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Regions for Economic Change – Fast Track Networks

PIKE - Promoting Innovation and the Knowledge Economy

The aim of the project: "To improve Innovation & Knowledge Economy Policies through the exchange, sharing and transfer of eGovernment and Wireless Broadband good practices, and through the integration of these good practices into the mainstream Structural Funds programmes"

- Partners:**
- ERNACT (Lead partner)
 - Donegal County Council (IE)
 - Derry City Council (UK)
 - Galway County Council (IE)
 - EMCANTA (ES)
 - ALA Vasternorrland (SE)
 - Bologna Municipality (IT)
 - Olomouc Regional Authority (CZ)
 - Agency for Regional Development and Innovations (BG)
 - Region of Sterea Ellada (GR)



Recent events

Study Visits

Wireless Cities, Derry, April 15-16th



Participating organisations

- Comune Di Bologna
- Bourgas Municipality
- Bourgas University
- Sundsvall Kommum
- Mid Sweden Office
- Donegal Co Council
- Galway Co Council
- Omagh District Council

To assist the understanding of the project, the 2- day - Study Visit to Derry was split into three discreet sessions comprising 'Wireless Council, Wireless Campus and Wireless City. The majority of the study visit was devoted to the Wireless City (mesh and digital city tour) element to suit the interests of the stakeholders participating. Delegates were provided with an opportunity for questions and feedback at the end of each session.

Initial feedback obtained shows that most delegates were extremely positive about the visit and interested in investigating new methods of presenting their areas cultural heritage to tourists. They now intend to take the important step of developing their regional partnership with a view to developing an action plan prior applying to the EU Structural funds next year.

The visit was highly effective in the level and in the depth of knowledge that it provided delegates with, both from the perspective of project managers, and suppliers of equipment and services. It achieved its aim of highlighting the level of planning, commitment, external knowledge and partnership required to develop this type of project.



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eLocal, Cantabria, April 21-22nd



Participating organisations

Donegal City Council
Olomouc Regional Government
EMCANTA



The 2-day Study visit to Cantabria counted with the support and participation of high ranking regional politicians and officials including Mr. Juan José Sota (Minister of Industry and Technological Development), Joaquín Ruíz Sisniega (Director General of Local Administration) and María Victoria Llamazares (General Director of Emcanta)

Several presentations and group discussions made it possible for the partners interested in the good practice to get a first hand experience of the applications and services developed in the eLocal plan, which aims to modernize local government of Cantabria through the development of eGovernment.

On the first day of the Study visit the model of the eLocal plan and the following tools were presented in detail:

- Telematic register
- System for the management of municipal taxes (SIGETRIM)
- GIS and virtual flights

On the second day the delegates participated on a site visit to Laredo City Council, which has already implemented several of the eLocal services and were presented the “teletramitación” (teleprocessing) platform.

Hosts highlighted the high interest of the audience which made the sessions very fruitful and interactive.

Online Planning Services, Donegal, April 28-29th



Participating organizations

Local authority of Härnösand
Local authority of Sundsvall
Local authority of Örnsköldsvik
Association of Local Authorities
in Västernorrland County
Olomouc Regional Government
Sterea Ellada Regional
Government
Derry City Council
Dept. Environment N.I.

Donegal Online Planning Services is an e-Government service which allows the citizens of Donegal to fully access up-to-date planning information in a transparent and accessible manner.

The Study visit comprised a series of presentations designed to give an in-depth understanding of the service including the context, planning application process, infrastructure, GIS and document management. Participants were also given hands-on experience in working with the systems through guided exercises and the opportunity to clarify any doubts through an extensive Q & A session.

The initial verbal feedback was very positive. It was remarked that the study visit gave participants an opportunity to compare and contrast the planning function of Donegal with their own region/authority.



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Regional profiles Following up from the Study visits the nine regional partners have continued through a series of workshops, held in May and June, with the process of engaging with their Managing Authorities with a view to transfer the selected good practices into the mainstream EU Structural Funds programmers, which is the aim of the PIKE project.

Following a common and agreed format each of the nine regions is currently developing a good practice transfer roadmap which will be a high level representation of how the transfer will take place based on the transferee region's needs and capacity. The good practice transfer roadmaps will be the basis for developing the Action Plans, which will be one of the main outcomes of the project.

The following section highlights the progress of the project in three of the partner regions.

Derry A workshop with the NI Regional Economic Development Agency, 'Invest NI' was held on May 27th 2009. This was held at their HQ in Belfast and the key item for discussion was 'Wireless City to Digital City – A Strategy to Grow Derry's Creative Digital Economy'. Participants included representatives from Invest NI and Derry City Council. This strategy will constitute Derry's main output from the PIKE project and efforts from now on will concentrate on transferring this strategy into the mainstream regional EU Structural Funds programmes.

Vasternorrland (ALAV) Västernorrland County recently participated in study visits to both Derry and Donegal. There were 14 participants from three of the seven ALAV municipalities in the region attending the study visits. According to the regional PIKE coordinator both visits were very successful, they were very well organized and provided both the necessary facts as well as inspiration for the work that lies ahead. ALAV has had two follow up meetings with all participants to continue the process of implementation of the good practices.

Quotes from a couple of participants: "We experienced similarities as well as differences which broadens your understanding of your own organisation. I'm especially grateful in taking part in Donegal study visit and was very impressed by their way of organizing their work and how they interact between different skills sets. Without the pike-project we would certainly not have been able to gain these experiences."

"To see things from a different perspectives gives great value as it increases creativity in the organisation as well as for the individual."

On the 5th of May ALAV had a meeting with representatives for the Swedish agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Tillväxtverket in Östersund. Tillväxtverket is responsible for the submission of applications to the structural funds decision committee and thus ALAV's most important target group for dissemination. Tillväxtverket showed a great interest in the project and the good practices ALAV is seeking to transfer into the Regional Operational Programme.

Olomouc The second local workshop took place on May 19th 2009. The outcomes of the study visit to Donegal were presented to the Olomouc Region management and to members of the Strategic Regional Development Department. and the possible ways of implementing the good practice were discussed at earnest, including the legal consequences of publishing personal data in this system and sharing information with other systems.

„Although the policy statement of the Olomouc Regional Council does not include a special ICT section, ICT is embedded in all areas of our regional policy. We are trying to use EU funds in all areas of our development and learn from international knowledge. Our prime focus in the PIKE project is the exchange of experiences and using best practices for implementing e-Government.

There is a lot of inspiration for us and it relates to our local projects focused on the establishment of technological centres, data warehouse, digital map of public service, e-Learning and so on. These activities are funded from IOP and Operational programme – development of Human Resources, and we plan to use these same sources of funding for transferring the Donegal online planning good practice to Olomouc.

Michael Fischer, Vice-president of the Olomouc Region



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