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**Renewable energy in agriculture.
Cooperation for a healthier environment in the Mediterranean
Italy, Lebanon and Egypt together for GR.ENE.CO *Green Energy for Green Companies*
A kick-off meeting of the project will be held in Alexandria, on Tuesday, April the 1st 2014.**

GR.ENE.CO *Green Energy for Green Companies* aims to contribute to the reduction of the use of non-renewable energy sources – especially for the farm industry - in favor of renewable energy sources in the **Mediterranean sea basin**. The project worth about 2 million € and it is funded by **ENPI CBC MED Programme** contribution of 1.797.457,50 €. The project will be presented at the kick-off meeting, which will take place on **Tuesday, April the 1st**, at **9:30 am** in **Alexandria**, at the **Tolip Royal Hotel**, 252, Moustafa Kamel, Corniche Road Roshdy.

GR.ENE.CO is addressed mainly to public administrations, farms and small and medium-sized enterprises operating in the energy sector in order to spread the RES plants use and to ensure the energy self-sufficiency to local farms. Thanks to the **Network of Green Tools**, SMEs will strengthen innovation capacities, management and networking skills.

Overall, by using energy sources, the emission of toxic gases will decrease in the areas involved in the project (**Italy, Lebanon and Egypt**). The environment will benefit from it, becoming much healthier.

GR.ENE.CO will allow identifying, disseminating and promoting best practices and financial instruments, to support agricultural enterprises in **adopting green energy systems**, as well as implementing new green systems for **energy self-sufficiency**.

The applicant is the **LAG (Local Action Group) Sarcidano - Barbagia of Seulo**, located in Sardinia. The action involves nine partners: the University of Alexandria in Egypt, the Arab University of Beirut, the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture, the Italian-Arab Chamber of Commerce, the Chamber of Commerce of Nuoro, TecnoMarche - Science and Technology Park of the Marche Region, ITABIA - Italian Biomass Association, IPSAR – Professional Institute for Agriculture and Rural Development, and the Sardinian Forestry Authority.

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