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PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT

With the first number of the Newsletter, we intend present the project and invite you to link to the site www.migravalue.net, to know news about it.

MIGRAVALUE, a project part-financed by the EU through the INTERREG IIIB CADES Program, aims at launching a model for the active management of migration as a key tool for the integrated economic and social development of host and origin regions. It involves partners from EU as well as EU Neighbor countries, representing a broad network of public and private stakeholders, with relevant competences and complementary interests: local development, financial resources and guarantee funds, labor migration, home-origin country partnerships, welfare networks.

MIGRAVALUE intends to fostering the co-relationship between the financial capital of migrants, and the economic and social development of regions placed along the same migration routes. Its approach is to operate through public-private territorial partnerships to define a sustainable model for the trans-national guarantee of a Credit Fund that should make financing available for actions of social and economic development, including at the initiative of migrants in their countries of origin

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WHICH OBJECTIVES?

MIGRAVALUE has the ambition to develop spatial development visions associated with migratory movements and with regional development strategies. Close cooperation between migration host and home countries to attain this goal shall improve cohesion within the EU and with border regions in the CADES area, in accordance with the policy goals of cooperation and spatial integration

In light of this, MIGRAVALUE has set up two main specific objectives:

1. designing a system to channel migrants' remittances towards productive use via a trans-national local development fund: a credit tool to put financial resources at disposal for initiatives of economic and social development, in line with the provisions of local development plans;
2. addressing the specific features of the social dimension of development: the project shall investigate the actual impact of migration on the social needs and development of contexts of origin, and
 - a. assess the impact of remittances on social needs and family behaviours in migration origin contexts, verifying the opportunity to take into account migration dynamics as a standard transversal feature in social planning;
 - b. review and highlight State and external aid availabilities that could be made to support the contribution of migrants to the social development of origin contexts;

c. support the definition of provisions for bilateral social security agreements, aimed at protecting people who live and work across differing national welfare systems.

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ALL ABOUT BENEFICIARIES AND PARTNERSHIP



This project builds on the development opportunities brought about by migrants who voluntarily and legally leave their home country in seek of better opportunities abroad. It targets identified host and source communities, fostering a positive connection between origin and destination economies, authorities, development institutions and private actors in order to link migration services with spatial integration opportunities.

PARTNERSHIP

- Veneto Lavoro (Lead Partner- IT)
Emilia-Romagna Region (IT)
Union of Veneto Chambers of Commerce – EIC (IT)
Department for Regional Affairs of Italian Presidency Council (IT)
Obiettivo Lavoro s.p.a. (IT)
Hydea Consulting Ltd (HU)
Italian-Slovak Chamber of Commerce (SK)
Obiettivo Lavoro Slovakia s.r.o. (SK)
"John Paul II" Catholic University of Lublin (PL)
University of Thessaly, Department of Planning and Regional Development (GR)
Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Poland (PL)
"Hope for the Future" Association (AL)
Regional Development Agency S.C. Plovdiv (BG)
Obiettivo Lavoro Romania s.r.l. (RO)

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WHAT MIGRAVALUE DOES?



In order to achieve the overall objectives starting from real socio-economic dynamics, MIGRAVALUE carries out the following actions:

WP1: comparative analysis of the social and economic background of involved contexts; operational indications to structure the project work, in both its financial components and its focus on the impact of remittances on social needs.

WP 2: collection of existing practices for the channeling of remittances into credit schemes; preparing for establishing a systemic linkage between the involved public and private stakeholders on both sides in order to align the model and its functioning with local development programming.

WP 3: modeling of a Guarantee fund to warrant entrepreneurial initiatives in the social and in the economic realms: models will merge into integrated operation plans.

WP 4: migration, remittances and their impact on social development in origin countries: defining and applying substantial methodologies to assess the impact of migration on social needs and social development; analysis of options to promote and structure the involvement of migrants in the social development of their home countries (including linkages with the results of WP2 and WP3), support the definition of bilateral social security agreements between EU and non EU countries.

Training sessions on both models will be delivered in traditional and distance learning ways.

WP 5: A communication plan and several public events will ensure dissemination

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Cadses: New Programmes 2007 - 2013



There are some modification about Cadses in the new Structural Funds Period (2007-2013). The principal are:

- Division of CADSES into Central Europe and South East European Space; Programming process in CENTRAL & SEES; New future priority areas and main features; New Key actors involved in the programming process .

Division of CADSES into Central Europe and South East European Space

In the new Structural Funds Period (2007-2013), the current CADSES transnational cooperation area will be divided into two spaces: the Central Europe Programme (CENTRAL) and the South East European Space (SEES).

The new CENTRAL programme will include eight Member States (Czech Republic, parts of Germany, parts of Italy, Hungary, Austria, Poland, Slovenia and Slovak Republic) and one Partner State (Ukraine).

The proposed eligible area for SEES comprises Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Greece, Hungary, parts of Italy, Serbia, Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, parts of Turkey, Moldova and parts of Ukraine.

The Managing Authority and the Technical Secretariat for the CENTRAL Programme will be located in Vienna, the Managing Authority and the secretariat for South East Europe in Budapest.

Programming process in CENTRAL & SEES

To prepare the new Operational Programmes, the CADSES Steering Committee has set up Task Forces for each of the future programmes in which each Member State of the programme area is represented. These Task Forces are responsible for the drafting of the new Operational Programmes for Central and SEES. For the elaboration of the documents, the Task Forces are assisted by technical working groups, the drafting teams.

To support the Task Forces and the Drafting Teams in their work, external experts prepare ex-ante evaluations, the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA), SWOT-analyses and indicators. External experts also moderate the process.

The two programmes follow roughly the same time frame. Currently the programming groups are open to public consultation in each Member State. After the national consultations, the Operational Programme will be submitted to the European Commission for approval. The envisaged time frame for submitting the Operational Programmes to the European Commission is the first quarter of 2007.

Future priority areas and main features

Since the programming process is still ongoing, it is not possible to make definite statements about the content of the future programmes. The new Programmes will have a focus on the Lisbon and Gothenburg objectives and the urban dimension.

In general four main priority areas for the next generation of transnational cooperation have been identified, based on EU Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006:

- Innovation
- Environment
- Accessibility
- Sustainable Urban Development

Key actors involved in the programming process

More information and documents related to each programme are available on the Central Europe and South East European Space sections of this website.

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NEXT EVENTS



3th Steering Committee: 29-30 October

The 3th Steering Committee of the Project will take place in Budapest on 29-30 OCTOBER 2007. In this occasion take place also the meeting of the Technical Board. The event intends to monitor the activity of the partnership. The agenda will follow in the next days.