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| Title,date,time and venue International Conference of Western Macedonia: 'Innovation – Entrepreneurship – PPPs - Cooperation between Regions. Perspectives for the Region of Western Macedonia <i>20th November 2006, h. 09.30</i> Place: Premises of Western Macedonia Region Phone Number: 0030 24610 53995 & 53913 www. pdm.gr | | |
| Monday 20 November 2006 | | |
| FINAL CONFERENCE OF INTERCO-PPP PROJECT | | |
| Session I (09:30-12:00) Presentation of the project Interco-PPP | | |
| Registrations | | 09:30 |
| Welcome address to the participants | General Secretary of Western Macedonia Region Mr. Andreas Leoudis | 10:00-10:15 |
| Project progress presentation | Project Manager of Interco–PPP Mr. Vasilis Gkoutzios | 10:15-10:30 |
| Presentation of partners Organisation | Project Partners of Interco–PPP Mr. Johan Binder Mr. Manuel Sward Mr. Arturo Fernandez Mr. Stanislovas Bielinis | 10:30-11:30 |
| Outcome of Interco PPP | Euro-Consultants S.A Dr. Vasilis Kanakoudis | 11:30 -12:00 |
| Coffee break | | 12.00 |
| Session II (12:30 -14:30) Presentation of best practices within the partnership | | |
| Workshop of PPP (Case Studies/Good Practices) | Presentation of the case studies Ms. Georgia Zembiliadou Mr. Alfredo Sanchez Mr. Werner Rauscher SE case study (to be confirmed) LT case study (to be confirmed) | 12:30-14:10 |
| Questions & Answers | | 14:10-14:30 |
| Lunch | | 14:30-15:30 |

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| FINAL CONFERENCE OF INTERCO-PPP PROJECT | | |
| Session III (15:30 -17:30) Greek Legal Framework of PPPs | | |
| PPP's as a structural changes instrument | Ministry of Economics (to be confirmed) | 15:30 – 15:45 |
| PPP Concept - Field of Application | Ev. Koutoupa – Regakou, Professor of Law Faculty – Aristotelian University | 15:45 – 16:00 |
| Central Support Mechanism (DESDIT – EGSDIT) - Process of Proposal Submission | El. Vassiliadou, Lawyer MSc | 16:00 – 16:15 |
| Selection of Private Partner | Sp. Panagopoulos, LLM Lawyer | 16:15 – 16:30 |
| PPP Agreement | P. Verveniotis, LLM Lawyer | 16:30 – 16:45 |
| PPPs as an alternative instrument of public infrastructure | P. Papanikolas, Civil Engineer, Egnatia Odos S.A. | 16:45 -17:00 |
| Preparation and Implementation of PPPs Projects: Submission and Evaluation Proposals – Management Agreement | B. Arsenis, Economist, CEO Hellenic Investment S.A. | 17:00 – 17:15 |
| Questions & Answers | | 17:15 – 17:30 |
| Dinner | | 21.00 |

| Tuesday 21 November 2006 | | |
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| The future of Community Initiatives under the 4th Programming Period 2007-2013 Projects: INTERACT COMPART – EXINT | | |
| Session I :Cross-border cooperation and the new EU external assistance policies (ENPI and IPA) (09:30-14:30) | | |
| Registrations | | 09:00-09:30 |
| The Cross – border Dimension of INTERREG. The case of Western Macedonia | Project Manager of COMPART Mr. Panos Remoundos | 09:30 - 09:45 |
| | Representative of the Greek INTERREG Authority Responsible for IPA & ENPI | 09:45 – 10:05 |
| | Mrs Valbona KUKO Albanian Ministry of European Integration | 10:05 – 10:20 |
| | Mr. Dragan Tilev Secretariat for European Affairs of F.Y.R.O.M | 10:20 – 10:35 |
| NGO's /Civil society and Cross-border Cooperation | Mrs. Gabriela Scheiner, Representative of the Cultural Triangle of Prespes (NGO) | 10:35 – 10:45 |
| SME's and Cross-border Cooperation | Mr Rismanis, Representative of the Centre for Interbalkan Co-operation | 10:45 – 10:55 |
| Culture and Cross-border Cooperation | Mrs Georgia Stratoulis, Representative of the D' EPKA | 10:55 – 11:05 |
| Coffee Break | | 11:05 - 11:20 |
| COMPART Policy Dialogue Workshop | | 11:20 - 13:00 |
| Lunch | | 13:00 -14:30 |

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| The future of Community Initiatives under the 4th Programming Period 2007-2013 Projects: INTERACT COMPART – EXINT | | |
| Session II: Interregional Cooperation under the new Cohesion Policy (Objective 3) (14:30-1:00) | | |
| | Mrs. Rozana Semertzian, Representative of INTERREG Managing Authority. Responsible for the INTERACT PROGRAMME | 14:30 – 14:45 |
| | Mr Anastasios Alexandridis, Head of the Greek INTERREG Managing Authority | 14:45 – 15:00 |
| | Representative of the European Commission (to be confirmed) | 15:00 – 15:15 |
| | Representative of the Greek Paying authority (to be confirmed) | 15:15 – 15:30 |
| Local Authorities and Community Initiatives | Mr. George Blagas, Special Advisor on EU programmes for the Prefecture of Florina | 15:30 – 15:40 |
| Universities and Community Initiatives | Mr. Y. Bakouros, Deputy professor of Western Macedonia University | 15:40 – 15:50 |
| Environment and Community Initiatives | Mrs. Olga Patrikakis, Representative of KEPE Kozani | 15:50 -16:00 |
| Coffee Break | | 16:00 – 16:15 |
| Workshop of EX-INT | | 16:15 – 17:30 |
| Dinner | | 21:00 |

Wednesday 22 November 2006

Innovative Actions and Projects

**Session I: Transition to the renewable energy sources
(09:00 -11:50) Project: INTERREG III C SMART**

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| Registrations | | 09:00 - 09:30 |
| Presentation of the programmes SMART operating in the Region | Mr. Dimitris Kouras, Coordinator | 09:20 – 09:30 |
| Production of Hydrogen from biogas (Bio2Hydro Project, Innovation pole of Western Macedonia) | Dr. Maria Goula, Assistant Professor, Head of the Pollution Control Technologies Department, TEI of Western Macedonia | 09:30 – 09:50 |
| Good practice in utilization of renewable energy sources: The project SMART-PROARES | Representative of SMART-PROARES project from Germany | 09:50 - 10:10 |
| New clean technologies of energy production: Activities of the department "Engineering and Management of energy resources in UoWM". | Dr. Kostas Athanasiou, professor of the department of "Engineering and Management of energy resources" | 10:10 – 10:30 |
| Good practice in utilization of renewable energy sources 1: The case of hydrogen-island in Scotland | Representative of the Scottish municipality | 10:30 – 10:50 |
| Good practice in utilization of renewable energy sources 2: Other regional innovative actions experience: from NAIAS to BIOBUS | Dr. Dimitris Skalkos, Synthesis Ltd, BIOBUS Project | 10:50 -11:10 |
| Coffe break | | 11:10 – 11:40 |

Wednesday 22 November 2006

**Session II: Innovation and Regional Policy
(11:30-1:30)**

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| Presentation of Teris project: The case of Lapland region, Finland | Johnana Salmena, Development agency of Rovaniemi, Finland | 11:40 – 12:00 |
| Presentation of SMART- InnofSME's, Innovation in SME's: CIM technology | Mr. Vasilis Kikis, Professor of Technological Educational Institute (T.E.I.) Dytikis Makedonias, Director of Center for Technological esearch | 12:00 – 12:20 |
| Activities of ISI itstitute | Mr. Nikos Limperopulos, Institut für System und Innovation Forschung (ISI) | 12:20 - 12:40 |
| Innovation in Dytiki Makedonia : SMART-Internet Media Business, K-Clusters, Pole of Innovation,... | Mr. Y. Bakouros, Deputy professor of Western Macedonia University | 12:40 – 13:00 |
| The role of innovation in the new programming period 2007-13 | Ms. Aliki Papa, Representative of the General Secretary on Research & Technologies (G.S.R.T.) | 13:00 – 13:20 |
| Strengths and Weaknesses of the Greek System of Innovation | Mr. N. Komninos, Professor in the technical university of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.TH.) | 13:20 – 13:40 |
| The National Innovation Network (Rinonet – Innogreece) and the National Strategic Framework 2007 - 2013 | Mrs. Anna Andricopoulou, Project Manager RIPE/NetForce2006 | 13:40 – 14:00 |
| Lunch | | 14:00 |

**Session III: Innovation and Regional Policy
(14:30-14:30) K-Clusters Programme**

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| e-tools: Roadmap and Benchmarking in the service of regional SME's | Mr. Dimitris Milossis and Mr. Isidoros Passas, URENIO Research Unit | 14:40 – 15:00 |
| Virtual Technopolis | Dr. Kostas Paparizos, Macedonia University | 15:00 – 15:20 |
| Learning clusters in Western Macedonia | Mrs. Liana Papaterpou, Euro Info Center Kozani | 15:20 – 15:40 |
| Tools to attract regional investments | Mr. Ioannis Apostolidis, Economic Chambers of Greece, Western Macedonia Branch | 15:40 – 16:00 |
| Dinner | | 21:00 |

Thursday 23 November 2006

**Innovative Programmes and Actions:
K-Clusters**

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| Registrations | | 09:00 - 09:30 |
| Managing financial programs for SME's in support of Innovation: the case of K-Clusters Program | Mr. Anastassios Sidiropoulos, Director of Programs Department. ANKO S.A. Regional Development Agency of Western Macedonia | 09:30 – 09:45 |
| Marble Industry | Mr. Kostas Karamarkos, Technical Chambers of Greece, West Macedonia Branch | 09:45 - 10:00 |
| Energy sector and PPC subcontracting | Chambers of Commerce and Industry | 10:00 – 10:15 |
| | KIKIS AVEE | 10:15 -10:30 |
| Coal ash residue based products | Mr. Nikolaos Koukouzas, Institute for Solid Fuel Technology and Research | 10:30 – 10:45 |
| | TECHNOBETON | 10:45- 11:00 |
| Coffe break | | 11:00 – 11:15 |
| Fur Cluster | Mr. Thomas Petlitskas, President of Hellenic Fur Center | 11:15 - 11:30 |
| | BLIAGOS & Co Ltd | 11:30 – 11:45 |
| Wood Cluster: a successful example of Interregional Innovative approach | Mr. Thomas Tsialtas, ANGRE Development Agency Prof. Georgios Ntalos, TEI Karditsa - Thessaly | 11:45 -12:00 |
| | ALFA WOOD PINDOS AVEE | 12:00 -12:15 |
| | GIOTAS AVEE | 12:15- 12:30 |
| | ZIOGAS Ltd | 12:30- 12:45 |
| | CHLIAPAS AVEE | 12:45 -13:00 |
| | EFFICIENCY S.A. | 13:00 -13:15 |

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| Coffee Break | | 13:15 - 13:30 |
| Organisation of management system for specific residues | Mr. Periklis Kafassis, Head of Programs Department, DIADYMA (Intermunicipal Waste Management Agency) | 13:30 - 13:45 |
| | HELESI | 13:45 – 14:00 |
| Evaluation of K-Clusters Program: perspectives for Innovation in Western Macedonia | Prof. Nikos Komninos and Mrs. Maria Sefertzi, Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki | 14:00 – 14:30 |
| End of K-Clusters Innovative Actions Program | Mr Ioannis Fallas, Project Manager of K-Clusters Innovative Actions | 14:30 - 15:00 |
| Lunch | | 15:00 |
| Dinner | | 21:00 |

| Friday 24 November 2006 | | |
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| Registrations | | 09:00 - 09:30 |
| Official Welcome | Mr. Andreas Leoudis, General Secretary of Western Macedonia Region | 09:30 – 09:45 |
| | Mr Christos Folias, deputy minister of Economy and Economics (to be confirmed) | 09:45 – 10:00 |
| | Regional MPs | 10:00 - 10:30 |
| | Representative of the European Parliament (to be confirmed) | 10:30 -10:50 |
| | Representative of the European Commission (DG Regio-Geographical unit) (to be confirmed) | 10:50 – 11:10 |
| Promoting Innovation through experimentation in Regional Policy | Representative of the European Commission (DG Regio- unit Inovation) Mrs. Sabine Pfisterer | 11:10 – 11:30 |
| Coffee - Break | | 11:30 -12:10 |
| Strengthening the use of accumulated knowledge during the new Programming Period | Mr. Masalas, Dean of Western Macedonia University | 12:10 – 12:30 |
| The Significance of European Initiatives on Regional Development | Mr. V. Kottoulas | 12:30 - 12:50 |
| The experience of INTERREG Projects in Western Macedonia | Mr. K. Mirotis, Director of Regional Development Fund of Western Macedonia | 12:50 – 13:10 |
| An account of the cooperation projects of Western Macedonia. The point of view of the project manager | Mr Vassilis Gkoutzios | 13:10 -13:30 |
| The precious experience of Clusters' approach: from K-Clusters to the new Programming Period in Western Macedonia | Mr. Yannis Fallas, Project Manager of K-Clusters Innovative Actions Programme | 13:30 - 13:50 |
| Conclusions - end of meeting | Mr. Leoudis Andreas, General Secretary of Western Macedonia Region | 13:50 – 14:10 |
| Press Conference | | 14:30 |
| Lunch | | 14:30 |