

COPIE 2

Learning Network on Inclusive Entrepreneurship



Bundesministerium
für Arbeit und Soziales



EUROPÄISCHE UNION

Framework

- COP proposal accepted April 2009
- Funding 630,000 €
- Duration 1.02.2009 – 31.01.2012
- 10 partners
 - ◆ core partners: Germany, Spain, Asturias, Flanders and Czech Republic
 - ◆ active participants: Andalusia, Extremadura, Galicia, Lithuania and Wallonia.
 - ◆ Interest from Romania

Overall Objective

To produce an environment in which entrepreneurship is a natural choice for people from all walks of life

Specific Objectives

- European Tool implementation and strategy development (integrated action plans)
- Support of Entrepreneurship Education
- Ensure high-Quality and Inclusiveness for all support systems for entrepreneurs
- Integrated Business Support COP
- Access to Finance for All

In order to achieve these ...

- set up of 4 thematic Cops to focus on subthemes identified by COPIE 1 members as priority themes and led by Managing Authorities with direct Engagement of Policy government Departments, strategic stakeholders and practitioners
- overarching structure overseeing the application of the existing diagnostic tool and development of further tools for integrated action planning

Transnationality for what?

- For promoting rapid innovation within national and regional programmes
- Need to engage with the real policy makers
- Connect policy with practice
- Develop a culture of continuous innovation in service delivery
- Be the Open Method of Coordination in practice

COPIE 2 Principles

- Central COPIE Coordination Unit
- Decentralised ownership of workgroups (lead partner, founding partners)
- common way of working (timetable, structure, governance)
- Workspaces for workgroups on web platform
- methodologies e.g. Benchmarking, case studies, peer review with mainstreaming and dissemination built in
- Strong upward relationship to COPIE coordination unit
- Strong horizontal linkages to other Workgroups

CENTRAL UNIT

1. Strengthening existing COPS
2. Extending inclusive entrepreneurship into new places and areas
3. Drawing the policy lessons. Developing new tools for the transfer of GP
4. Disseminating results

LEARNING FOR CHANGE NETWORK PROPOSAL

Improving and extending tools for detecting gaps and opportunities in inclusive entrepreneurship

Developing tools and methods for turning the results into action through integrated entrepreneurship plans

Opening up entrepreneurship education

Extending mentoring and coaching

Tools, standards and training to ensure quality business support for all

Increasing the capacity to provide inclusive finance

MS/REGIONS TURNING LEARNING INTO PRACTICE IN THE OPs

Strengthening and extending the learning to other actors and areas in each MS or region.

Testing and implanting the learning through projects financed by the structural funds

Mainstreaming the learning through policy recommendations (e.g. mid term review)



4 working groups

- Entrepreneurship Education, led by Spain
Partners from FI, Andalusia, Cz
- Quality Management, led by Ger,
Partners from Spain, Andalusia, Extremadura,
Asturias, Galicia, Cz, FI, Wallonie,
- Integrated Business Support COP, led by
Asturias, Partners from Spain, Ger, Cz, Galicia,
Extremadura, Wallonia
- Access to Finance, led by FI and Cz ("Co-lead-
partner"), Partners from Spain, Ger, Lit

transversal theme

- Strategy and action planning, linked to central unit, led by Ger,
Partners from Spain, Cz, Fl, Wallonie, Asturias

Timetable (1)

Preparatory phase (February 2009 – July/August 2009)

- Finalising composition of core partners, their roles and contributions
- Creation of stakeholder groups in the regions and agreement of detailed workprogramme
- Recruitment of experts and Baseline Studies on each subtheme

Timetable (2)

Implementation phase (September 2009 –Jan 2012)

- October 2009 – October 2011
Sequence of exchange events for members of the 4 COPs
- December 2009 –December 2010
Design of action plans in participating regions
- December 2010 –December 2011
Testing of action plans in participating regions and implanting the lessons of the transnational exchange process
- February 2011 – October 2011
Communication and dissemination of learning

state of the art

- meetings of the steering group:
 - 1.-2.12.2008 Madrid
 - 5.-6.03.2009 Cologne
 - 25.-26-06.2009
- Start of Action Planning
- Invitation letter to MS to participate in COPIE 2

state of the art

- Quality management: startet with Baseline Studie
- Entrepreneurship Education: startet with Baseline Studie
- Access to Finance: Planning stage
- Integrated business Support: Planning stage

For further information about COPIE visit the website at

→ <http://www.copie.esflive.eu>

→ <http://www.wikipreneurship.eu>