications, information and environmental training, environmental impact assessments and strategic environmental assessments.

The commitment to improve environmental performance has been documented through the definition of an Environmental Policy, approved by the Regional Council and signed by the President of the Region.

The Environmental Policy has been drawn up on the basis of the periodic analyses of the environmental aspects and of the possible significant impacts derived from the activities of the Region, as well as on the basis of the results of the periodic inspections of local authorities, the state of the environment in the area, the general strategies of the Region, in line with international, EU and national guidelines and also of strategic documents at regional level with which politics interacts.

This document, constantly reviewed to ensure it remains appropriate, has also acted as a reference framework for the definition of strategic objectives to ensure the most suitable management of the environment as a resource.

On the basis of the results of implementing these processes, over the years, the Regione Liguria has taken up a number of challenges, defining various specific environmental improvement objectives and involving both human and financial resources as well as initially the different sectors of the Department of the Environment and lastly, directly and indirectly, other Departments of the Region and also public and private bodies in the environmental territory.

For each objective, constantly monitored, detailed improvement programmes were developed and divided into phases.

Furthermore, thanks to the management system, the Department of the Environment has started a long and **effective awareness and involvement programme in relation to the various structures which make up the Region, resulting in actions which have involved and will involve, directly and indirectly, the various Departments in common sustainability matters and improving environmental performance.**

All these actions have enabled the Region to implement effective tools to promote **continuous improvement in the environmental situation of the Ligurian territory** and last but not least, to obtain a number of **significant national and international records**, as for example:

- the first Region with a Department certified ISO 14001
- the Region with the most extensive area certified ISO 14001
- the highest number of bodies certified ISO 14001
- the first Region with the port authority certified ISO 14001.



# RINA

“It gives RINA great satisfaction to be able to confirm this certificate, the result of a continuous improvement process aimed at enhancing the environment which the Regione Liguria has undertaken in these last years, - said Roberto CAVANNA, Director of the Certification and Services Division of RINA – the adoption of a real tool, such as a structured and propositional environmental policy able to involve all the administrative bodies concerned with the economic growth of the territory, has made it possible today to reach a level of excellence in the pursuit of eco-sustainability of our region”.

Genova, 16 July 2009

Some of the numerous **actions** taken and the most significant **objectives** achieved in recent years by the Region, thanks to the different competencies of the Department of the Environment are shown below:

- drafting of the plan to protect and restore air quality, water protection plan;
- provision of EU funding in connection with environmental certification, biodiversity, waste, hydrogeological damage, protection of the coastal area;
- environmental certification projects aimed at public authorities, marinas, golf courses, beach facilities, health structures, public transport companies, production companies and businesses;
- introduction of reward criteria in relation to access to regional, national and EU funding for companies and authorities which implement good practices for sustainable development;
- community sustainability projects drawn up and managed by the Department (i.e. PHAROS, RobinWood, GPPInfonet and others which have made additional community resources available to Liguria);
- cooperation with other regions to promote territorial governance tools;
- intensive legislative and regulatory activities related to energy, reclamation, biodiversity;
- definition of Strategic Environmental Analysis methodology relevant to community programmes;
- accreditation of the Ligurian system of environmental education centres and related activities;
- activities related to providing information to the public through specialised events and through the new environmental portal ([www.ambienteinliguria.it](http://www.ambienteinliguria.it)).



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