BEING PART OF A PROJECT CONSORTIUM

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OUR REGION

SOUTH BOHEMIAN REGION

- Area: 10,056 km² (12,80%, 2nd largest in CZ)
- Population: 640,000 (6,05%, lowest population density in CZ)
- GDP per capita: 15,500 € (as of 12/2018)
- Unemployment: 2,92% (as of 05/2020, expected to grow up to 10% in 12/2020)

- Key areas of business:
  - Agriculture, forestry & fishery
  - Manufacturing industry (no heavy industry)
  - Tourism & Services
RERA – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SOUTH BOHEMIA

- established in 1999 according to the model of RDAs in the EU
- aim: economical, social and cultural development of South Bohemia

- SHAREHOLDERS:
  - South Bohemian Region
  - The Union of Towns and Municipalities of South Bohemia
  - The Chamber of Commerce of South Bohemia
  - Regional Chamber of Agriculture of South Bohemia

- INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS:
  - Interreg Europe, Interreg Central Europe, Danube Transnational Programme, Horizon 2020, COSME, ...

- Social economy:
  - SOCIAL SEEDS (IR-E, 2016-2021)
  - SENSES (DTP, 2017-2019)
  - CERUSI (IR-CE, 2020-2022)
OUR AGENCY

RERA – REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF SOUTH BOHEMIA

- **BACKGROUND & RELATIONS:**
  - 4 key shareholders
  - 21 years of experience, in EU relations since 2004
  - various partner institutions and organizations (local, regional, national)
  - RERA as an intermediary for innovation flow into the region
  - joined cooperation of several professionals:
    - project implementation & coordination
    - financial issues
    - thematic expertise
PROJECTS EXPERIENCE

PROJECT PROPOSAL

▪ DEVELOPING OWN IDEA
  ▪ not often, mostly joining a consortium
  ▪ idea bearer is usually Lead Partner (not necessarily)

▪ JOINING A CONSORTIUM
  ▪ pool of proposals
  ▪ National Contact Point
  ▪ network of contacts

  ▪ developed proposal > only partner’s relevance and information
  ▪ proposal not so clear yet > joint development of WPs or activities

▪ eligibility of institution (public vs. private body)
  ▪ total budget vs. co-financing rate vs. cash flow
  ▪ long process:

IDEA ➔ PROPOSAL PREPARATION ➔ EVALUATION & RESULTS ➔ IMPLEMENTATION START ➔ IMPLEMENTATION END ➔ FINAL APPROVAL & CLOSURE
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- **MANAGEMENT:**
  - clear division of tasks and responsibilities (LP, WP leader, task leader, PP)
  - time management and planning
  - budget planned, spending, budget changes
  - up-to-date documents (Application form, budget sheet, ...)

- **COMMUNICATION:**
  - internal (LP, consortium, PPs, FLC, JS, ...)
  - external (stakeholders, general public, ...)
  - project publicity

- **THEMATIC WPs:**
  - clear description of the task
  - expected outcomes of activities e.g. for survey, seminar, ...
  - indicators
  - outputs > proofreading
PROJECTS EXPERIENCE

PROJECT REPORTING, FINANCE & CLOSURE

- First & Second Level Control (e.g. Interreg) vs. reporting directly to Brussels (e.g. COSME)
- programme vs. national vs. European rules
- audit
- monitoring of spending
- diary of work done
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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