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Regional Business Incubator's Network

Priority 1 - Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on combined resources

Measure 1.3 - Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local and regional development policies



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About the project:

Duration: 24 months

Total Project Budget: 798,234.24 Euro

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Start / End Dates: 27.03.2013-26.02.2015

Overall Objective:

The project is aiming to accelerate the development of a productive and competitive economy and to improve cooperation in the Black Sea region.



Specific Objectives:

1. To increase the institutional capacity of the business support organizations, public authorities and business incubators in development and promotion of specific policies related to business incubation as a tool to support and strengthen start-up and innovative SMEs.
2. To boost the level of cross-country cooperation between business incubators, business support organizations, public authorities and incubated SMEs to improve the economic competitiveness of the Black Sea region.



Main Activities:

- Creation of Black Sea BI-Net (establishing the regional focus points and training them, organizing the workshop with participation of business support organizations (BSO), public authorities and business incubator managers to debate on public policies in the SMEs development area, develop the membership criteria and operational plan of the BI-net and launching the BI-net, developing the network guidelines and local action plans for BIs growth).
- Know-how transfer between the BI's (needs assessment of the existing BI's in the region and defining the common quality standards, developing the action plans for the identified nascent business incubators).
- Supporting incubated SMEs to internationalize (needs assessment of the incubated SMEs in the field of internationalization, B2B match-making and consultancy, international BI's and SMEs forum, business networking event).

Expected results:

- Black Sea BI-Net (a regional BI Network) created and fully operational, having at least 20 members accepted, according to the developed membership criteria.
- Administrative capacities of the 96 business incubators (BI's) executives and BSO's to run and manage the institution improved during 4 capacity building activities in Turkey, Moldova, Greece and Romania.
- 150 SMEs executives, residents of the business incubators, improved their skills and know-how in the field of exporting to the other Black Sea countries during capacity building activities.
- 150 SMEs were consulted on internationalization matters and received support in finding an international partner through an on-line match-making engine and during the BI and SMEs International Forum and business networking event.

Partnership:

Beneficiary:

Organisation for Small and Medium Enterprises Sector Development, Republic of Moldova

Partners:

European Regional Framework for Co-operation Inter-Regional Development Organization, Greece

Association of Cross border Cooperation "Lower Danube Euroregion", Romania

Small and Medium Entrepreneurship Development National Center of Armenia

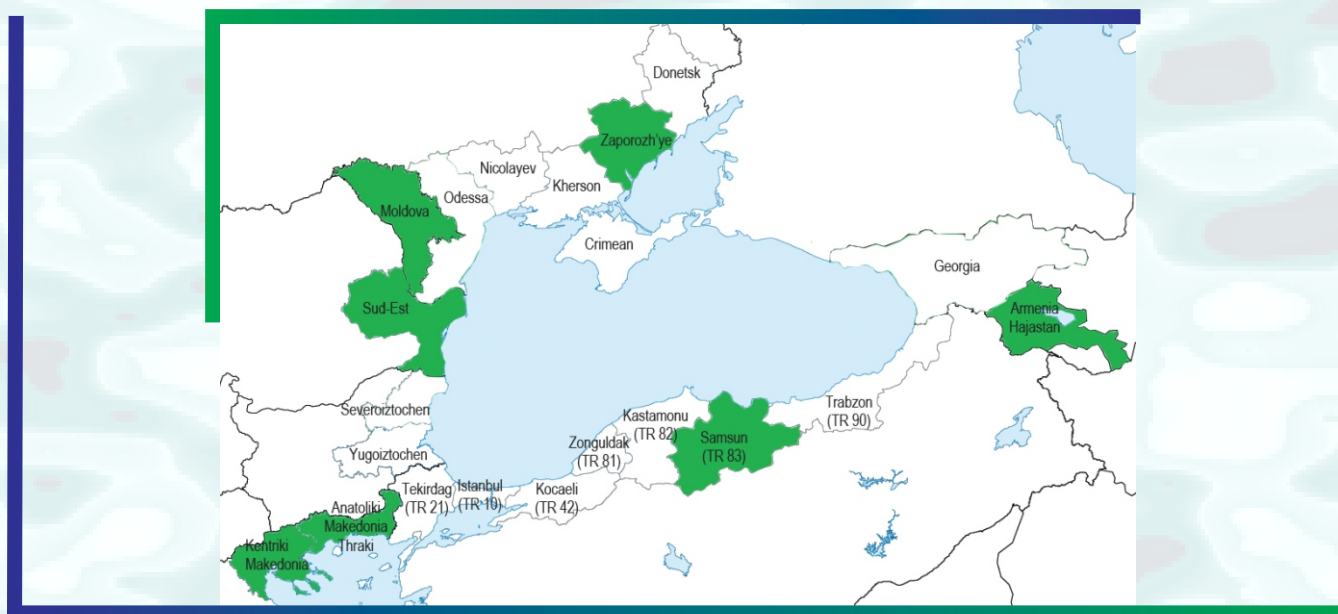
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