

# Outcomes from the meeting of “Core group” Youth focused business incubation held in Romania

15 July 2009

The meeting of the regional coordinators that are acting as part of the project “Youth and Incubation - a chance for a better future”, the Working Group Youth focused business incubation (supported by infoDev), was organized in Romania, at Baia Mare. The host organization is The Development Centre for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (CDIMM Maramures Foundation), the umbrella organization for Baia Mare Business Incubator Centre.



The meeting was organized between 12 and 15 July, 2009. It was aimed to analyze the stage of project implementation “Youth and Incubation - a chance for a better future”, to analyze the regional research carried-out by the WG Youth, to plan the participation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum of BICs (October 2009).

The meeting was attended by regional representatives from:

- ✓ Africa: Rajeev Aggarwal (Rwanda)
- ✓ Central Asia: Zamira Akbagysheva (Kyrgyz Republic)
- ✓ Central Europe: Radu Ticiu (Romania)
- ✓ Latin America & Caribbean: Sandra Ramirez (Colombia)
- ✓ MENA: Asmar Amjad (Palestine)

The meeting was attended by the regional facilitator: Stefan Holger Schandera (infoDev /Germany).

The first working day was started by Mr. Nicolae Dascalescu, president in charge of CDIMM Maramures Foundation. The action was started under the interest of the local media (TV and newspapers). The first day was focused on challenge, opportunities, problems in front of the young entrepreneurs, the support that is coming from business incubators. The participants presented particularities of the entrepreneurship on different corners of the world, differences, solutions oriented to youth. In the afternoon the WG delegation visited the Technological Supporting centre TechnoCAD Baia Mare. Mr. Nicolae Dascalescu hosted the visit and presented his team of young experts (32 people) that are working in high-tech industrial designing services: mechanical design, GIS services, multimedia production, and training in industrial designing.



The meeting was focused on the “knowledge generation” and dissemination. The WG members agreed the actions aimed to put in place a continuous production of materials, papers, reports, news that will “feed” the “think tank” of the group. We established the dissemination strategy, as well, the means/channels of knowledge distribution around the WG member states.

The second day was focused on preparing the WG youth participation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum of Business Incubators, planned to end October in Brazil. The WG youth draw the lines for organizing a parallel session designed to Youth and incubation:

- ✓ Strategically approach
- ✓ Inputs from the region
- ✓ Proposed materials from coordinators, leader and facilitator
- ✓ Action plan for next 3 months



The main outcomes of the Working Group meeting are:

- ✓ The WG core group is now a “real team” strong connected to the Youth and incubation topics
- ✓ The research report on Youth and entrepreneurship received the final inputs
- ✓ The project agenda was up-dated
- ✓ The core group member’s activity is increased
- ✓ The strategy and the action plan aimed to attract the WG members to be more active is in place
- ✓ The knowledge generation plan and the dissemination plan are in place
- ✓ The action plan for organizing the participation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum of Business Incubators is in place
- ✓ The actions aimed to introduce innovative actions for young entrepreneurs is established
- ✓ The priorities for the new strategy 2010 – 2011 are designed

The meeting was closed with an open air dinner organized at the Satulung Castle. The meeting was organized in partnership with a group of 25 young graduates in business administration (training delivered by CDIMM Maramures Foundation). The WG core group had the opportunity to share impressions, experiences, and ideas direct with young entrepreneurs from Maramures County.



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