

# **Banska Bystrica self-governing region**

## **Good Practices transferred**

### **HeliceNet**

### **Innovation Assistant in Time**

### **Innovation in Wood Sector**

## **Current status in BBSK**

- **Regional Action Plan approved by the regional parliament in April 2010**
- **national elections in June 2010**
- **3 independent projects will be submitted**
- **identified funding opportunities**

## Funding opportunities

Operational Programme	Priority Axis	Measure
Competitiveness and Economic Growth	PA 1 Innovations and Growth of Competitiveness	<a href="#">1.1. Innovation and technology transfers</a> <a href="#">1.2. Support of common services for entrepreneurs</a> <a href="#">1.3. Support of innovation activities in enterprises</a>
Science and research	PA 2 Support to research and development	<a href="#">2.1 Support of networks of excellence in research and development as the pillars of regional development and support to international cooperation</a> <a href="#">2.2 Transfer of knowledge and technology from research and development into practice</a>
Education	PA Supporting employment growth	<a href="#">1. Promoting programmes in the area of supporting employment and solving unemployment and long-term unemployment</a> <a href="#">2. Promoting the creation and sustainability of jobs through increasing the adaptability of workers, businesses and the promotion of entrepreneurship</a>
Employment	PA 1 Reform of the Education and Vocation Training System  PA 2 Continuing Education as an Instrument of Human Resource Development	<a href="#">1.2 Higher education institutions and research &amp; development as the driving forces in the development of a knowledge-based society</a>  <a href="#">2.1 Support of continuing education</a> <a href="#">2.2 Support of continuing education in the health sector</a>

## **Current status and next steps in BBSK**

### **Helicenet**

- project draft elaborated - 1. Slovak Engineering Cluster as the primary actor**

### **Innovation Assistant in Time**

- ready for fundraising**

### **Innovation in Wood Sector**

- bilateral cooperation initiatives (with GR) – establishment of the Wood Cluster**

## Challenges to innovations in BBSK

- **willingness to innovate**
- **time & space for innovations**
- **intensive cooperation of the Tripple Helix actors**

## **Interregional opportunities for BBSK**

- cross-boarder cooperation**
- interregional cooperation**
- transfer of good practices**
- networking**

## Lessons learned for BBSK

- **no matter the size (of the company)**
- **strong support and initiative of the regional government**
- **bright minds and open-minded**
- **adaption of ideas**

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