

Interreg Europe Project

INNOTRANS - *Enhancing transport innovation capacity of regions*

INNOTRANS – the Abruzzo Region is an active partner in a project funded by the [Interreg Europe Programme](#), and has the general objective to improve the policies on promoting innovation and developing effective schemes for incentives towards the adoption of innovation in the transport sector, with particular regards to public transport mobility.

The project is divided in two phases: phase one is devoted to data gathering and the study of the context in order to deliver the so called “Policy Framework Innovation Report”, then through exchange of experiences and identification of good practices in innovation it concludes with the adoption of an Action Plan for each Partner. Phase two is devoted to monitoring of the actions and operates through indicators also in coordination with the Smart Specialisation Strategies (RIS-3) and with the contribution both by Stakeholders internally and Partners externally.

An overarching objective of Policy Learning is pursued also by sharing data, material, insights and experiences on the Programme digital platform (Policy Learning Platform) and it is monitored with the increased capacity survey conducted by each Partner, aimed at diffusion of innovation-oriented thinking by reaching a wider area of all Stakeholders involved at various level in the process of policy-making.

The project gathers several Entities from various regional EU contexts to jointly analyse policies at territorial level with a common framework, in order to identify the positive drivers for innovation in policy making. The sharing of experiences and best practices focuses on policies with the aim to:

- improve or change current measures in public funding schemes to support innovation as a pivotal factor of the infrastructure;
- analyze the context reference of innovation policies in transport;
- identify and analyze good practices with reference to the regions and intelligent specialization (RIS3);
- assist the Regions in the transfer and exchange of experiences;

- provide recommendations presented in the form of innovation strategies in regional transport and adopt Action Plans to encourage innovation in transport also by introducing funding schemes.

Expected results

The expected results at the end of the project are the following:

- capacity building of the 5 partner public authorities and their subordinated bodies responsible for public transport planning and organisation, and definition of a common methodology on support and incentives to innovation;
- adoption of an action plan by each partner endorsed by the entire public transport community to identify specific and feasible goals aiming to introduce novel approaches, thus improving public policies including public spending priorities;
- contributing towards a change of attitude and mentality in the approach to innovation by identifying and involving Stakeholders in the whole process of policy making.

Partnership

Lead Partner: Coventry University Enterprises Ltd - United Kingdom

- Abruzzo Region (Italy)
- City of Prague (Czech Republic)
- South-East Regional Development Agency – SERDA (Romania)
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Special Account for Research Funds (since 01.01.2018) (Greece)

Total budget

The project total budget is 1,196,744 Euros.

The Abruzzo Region's budget is 256,900.00 Euros.

Duration

The project is divided into two phases:

- Phase 1: 36 months – from 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2019
- Phase 2: 24 months – from 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2021

Web site

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