

## **First Regional Strategy for Innovation in North-East Romania - result of the implementation of the project RIS DISCOVER NE ROMANIA**

The project DISCOVER NE ROMANIA, Financed by European Commission within the Sixth Framework Programme, Specific Support Actions (SSA), projects for Regional innovative Strategy (RIS) in Associated Countries and implemented by North -East Regional Development Agency was finalised on 30th April 2008.

The main objective of this project was reached by the elaboration of the **first Regional Strategy for Innovation of North-East Region of Romania**. The implementation of this strategy will have as result the valorisation of economic potential from the region, based on an innovative support system.

**VISION** – Innovation is the basis for economic competitiveness in North -East Region.

**MISSION** - The Regional Innovation Strategy encourages the creation of an economic competitive environment by establishing and developing innovative companies, developing modern technologies in RDI institutes, valorisation of this infrastructure and stimulates the creation of partnership between universities, research institutes and companies.

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

- Enhance the knowledge and innovation generation, diffusion and utilisation in the region, through effective transfer system and innovation commercialisation
- Increase the regional added value and to generate new economic activity
- Promote the adequate social and economic environment to extend the innovation process and entrepreneurial culture

### **PRIORITIES**

- Improve the capacity of research-development-innovation of RDI institutions from NE Region with the purpose to increase the economic regional competitiveness.
- Develop the capacity of enterprises to be innovative including improvement of business support infrastructure.
- Develop an innovative entrepreneurial culture in North -East Region.
- Improve human resources dedicated to RDI sector.

### **Main stages during implementation**

- Presentation of the strategy and agreeing of it within the decisional structures of the project (Reference Panel and Steering Committee)
- Obtain the approval of the strategic decisional structures at regional level : Regional Committee for Programming and North -East Regional Development Board
- Promote the strategy at regional, national and international level
- Implement pilot projects which will respond to identified priorities

The text of the Strategy was published in the dedicated brochure „Regional Strategy for Innovation”, and on the web page [www.adrnorddest.ro](http://www.adrnorddest.ro) , in the section dedicated to innovation .

**The Regional Strategy for Innovation of North -East Region** was presented within the meetings of the decisional structures in **12th of March 2008 – Reference Panel** and **13th of March 2008 – Steering Committee**. The members of the two structures had approved the final version of the strategy and had established that this could be presented within the Regional Committee for Programming, in order to be approved.

On **10th of April 2008**, the **Regional Committee for Programming** approved the document during the meeting which took place in Piatra Neamt.

The Regional Strategy for Innovation was presented within the Conference „**Policies and Instruments to encourage Innovation**”, with the occasion of the ending of the project RIS DISCOVER NE ROMANIA, which took place in Iasi on 22nd of April 2008.