

Project proposal

Programme: South East Europe 4th Call

Priority Axis 1 - Facilitation of innovation and entrepreneurship

AOI 1.1 : Develop technology and innovation networks in specific fields

Deadline of submission: between 21-25th of November 2011

Purpose

The purpose of this area of intervention is primarily the preparation, creation or the restructuring of technology and innovation-oriented networks in specific technology fields in the industrial and service sectors relevant for the programme area.

Leader Applicant: National Authority for Scientific Research – Romania

Partners from the following countries:

- Romania
- Austria
- Italy
- Moldova
- Slovenia/Slovakia

Target groups and/ or indicative potential beneficiaries:

- Universities, research centres, scientific institutions, higher education institutions
- Regional and local development agencies focused at technology and innovation (e.g. Regional Innovation Agencies, Technology transfer institutions)
- National, regional and local authorities
- The participation of the private sector, especially SMEs, is encouraged although it is not possible to directly support businesses

Project activities supported under this AOI :

- Preparing activities that support the development of technology and innovation-oriented networks in specific technology fields (Agriculture – food safety, Renewable energy sources and ICT)
- Developing transnational partnerships around research, technology and innovation centres and agencies in sectors with high technology contents
- Facilitating the formation or consolidation or restructuring of transnational networks of productive clusters
- Creating or reinforcing co-operation networks between companies and research, technology and innovation facilities of different countries and promoting joint action regarding applied research
- Creating transnational exchange-teams (out of technology and innovation agencies, centres) specialised in measures building up technology and innovation capacity for improved products, processes and services

- Transnational partnerships promoting the inclusion of innovative aspects in the public procurement regarding the application of technologies of common interest
- Strategic co-operation aiming at enhancing the use of innovative and cleaner new technologies and its application at local and regional level
- Establishing transnational networks between appropriate tertiary education and research, technology and innovation facilities
- Establishing joint training courses in connecting with technology and innovation networks
- Establishing science- and technology park networks developing standards and locational requirements for successful technology oriented real estates (“integrated high tech campus”) to be situated in the programme area
- Increasing the internationalisation level of research, technology and innovation facilities, especially in universities and in those areas, where the international rating for high educational level and research offer is still inadequate
- Facilitating the application of technological innovation in the programme area by enhancing the mobility of researchers, supporting the exchange of knowledge
- Fostering policies to support access to and link between research, technology and innovation facilities

Summary of call information Programme South –East Europe- Call 4

Eligible countries:

- **8 EU Member states:** Austria, **Bulgaria**, Grecia, **Ungaria**, Italia (eligible regions: Emilia Romagna, Lombardia, Provincia Autonoma Trento, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Provincia Autonoma Bolzano, Umbria, Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, Puglia, Basilicata), Slovacia, Slovenia, Romania
- **8 Non-Member States:** Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, **Croatia**, Macedonia, **Serbia**, Muntenegru, Moldova, **Ucraina** (eligible regions : Chernivetska Oblast, Ivano-Frankiviska Oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast, Odessa Oblast)

Tab. 1: Programme area

Country	Area
Albania	Whole territory
Austria	Whole territory
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Whole territory
Bulgaria	Whole territory
Croatia	Whole territory
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Whole territory
Greece	Whole territory
Hungary	Whole territory
Italy	Lombardia, Prov. Autonoma Bolzano/Bozen, Prov. Autonoma Trento, Veneto, Friuli-Venezia-Giulia, Emilia Romagna, Umbria, Marche, Abruzzo, Molise, Puglia Basilicata
the Republic of Moldova	Whole territory
Montenegro	Whole territory
Romania	Whole territory
Serbia	Whole territory
Slovakia	Whole territory
Slovenia	Whole territory
Ukraine	Chernivetska Oblast, Ivano-Frankiviska Oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast, Odessa Oblast

Composition of the partnership

Each project has to involve **at least three Financing partners from three different countries of the programme area**: the Lead Partner and at least two project partners. Out of these project partners, **at least one, the Lead Partner, has to be located on the territory of a EU Member state** of the Programme area. No maximum limit of partners is fixed.

National contribution

The co-financing rate per partner is 85% for ERDF and IPA partners and 90% for ENPI partners. The remaining budget (15%/ 10% respectively) has to be covered by national contribution, partners' own resources, or from public sources brought in by each project participant.

The maximum duration of the projects within the 4th call is 24 months, all activities within the projects must be completed before the end of 2014.