



**O**rganised by the region of Chieti in collaboration with the local European Info Point, this project presented a well-rounded event of conferences, debates, exchanges and visits to nearby sites of interest. The key topic during these three days of exchange was the environment, a highly topical theme that exceeds all geographical, cultural and political boundaries. The region of Chieti chose to participate in dialogue and direct exchange with a city from northern Europe, Malmö in Sweden, and a southern European city, Barcelona in Spain. From a pure geographical point of view, these three municipalities are indeed very distant, but they convene in their actions taken towards the environment. Chieti, in view of its strategic geographic position, proposed itself as a meeting point between north and south, east and west. The dialogue between the north and the south is valuable, but extremely rare, since the majority of town twinning take place between communities of countries bordering each other.

**T**he opening session brought together all the mayors from the region of Chieti, the mayors of Barcelona and Malmö, and the Italian Minister for Transport. The aim of these three days of discussions was to heighten the awareness amongst citizens of problems especially related to pollution. Reflections on the question of renewable energy sources were also made. Concerning the continued dialogue with civil society, a debate with questions and answers on the environment was organised with the participation of students and interested citizens. The three days were also marked by visits to a plant for the processing and reusing of water.

**I**n a symbolic act, the region of Chieti signed an accord together with the cities of Barcelona and Malmö, ensuring future co-operation in the field of the environment.

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