

Project “Regional capacity building initiatives” (RCBI)

1. **Project Applicant:** Montgomery Watson Harza SA/NV – MWH (Belgium)

2. **Partners:**

- The Centre of European Integration and co-operation of local governing institutions “Europe House” (Poland);
- Saint-Petersburg development fund of SME (Russia);
- Moldavian organization of export advance – MERO (Moldova);
- Agency of Regional Development and cross border co-operation “Transcarpathia” (Ukraine)

3. **The project location is:**

Western border of the follows regions: Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

- **Belarus:** Brest, Grodno, Minsk and Vitebsk oblasts;
- **Moldova:** the Rayons (districts) of Cahul, Cantemir, Leova, Hincesti, Nisporeni, Ungheni, Falesti, Glodeni, Riscani, Edinet, and Briceni;
- **Russia:** St Petersburg City, Leningrad, Murmansk, Pskov, Kaliningrad and Archangelsk oblasts and the Republic of Karelia;
- **Ukraine:** Lutska, Lvivska, Zakarpatska, Ivano-Frankivska, Chernivetska, and Odessa oblasts.

4. **Project duration:** 21 months (from 8 April to 31 December 2006)

5. **The target groups of project are** local and regional authorities, associations of local and regional authorities, Chambers of Commerce and Industry, associations of entrepreneurs and enterprise, regional agencies to support of the business, public associations, universities, scientific centres, cultural and scientific institutions.

6. **Project summary:**

The project aim is to favour improvement of eligible partners’ potential on Neighborhood Programme eligible territory to improve capacity in project preparation and implementation, as well as to extend project development capacities of all eligible partner organizations.

The objectives are as follows:

- To build up a pipeline of suitable projects for support under the NPs (Neighborhood Programme) 2004-2006 and the NNI (The New Neighborhood Instrument), post 2006;
- To support the transition from several distinct instruments to one instrument (NNI)
- To assist the eligible partners in playing a full and active role in the structures of the NPs 2004-2006;
- To assist the eligible partners in their involvement in the initial programming related to the NNI.

7. **The results from the first phase of project:**

- Training programs with issues of project elaborations are developed and carried out;
- In the framework of seminars is transferred the information about RCBI project, as well as procedures of Neighborhood Programms;
- Informational meetings are carried out;
- The database of the potential participants of Neighborhood Programms from TACIS countries (Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova) is developed;

- Informational project web-site is developed.