



IN-EUR Newsletter 3

IN-EUR International Seminar

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Update on Activities

Slovenia meeting

During 20th and 21st March 2013, the Development Center Litija hosted the project consortium in Kamnik, Slovenia. The purpose of the meeting was to review the up to date activities and to plan the upcoming ones, as well as to organize a Component 3 workshop where partners contributed to the defining of the ALBI (Advanced Local Balance of Innovation) model. A conference on Innovative Communities was also organized by the hosting partner.

C3 Workshop

The main purpose of IN-EUR project is to create a new innovative model for measuring the level of innovation at NUTSIII level (regional level). Prior to the workshop, all partners have submitted their reports and findings on the firsts draft versions on the two templates – Template on Innovation Governance and Template on Existing Indicators. The templates are tools to support the preparation of the “Territorial Report on Innovation Governance Experiences” and the “Territorial Report on Indicators”. Furthermore, the templates are the bases of the ALBI model.

During the workshop, the project partners and their innovation experts have shared their difficulties in finding available information on sub-regional bases, as well as their ideas how the model should be defined.

Province of Lucca is the main responsible partner for defining the model. Their scientific group, from the Polytechnic University of Milan has been engaged to review all partners’ findings and suggest a new version of the model that will be useful for all the participating regions. The task will not be an easy one, having in consideration the different characteristics of the regions. It will be of extreme difficulty to come with a new version that will satisfy all partners and at the same time, allow the regions to compare their innovation level.

Another important issue that was stressed during the workshop was the need of adding new qualitative indicators and a plan (guidelines) on how to collect such information.



Conference on Innovative Local Communities

The Development Centre Litija, in association with the Municipality of Ivančna Gorica and the Vibacom company, organised a Conference on Innovative Local Communities on 21 March 2013, in Ivančna Gorica, Slovenia. The conference focused on the following contents: the importance and role of innovative local communities, the importance of intergenerational co-existence, tourism, innovative entrepreneurship, local self-sufficiency, energetic and spatial development.

During the conference, the Development Centre Litija awarded the most innovative projects in local communities all over Slovenia who have applied to the competition for innovative projects at the local community level for the period 2012/2013. The following projects were awarded: The Land of Hayracks from Šentrupert – the only open-air museum of hayracks in the world; Abraham's Key connecting 50-year-olds with a noble mission; preserving the tradition of charcoaling in the Charcoal Land (Dole pri Litiji) and a display of the past along the river learning path in Krašnja (Lukovica), BTC City for women's ski jumping in Ljubno and the initiative called Living Courtyards from Maribor.

International Seminar- 5th December 2013- Vilnius, Lithuania

The IN-EUR International Seminar will be organized as part of a big international conference on Innovation during the EU presidency of Lithuania. It will be one of the parallel events foreseen for the 5th of December 2013.

The main objectives of the event are to present mid-term results, promote discussion on measuring and supporting local innovation, promote and raise awareness of the project. The IN-EUR partners have engaged to invite relevant speakers from different EU states in order to attract large amount of participants and make the event interesting and successful.

The event will focus on 3 main topics:

- Small regional innovation policy
- Measuring innovation: Needs & methods
- Smart Specialisation, role of smaller sub-regions in the larger regions 'Smart Specialisation strategy'

We would like to invite all those who are interested in the topics or would like to attend the seminar to contact us. Contact details are to be found through the following link: <http://in-eur.eu/view/main/contact>