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TECH.FOOD

SOLUTIONS AND INTERVENTIONS FOR THE TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER AND THE INNOVATION OF THE AGRO-FOOD SECTOR IN SOUTH EAST REGIONS



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Solutions and interventions for the technological transfer and the innovation of the agro-food sector in South East regions



The South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme is an initiative financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The TECH.FOOD project aims at building the R&TD and innovation capacity of the agro-food sector and at providing networks and tools to foster technical innovation in food quality production. Accordingly, the project foresees the establishment of a transnational horizontal network among 7 regional "Technological Transfer Nodes", linking local institutions, researchers and enterprises.

Mission

The project's objective are:

- ◇ to strengthen collaborations and relationships among research bodies, institutions and food enterprises at local level, also helping to establish supply chains;
- ◇ to reinforce existing transnational cooperation networks and to establish new ones, through a "transnational horizontal network" among the involved SEE regions and opened to other EU areas, in order to set up mechanisms that allow sharing of key technologies, skills, experiences and knowledge;
- ◇ to improve innovation performances of food enterprises, institutions and research bodies, through the definition and application of analytical and intervention tools, oriented to manage know-how for achieving an effective and more intensive application of R&TD and innovation;
- ◇ to launch new concrete projects for building technology and innovation capacity as well as improved products and processes in food sector, by converging SMEs needs, skills of research bodies and institutional support, obtaining the critical mass able to participate more effectively in R&TD EU Programmes;
- ◇ to renew public confidence in food quality and safety by promoting the adoption of environmental and healthy friendly innovative solutions

Origin

The aim of the project is to set up a transnational network for building links among enterprises and research bodies of a wide area. TECH.FOOD represents a transnational added value and a clear opportunity to improve the partner's institutional capacity to be effective in promoting innovation.

Direct involvement of enterprises will represent an additional added value of transnationality, concurring to create innovation and internationalization opportunities to local productive systems.

IPA countries will benefit from the transnational network by capitalizing partners' experiences in the enlargement process.

Outputs

The project implementation approach combines a double level methodology:

- ◇ 7 regional profiles on needs and weakness of R&TD and innovation of agro-food sector
- ◇ "Transnational Horizontal Network" (THN) among the 7 "Technological Transfer Nodes" (TTN) connecting institutions, researchers and enterprises
- ◇ Toolbox with analytical, intervention and self-evaluation tools for enterprises
- ◇ 10 technical focus group
- ◇ 1 free database with the best experience and project on innovation developed by enterprises
- ◇ Web-site
- ◇ 2 conferences
- ◇ Final publication
- ◇ Set of information material
- ◇ 6 project management meeting