

SHORT PR STATEMENT

586 companies involved in self-assessment and providing information from the field of innovation



A final conference of the project FINNO took place in a Hungarian town of Székesfehérvár on 2 July 2014.

The conference, which was attended by the project partners and many of the local stakeholders, presented the results and the future goals of the project FINNO which was set up as a mechanism for fostering innovation in the region of South East Europe (SEE).

A nearly 1,5 million EUR worth project, largely supported by the »South East Europe«, Transnational cooperation programme was a combined effort of 15 partners from 11 different countries who designed the project activities to achieve a more comparable level of innovativeness in the SEE countries, with an ultimate goal of contributing to improving competitiveness of the SEE region.

Since its beginning in March 2011 the project focused on different state of affairs in the field of innovation in the participating SEE countries, which lead to a creation of the State-of-the-art analysis, which is a comprehensive collection of the circumstances, strategies and tools existing in the field of innovation in every respective country.

Next, the Self-assessment tool was created, a so called SAT questionnaire, which in the end provided feedback from 586 participating companies from various fields of expertise. Through the questionnaire the companies were able to perform self-assessment of their innovative potential and report their experience regarding the expertise and support when dealing with innovation.

The results of this feedback was a document called Technology Innovation Assessment Scoreboard (TIAS) in which each of the partner countries prepared an overview of the results for their country and later a TIAS document for the entire region was prepared as well.

Currently the partnership is busy with preparing the analysis of the current innovation policies in relation to estimated TIAS rate for each country, which will be followed by the analysis of innovation policy gaps and finally, upgraded by the policy recommendations for improvement in dealing with innovation.

The FINNO ('Mechanism for fostering innovation in South East Europe', SEE/B/0038/1.3/X) project is co-funded by the EU in the framework of the 'SEE Transnational Cooperation Programme'

By the end of the project in August 2014 the partners will continue to promote project results through promotional workshops and the FINNO committee will adopt an action plan and sign cooperation agreement to continue fostering innovation even after the project conclusion.

