

The partnership "Union of innovation"

One of the pilot actions proposed by ASVILOC PLUS project "Agencies supporting the value of innovation systems in local and regional economies" funded by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, aiming innovation policies, is represented by the partnership for innovation and development – "Union of innovation". This is a strategic partnership for development, generator of high added value, motivated by interest in knowledge and innovation.

The initiative of concluding a cooperation protocol between organizations supporting innovation, both regional and national, belongs to our agency, with relevant stakeholders at national level (ARoTT and NASR), have agreed to conclude a full document, which includes the following organizations:

- Ministry of Education and Research, National Authority for Scientific Research (NASR)
 - Technological Transfer, Innovation and Infrastructure Directorate
 - Intermediate Body for Research, Development and Innovation General Directorate
- Romanian Association for Technology Transfer and Innovation (ARoTT)
- Regional Development Agencies of the eight development regions
- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment
 - Industrial Politics Directorate
 - National Agency for Implementing Programs and Projects for SMEs (AIPPIMM)
- State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (OSIM)

Long term objectives of this partnership are referring to:

- Creation of a Partnership for innovation, as supporting pillar for regional economic development and transfer of knowledge and technologies, as a way to developing, implementing and monitoring of national policy for research-development-innovation and technological transfer.
- Increased capacity to promote innovation, research, technology transfer and competitiveness in regional development policy, by linking knowledge, structures and people.
- Romania's regions must play an important role in the "Medium Innovation Generators" of Regions of knowledge in Europe, in the next 10 years.
- Innovation system must become one of the most efficient in Europe, over the next 5 years.

Action areas include national policies aimed at supporting innovation:

- Innovation and technological transfer policy,
- Industrial policy,
- SME sector development policy,
- Regional development policy.

Thus, the partners will support the initiation and carrying out the following specific actions:

- define common framework for developing, promoting, implementing, monitoring and evaluation of research and innovation policy, industrial policy (clusters, export, attracting foreign investment) and SME sector development policy at national and regional level,

distribution of responsibilities in the national innovation system, to achieve convergent results

- supporting through technical assistance and training programmes, the increase of administrative capacity of regions to access and capitalize funding and collaboration opportunities dedicated to innovative and competitive economic development,
- Defining funding programmes for innovation, increase of industrial competitiveness, development of SME sector, of management mechanisms (possibly decentralized) for them,
- inclusion in regional development policy, the objectives of increasing capacity for innovation and technologic transfer,
- development of studies and regional strategies dedicated to sustainable and innovative economic development in order to develop financing plans and programmes dedicated to regional development ,
- development of some regional database of demand/supply of technologies/ proprietary solutions/ research units which are active in this field, main characteristics of regional SME etc.
- development and implementing of some strategies and plans of regional communication for promoting innovation, technological information, research orientation according to market requirements, capitalization of good practice examples
- promoting training, competence-based dialogue, for knowledge capitalization of good practice models,
- Helping to establish regional, national and international partnerships and development of projects with regional impact.