



The NEEBOR-project has started with the Kick-off meeting 28 November 2008

The idea of the project titled 'Networking for Enterprises in the Eastern External Border regions' has grown out in the Network of Eastern External Border Regions. 12 partners from 8 countries decided to share good practices in the field of SMEs (small and medium sized enterprises) as they represent the sector on which the competitiveness of an economy is very dependent.

As the SME development policies in the external border regions focus on three major issues

1. development of partnerships and clusters
2. access to knowledge and innovation
3. access to finance

The main objective of the project is to identify good practices on these areas and exchange and exploit the experiences. Through transferability studies project partners will analyse good practices in their own regions and try to develop joint methodologies and give policy recommendations. Another ambitious aim of the project is to deepen the relations among the eastern external border regions

The project has started on 1 October 2008 and the Lead Partner – Észak-Alföld Regional Development Agency, who is responsible for Component 1 (Management and coordination) – organised the Kick-off meeting on 28 November 2008.

11 partners representing 10 regions participated on this meeting, and partners had a presentation about the main data and documents of the project and also about reporting questions (dates, documents, obligations, first level control etc.).

In the afternoon the representatives of Component 2 (Communication and dissemination) and Component 3 (Exchange of experiences dedicated to the identification and analysis of good practices) made presentations about their tasks.

Next day partners visited a good practice of traditional craftwork at Nádudvar.

The Kick-off meeting has provided us an opportunity to discuss all the tasks and possible problems connecting to the starting period and the first reporting period of this INTERREG IVC project. The Subsidy Contract and the Partnership Agreement will be signed in January.

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