

*Connecting the territory
through innovation network*



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11 Entities from 9 European countries participate in the European project “INOLINK”, led by RETA

➤ The project “INOLINK” framed in the Interreg initiative, promotes the experiences exchange on innovation within the European regions.

A total of eleven entities from nine European Countries such as Bulgaria, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, and United Kingdom, participate in the European project INOLINK, led by

the Andalusian Technology Network (RETA).

The INOLINK project has been approved in the framework of the INTERREG IVC Programme, co-financed by the European Union through FEDER Funds, with a budget of 1.97 million Euros.

INOLINK is a three years project, whose overall objective is increasing the reach of regional innovation policies, through

a better connection within the regional innovation systems, especially of those located in the most peripheral and backward areas. To achieve this

objective, the INOLINK project proposes the exchange of experiences in the setting up and functioning of public structures and networks, which support innovation and the participation in R&D cooperation and knowledge transfer of actors in peripheral areas and less innovative sectors, within the regional innovation system.

The project expects to result on the transfer of good practices between the participation regions, and on the improvement of skills and competences of staff in charge of the definition and implementation of innovation policies in all participating regions.

Besides, The Andalusian Technology Network – RETA (Spain), as Lead partner, ten partners from nine EU Member States take part into the INOLINK project.



Entities involved in the “INOLINK” Project

- The Andalusian Technology Network - RETA (Spain)
- University of the Algarve (Portugal)
- Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Extremadura - Fundecyt (Spain)
- Regional Entrepreneurship and Innovation (Bulgaria)
- Maribor Development Agency (Slovenia)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (Romania)
- Coventry University Enterprises Limited (United Kingdom)
- Etruria Innovazione (Italy)
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Essonne (France)
- NanoBioNet (Germany)
- Abruzzo Region (Italy)

The Andalusian Technology Network (RETA) - Spain



➤ The Andalusian Technology Network (RETA) is a non-profit organisation that was incorporated in April 2005 at the initiative of the Regional Ministry of Innovation, Science and

Enterprise to foster R&D&I in Andalusian companies. RETA is a network formed by the actors of the Andalusian Knowledge system which has to fulfil a dual responsibility; to link up and integrate the various

elements of the Andalusian framework of expertise, generating synergies and acting as an interface between these diverse elements and to facilitate and pave the

way for this expertise and innovation to filter through to the commercial sector as a whole, overcoming such traditional obstacles such as the size and geographical location of the business.

At the present time, RETA is made up of 53 associate members distributed the length and breadth of the province of Andalusia, comprising principally the Technology Parks, Technology Centres, Innovation Centres, European Business Centres and the universities in the Andalusian region. Since its creation in 2005, the network has expanded and now comprises a total of 125 Technology Clusters ■



University of the Algarve Portugal



➤ The University of the Algarve (UALg) is a young higher education public institution located in the southern region of Portugal. UALg has around 750 permanent teaching and 450 research staff, evidencing a growing commitment towards R&D and Innovation. The main research and teaching areas are: Earth and Marine Sciences, Health, Management and Tourism, Engineering and Technology and Social Sciences and Humanities. The UALg's Research Performance (measured by publications per researcher holding a PhD) was ranked 2nd among Portuguese universities. In the period 2000-2006-

the University of the Algarve has participated in 88 European projects, in 302 national projects and 67 projects contracted by national public or private bodies. The funding for R&D projects was mainly obtained through national resources (66%), European funding (19%) and Portuguese industry/institutional-based cooperation agreements (15%) With the internal reorganiza-

tion imposed by national government to universities in Portugal in 2008 (RJIES), CRIA was formally established as a functional division of the University of the Algarve ■



Fundecyt Spain



➤ The Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Extremadura (FUNDECYT) was created in 1995, launched with the support and guidance of the Regional Government, the University of Extremadura and two regional financial Institu-

Since its creation, the aim of Fundecyt has been to serve as a link between Corporations, the University and Society, establis-

have been very intense and it has always distinguished itself by being at the forefront of technological innovation, leading



tions: Caja Badajoz and Caja Extremadura.

hing a dialogue and collaboration between them and thus contributing to improving its area of action, creating wealth and the integral development of the Autonomous region of Extremadura.

The activities of the Foundation

past and present changes which have transformed this region, without forgetting its national and international influence through participation in international networks.

The support of Society in Extremadura and the confidence deposited in it by national and European Community institutions for the implementation of countless projects are proof of the specialisation and professionalism of the staff and services ■



Regional Entrepreneurship and Innovation - Bulgaria



RAPIV

➤ The Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation is a non-governmental utilitarian non-profit organization, carrying out its activities in public benefit, for stimulating regional economy, through the development of entrepreneurship and innovations. RAPIV follows three trends for development: High-Technology Business Incubator; Centre for Innovations and Technology Transfer and High-Technology Park - Varna.

Activities are directed to improve innovation environment in the region;

- Providing of preferen-

tial conditions for the development of technology oriented SMEs;

- Commercialization of scientific research;
- Know-how and technology transfer;
- Rendering assistance in the finding of markets, partners for technological and business collaboration, financial sources;
- Active advertising and marketing policy on the domestic and

international markets;

- Organizing and participation in national and international multidiscipline teams, meetings, conferences and seminars ■



Maribor Development Agency Slovenia



➤ Maribor Development Agency (MRA) was established by the Municipality Maribor in 1993 in order to foster business and economic activities of Podravje region. The purpose of MRA is to foster economic development and

regeneration, to promote business efficiency, investment, competitiveness and employment, to enhance development and application of skills relevant to employment and to contribute to sustainable development. MRA acts mainly on three development

axis: regional development, human resources, labour market development as well as economic cooperation. In the framework of regional development the main occupation is preparation of

Regional Development Plans and their implementation, acting as technical assistance to the Regional Development Council and Regional Council and the preparation of the Strategic Plan for the Maribor City Municipality.

In the framework of economic cooperation MRA plays the role in internationalization of Podravje's SME, marketing of the region and is actively involved in the European Enterprise Network.

MRA is also the owner and the main stakeholder of the Štajerski Technology Park, one of the most promising projects in the pre-accession period that acts as regional incubator of Podravje region ■



North-Est Regional Development Agency - Romania

➤ The North-Est Regional Development Agency is a non-governmental, non-profit making organization of public utility established on April 1, 1999. The agency is the executive body of the North-Est Regional Development Board body held respon-

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velopment of the agency (Late March 2010) has a staff of 91 employees, all hired based on labor contract concluded for undetermined period, most of them having high university educational background (economists and engineers). As far as the operational de-



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sible for elaboration and implementation of regional development policies.

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Coventry University
United Kingdom



➤ Coventry University is one of the most successful UK organisations for supporting knowledge based en-

terprises, establishing and developing successful technology businesses and supporting high - growth international trade. It has offices in five continents.

It delivers practical support, help and guidance to a wide range of technology and high growth businesses each year. It's part of the University's

Business Development Group and It's clear focused on business development and business support. Coventry University Enterprises Limited one of the largest UK and European University enterprises organisations. CUE has been instrumental in developing and launching for future looking institutes; Institutes that are already delivering benefits to the economy; The Serious Games Institute, The Institute for Creative Enterprises; The Health Design Technology Institute and The Institute of Applied Entrepreneurship ■



Etruria Innovazione
Italy





NanoBionet
Germany



➤ NanoBioNet is a network connecting universities, research institutes, hospitals, and companies. The non-profit association were founded 2002 to enhance the communication between research, economy, politics and the public.

Their goal is to:

- Create new, innovative, and marketable products and workplaces,
- Create and provide nano- and biotechnological teaching contents for all education levels,
- Support research and development
- Inform the public about the exciting world of nano- and biotechnology.

And Their key issues are:

- Chemical nanotechnology
- Nanobiotechnology
- Pharmaceutical biotechnology and
- Nanoethics and nanosafety



CCI Essone
France



➤ Department of the Essonne (1804 km2) is one of the most innovative territories in France: in fact, this Department positions itself as the second

more than 34 000 companies specialized in technological fields: ICT, biotech, optics, etc. Two worldwide clusters are located in the Essonne: System@tic and

The Essonne is divided into 3 different districts: Evry, Palaiseau and Etampes. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Essonne supports SMEs in



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et d'Industrie
de l'Essonne



one after the department of Paris in the framework of private and public research. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Essonne works with

Medicen and three national clusters are also located in the Essonne (Astech, Mov'e o, Cap Digital). Two international projects are implemented in the Essonne: Paris Saclay Innovation and Biotech Valley.

their business development (Finance, Export, Business Intelligence, Sustainable development, etc...). Their service (Innovation and Technological Development) facilitates and promotes the collaboration between public labs and companies.

Globally speaking, 50 advisors work at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Essonne, of which 6 are dedicated to innovation ■



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Italy



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