WHAT CAN SPEED UP DO FOR CITIES?

The main objective of SPEED UP is to improve the implementation of regional policy instruments of Structural Funds programmes dedicated to support of entrepreneurship, in particular those concerning business incubation. To achieve so, the project will support a collective learning process and capacity building between partner organizations and their relevant stakeholders to provide support to business creation, development and growth. The project will help partners locally to develop innovation ecosystems, improve their policies showcasing and transferring successful investments made by cities as well as design a policy common framework at regional level that can help cities and stakeholders to better access the Structural Funds to support entrepreneurship as part of local integrated development.

20,7 million OF TOTAL 67% OF TOTAL EU COMPANIES

EMPLOYMENT 58% OF GROSS VALUE ADDED

UE SMEs INDICATORS 90% GUARANTEE PROVIDE ACCOUNTING

P R E S S  K I T

SPEED UP is a project developed in the framework of Interreg Europe, Priority axis 2: 'Competitiveness of SMEs', devoted to support the creation, development and growth of small and medium size enterprises.

Aim of this press kit is to provide useful information and links about the project. Scroll down and start reading.

GOALS

Improve services provided by business incubators and ensure their financial sustainability

Deepen the cooperation among public authorities, business sector, universities and R&D institutions

Enable support to specific target groups, like young people, migrants or female entrepreneurs

Develop performance monitoring systems of incubators on hosted startups.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SMEs

Small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of the EU economy and a key driver for growth and jobs. The creation of business opportunities, services, support and infrastructure needed by entrepreneurs has become an important political priority for city governments over the years. City authorities, in partnership with local organisations, have developed policies and programmes to create a favourable environment for the development of small businesses and the growth of young, innovative, creative and high-tech start-ups.

BUDGET

1.79 M

ACTIONS

Exchange of experiences on the ways partners support their business incubators

Benchmarking of experiences against those of their peers

Learning about what works and what doesn't in different contexts

Developing action plans to put into action lessons learned from the cooperation

1.79 M SME competitiveness

PARTNERS

Municipality of Florence
Lisbon City Council
Economic promotion for East Branderburg (DE)
City of Antwerp (BE)
Reims Metropole
Chamber of Commerce of Seville (ES)
City of Warsaw (PL)
National Association of Italian Municipalities – Tuscany (IT)

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