

Project «Development Agencies Network in the Central European, Danubian and Adriatic Area² (CEDA²)»

1. Project Applicant and term of realization:

Region Abruzzo, Italy

2. The Partners : SITECH (Italy), Region Umbria (Italy), Svim (Italy), Markland G.m.b.H. (Germany), Region Emilia Romagna (Italy), Region Lombardia (Italy), Region Molise (Italy), Cosecon S.p.A. (Italy), Strat IS, Eco Plus – the Regional Development Agency of Lower Austria Ltd. (Austria), Wirtschaftsservice Burgenland AG (Austria), Amt der Tiroler Landesregierung (Austria), Central Hungary Regional Development Agency (Hungary), Norda- Regional Development Agency of North Hungary (Hungary), The Marshal Office of Malopolskie Voivodship (Poland), Regional Development Agency in Kralovsky Chlmec (Slovakia), Agency of Regional Development Zilina (Slovakia), Trencin Self Governmental Region (Slovakia), Regional Advisory and Information Centre Trencin (Slovakia), SPIS Regional Development Agency (Slovakia), Regional Development Agency Ipel'-Hron (Slovakia), BIC of Attika (Greece), Regional Development Agency of North Moravia and Silesia (Czech Republic), Central Transdanubian Regional Development Agency (Hungary), Agency of Regional Development and Cross Border Co-operation "Transcarpathia" (Ukraine), Regional Development Agency Galanta (Slovakia), Regional Development Agency Komarno (Slovakia), City Municipality of Kranj (Slovenia), South-East Regional Development Agency (Romania).

3. The term of realization: 36 months (from 10.2002 to 09.2005)

4. Project location: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Ukraine.

5. The target groups of the project are: the experts and the staff of the Agencies of Regional Development, the representatives of governments in national and regional levels in the target area.

6. Project summary:

The aim is to develop the ideas and plans, establish necessary partnerships and set the first steps for action in order to identify and apply for the necessary support (e.g. from structural funds, community initiatives, research framework programmes or national funds.)

The tasks are follows:

- Generate innovative projects for regional development of the CADSES by using the synergies of the network's experts and their know how, experience and information;
- Increase the competencies and human resources for management and implementation of regional development projects, especially in a transnational and cross border context in connection with Community Initiatives and EU-Structural Funds;
- Promote sharing and exchanging useful information on regional development issues between experts, politicians and authorities of different national backgrounds;
- Extend the network of regional development experts and therewith multiply its synergy potential for the CADSES in terms of co-operation opportunities and a broad territorial coverage;
- Become a "network of competence" which can provide national and regional governments with recommendations, advice and support on spatial development issues and policies.

Cross-border impact is in development of common network of agencies of regional development from different countries. The main principle is a joint development of present potential as well as co-operation, information and experience exchange. The project is targeted at intensifying integration processes via development of new project ideas and carrying out trainings aimed at implementing and managing regional development projects.

7. Project results:

- Starting Conference is carried out;
- Project web-site is updated;
- Monthly newsletters on project activities are published;
- A number of trainings for the staff of each project partner are carried out;
- Project presentation materials in languages of each partner are developed;
- International conference on regional development (Final Conference) is carried out.