



business meetings

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Combining development needs of the Zasavje region and knowledge from the region and beyond its borders resulted in establishing Regional Development Centre in the middle of the nineties. Based on these roots the centre has always been **open and willing to share its own experience and ideas** with counterpart institutions from Slovenia and abroad.

Regional Development Centre managed to **establish a wide and effective network of contacts** with development institutions all over Europe – in the current EU member states and the countries, that wish to join the EU. Our institution has successfully carried out several transfers of knowledge projects, where it linked the Southeast of Europe with the European Union.

study tours and trainings

International PROJECTS

Between 1995 and 2005 Regional Development Centre accomplished a **number of Phare projects in the field of entrepreneurship development, promotion of employment and re-capitalisation of the guarantee scheme**. The project budgets varied between 50.000 and 1.000.000 euros.

Since 2003 we have accomplished several projects funded by the European Social Fund and European Fund for Regional Development dealing with development of entrepreneurship, high unemployment, equal opportunities, education, culture... We have played either a role of project partner or leader. Our partner institutions are from Austria, the Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain and some other EU member states.

We are well-experienced in the projects targeted at the **transfer of knowledge to the Southeast European countries**. Since 2002 we have implemented several trainings in the framework of CARDS, USAID and Stability Pact programme. We cooperate with national and regional development institutions from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Kosovo, and Serbia.

transfer of knowledge and experience

International AGREEMENTS

Sharing experience from the regional development area encouraged an **agreement on long-term cooperation** of the Zasavje region with Istria region (Croatia), Moy Valley and Shannon regions (Ireland), Rasinska region (Serbia), Foundation Sophia Antipolis (France).

International EVENTS

Regional Development Centre organises a variety of **business meetings and international conferences**:

- since 2000 numerous study tours and trainings were organised in Austria, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Finland, France, Ireland, Italy...
- we have organised business events, such as the Slovene-Irish meeting in Zagorje (2002) and in Limerick (2004)
- in Slovenia we have organised several international conferences on the future possibilities of interregional cooperation in Europe (2003) or effective means for development of entrepreneurship (2005, in cooperation with European Mutual Guarantee Association)

international conferences

