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## **HOMER takes a step forward in the capitalisation strategy of the future federated open data portal**

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HOMER (Harmonising Open data in the Mediterranean through better access and Reuse of public sector information) makes progresses in its capitalisation strategy to put public information at the disposal of companies and citizens. The nineteen partners, from eight European countries, involved in this European project led by the Italian region of Piedmont, have agreed, in Crete (Greece), the development of a socio-economic study to highlight the impact of open data policies in the Mediterranean area.

The target set at the last meeting, held between 2 and 5 October, is to get the first results for the seminar which will be held in Sevilla (Spain) next April. To get them, a thorough analysis of the current situation of the open data policies will be carried out through a series of surveys which will range from national to regional and local levels concerning the following topics: agriculture, environment, energy, culture and tourism.

At the same time, HOMER team works in the development of the open data federation which will integrate the different national, regional and local portals together with external systems via interfaces (APIs). The deadline for this tool to be operational by the definition of the metadata structure involved in the federation scheme, established on the meeting held in Crete, is seven months.

With the integration of the federated index in each different national, regional and local portals, this European project aims to boost economic growth, the transfer of knowledge and



technology, innovation, participation and democracy in the Mediterranean, by facilitating the access to the public information both from the private sector, in particular, in order to increase their competitiveness and internationalisation, and citizenship, in general, in response to the growing demand for transparency."