



Update on AER Funding Activities

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Activities 2008

- Operational Grant “Europe for Citizens”-Programme
- Implementation of project “Coordinated Alcohol Policy in Europe” (European Public Health Programme)
- Submission and start of two INTERREG IVC projects: “PRESERVE” and “MORE4NRG”
- Start of Platform for Decentralized Development Cooperation (EuropeAid)
- Cooperation with Foundation Hertie
- Informing regions on funding opportunities and preparation of new projects



Servicing for Members

- Funding information on AER Website related to thematic issues
- Information during Committee Meetings
- Breakfast Briefings for Brussels Offices, e.g. on LIFE+, Youth in Action, IPA, ESPON
- Funding Trackers: direct mailing and Weekly review



Application
submitted in
January 2009

Submitted Proposals I

Project "ECREIN+"

- European Clusters and Regions for Eco-Innovation Network
- Region Rhône-Alpes (FR) as Lead partner (LP) and 11 regions and AER as project partners
- 36 months duration





Application
submitted in
January 2009

Submitted Proposals II

Project "RECORD"

- REinforcing COmpetitiveness through Innovation, Research and technological Development
- LP: ICS Styria (AT), 9 partner regions and AER
- 36 months duration





Application
submitted in
January 2009

Submitted Proposals III

Project "YES"

- Youth Entrepreneurship Strategies in European regions
- LP: Östergötland (SE), 6 partner regions and AER
- 36 months duration





Application
submitted in April
2009

Submitted Proposals IV

Project "PRETO"

- Promoting the Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow – For a European Platform on Entrepreneurship Education
- LP: Framtisfrön Östergötland (SE), 5 partner regions and AER
- 15 months duration





Application
approved April
2009

Submitted Proposals V

“Peer Review on Energy in Republika Srpska”

- AER Peer review for the regional energy strategy of Republika Srpska
- Republika Srpska (BiH), AER, Friuli-Venezia Giulia (IT), North Hungary (HU), Maramures (RO)
- Start in June 2009





Proposal Working Group

- Increased awareness of necessity to (i) further exchange know-how and experiences on European funding and (ii) define common positions
- Goal: enhancing regions' access and ability to absorb European funding
- Objectives of the WG: see working document X.3 Update on working group on European funding



Proposal Working Group

Themes, e.g.

- Optimisation of existing programmes, initiating new ones; request changes in administrative procedures
- Internal and external barriers preventing regions from participating in funded projects; how to best organize acquisition of funding and implementation of projects

Structure

- Open to all AER members, associated to SC Institutional Affairs



Conclusion

- AER followed a comprehensive approach for realising financial resources for AER and our members in line with strategic objectives and Work Plan
- 'Multi-mode' model of seeking additional funds –involving different sources of funds and different options to seek them
- Working Group on Funding as complementary activity to further strengthen interregional cooperation



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