

The innovation's perspectives in the North -East Region

The RIS project "Development of an Innovation Strategy Continuously Oriented to the Valorisation of the Economic Resources in North -East Romania" (Discover North-East Romania), coordinated by the North-East RDA has as main objective the development of a Regional Innovation Strategy.

On the 8th of February 2006 took place in Piatra Neamt the first meetings of the two organizational structures created to achieve project's objectives, the Steering Committee and the Reference Panel. Both of the meetings were hosted by the Neamt County Council (The Delegation of the Permanent Commission Room, floor 4) and enjoyed the presence of the foreign partners from the project, Mr. Jaime del Castillo (INFYDE, Spain) and Mr. Ercole Cauti (Metron, Italy).

The Steering Committee brings together representatives of 12 organizations which will be in charge with the approval of basic proposals of the future Regional Innovative Strategy, of different reports and finally, the priorities concerning the allocation of the projects which will be defined in the strategy. The meeting's agenda consisted in the presentation of **The Steering Committee's** members, an example of good practices from the Italian partner's experience (Abruzzo Region, Italy) and the regional context in which the North-East project is to be implemented. Also, it was unanimously accepted the procedure of decision making (through consensus) and the communication tool with the Agency (through e-mail)

The Reference Panel includes representatives of other 12 organizations (including foreign partners from the project) and its role is to contribute at the identification of the objectives, measures and recommendations to be included in the Regional Innovation Strategy). This organizational structure will supervise the implementation and development of project's activities in order to improve its impact on the socio-economic development. The meeting Agenda was similar to the one of the Steering Committee and it was established the working methods for the future.

North-East RDA organized on the 10th of February 2006 in the Small Meeting Room of the Bacau Council County, the seminary named "Perspectives of Innovation in the North-East Region" where 28 persons took part. During the seminary, a summary plan of actions was set up for the next period, which underlined:

- the necessity of initiating the project;
- the regional context at the beginning of the project ;
- the local resources which could be used ;
- the activities implemented until this moment ;
- the stage of project's implementation at the moment ;
- the administrative structures set up at regional level .

The next period the activities to be developed will aim at the identification of the regional innovation supply, and also the analysis of regional SMEs' needs. In order to establish direct contacts between the representatives of academic and research field on one side and the business environment on the other side, other meetings will be organized.