

*Thematic Seminar on the Study visits within the InCompass Project*

## *Pannon Business Network hosts thematic seminar in Szombathely, Hungary*

### **PRESS RELEASE**

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June till 5<sup>th</sup> of June, the Hungarian partner of the InCompass project, Pannon Business Network (PBN) hosted the thematic seminar. The main goal of the meeting was to analyse and discuss the learnings of the study visit in Aviles, Spain, back in November 2013, just as to decide on the main focus of the Final Conference later 2014.

The partners arrived in Szombathely on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, and the seminar started with open discussions on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. After clarifying all the relevant project issues within the steering group meeting, the partnership discussed the possible content, date and key speakers of the final conference. The meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2014, but the details will be clarified and decided in the coming weeks.

Another main topic of the seminar was the current stand of the Regional Implementation Groups (RIG) and the Regional Implementation Plans (RIP). PBN introduced the method they use to communicate with the RIGs in 7 Interreg IVC projects, and how the learnings of the InCompass project is already integrated into the regional development plan.

Following this, all the partners introduced their own region's implementation groups and status of the implementation plans. All partners could have an overview which methods are used in the different countries, what are the difficulties of the implementation and which good practices could be transferred. Of course, every single partner has its own way for both organising and leading the RIGs and preparing the implementation.

Regarding the study visit to Aviles, the partnership started to collect all the information which is necessary and useful. All visited places and good practices were discussed and the partners tried to define the most transferable ideas and solutions. Based on the fact that all the study visits were held already, the partnership also started to define all the best practices from the whole project. This of course is a more difficult topic due to the fact that "good practices" have a different meaning and methodology for each partner. To be able to find out the best practices, there's still a lot of work to do in the project's remaining lifetime.

Two visits were also held in Hungary. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting day, the partnership travelled to Győr to visit the MOBILIS house of discovery, which is an organisation to see basic physical theories in practices. In most exhibits, the workings of cars were presented, but also chemical presentation was held for the partners. All this exhibits are presented on a really creative and interesting way, so that not only adults but kids can be attracted to physics.

On the last day of the seminar, partners went to visit the Gothard Observatory in Szombathely, where the creative solutions and ideas for the future space technologies and main project ideas were presented. Partners also had the chance here to discuss future cooperation possibilities in different project areas not only in space technology development but also data processing.

#### **NOTE FOR EDITORS**

InCompass project aims to support the self-sustainability of creative incubator units and enable them to develop and share innovative methods to move away from a general dependence on public funding. Funded by the EU's European Regional Development fund through the INTERREG IVC Programme, the project aims to support and inform the collaborative development of local, regional, national and EU policy and thereby increase the capacity to create more spaces for experimentation, innovation and entrepreneurship in the creative industries, and to enable them to provide a driver for sustainable growth and job creation as stated in the Lisbon Agenda. The InCompass project website will be available very soon at the following link: [www.incompassproject.eu](http://www.incompassproject.eu)

INTERREG IVC is an EU funded programme that helps Europe's regions form partnerships to work together on common projects. These projects enable regions to share knowledge and experience that will help them develop new policy solutions to economic, environmental and social challenges. More information can be found at [www.interreg4c.net](http://www.interreg4c.net).

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