

Message from the Leader



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The national training conducted by the partners in the SBP CAPACITY project has been well received and evaluated by the participants. We have trained about 270 persons in the entire region, out of which 88 in Sweden, 66 in Poland, 43 in Lithuania, 42 in Denmark, and 28 in Germany. We now hope that the basic project development skills will allow you to develop new projects and applications for future calls. The implementation of the national training package that was planned within CAPACITY means that this part has been completed. However if you feel there is a need for additional training, please feel free to invite our partners, who will be more than happy to disseminate the know-how further (using methods and materials developed within this project). For those who have already got some project ideas, we conducted two cross-border workshops in Klaipeda (29 participants) and in Gdynia (43 participants). The two workshops were also received extremely well, and participants met new potential partners, learnt from each others' experiences and got professional advice from experts. All in all, they had a chance to get the feeling that developing projects in the South Baltic Programme is not so extremely difficult. Two more workshops are planned in March 2011: one in Karlskrona (March 3rd-4th, 2011) and one in Rostock (March 17th-18th, 2011).

I'm also pleased to inform you that two projects supported by CAPACITY via Rent-an-Expert service were approved in the 5th Call for Proposals. If you would like to join the list of successful applicants, but feel that you lack the capacity to prepare a proposal by yourself (and you are newcomer to the SB Programme), please apply for the advisory services (Rent-an-Expert) offered by our panel of experts. Visit our website (www.sbpcapacity.org) and fill in the application form. Our experts are ready to share their knowledge and experience to help you develop your ideas into SB cross-border projects.

TRAININGS

National trainings

In September and October partners of the Capacity Building Project, with the help of Regional Contact Points, organized trainings for the beneficiaries of South Baltic Programme. Fifteen training sessions were held in all Programme countries: 3 in Lithuania (Kretinga, Klaipeda and Taurage), 3 in Denmark (2 on Zealand and 1 in Ronne), 2 in Germany (both in Rostock), 4 in Sweden (in Kalmar, Blekinge, Skane and Kronoberg). Altogether we trained 270 beneficiaries! The participants included representatives of regional administration, municipalities, NGOs, museums and universities and various associations. The trainings were moderated by Capacity partners. The trainings concentrated on the development of international projects, with special focus on SBP. They were delivered by Action Learning method, i.e. participants worked with case stud-



ies and practical exercises that allowed them to understand the process of project development. The trainers introduced the participants to general skills on project development and management such as creating a Gantt chart or planning activities and basic knowledge about projects as such. The participants learnt about the specific features of South Baltic projects and equipped with this knowledge they started working on own project ideas. They defined objectives and results and learnt how to frame them into South Baltic Programme. Some activities were devoted to the identification of project activities and outputs. Trainers explained also how to find partners and form partnership.

Development of project ideas

Cross border workshop in Klaipeda - October 21-22, 2010

From October 21st – lunch – till October 22nd - lunch, the first Capacity Building Project cross-border workshop took place in Klaipeda, Lithuania. The workshop gathered 29 participants from all countries in the area of the South Baltic Programme; beneficiaries that wanted to have their project ideas assessed and discussed by a panel of experts and Partners from the Capacity Building project.

Before the workshop:

The work for the participants had started prior to the workshop itself. The beneficiaries had worked with their project ideas, presented them in writing and prepared a 10 minute presentation. Most had used the template for structuring a project idea provided by the Capacity Building Project.

The expert panel, Eva-Lisa Ahnström, SE, Jurgita Cinskiene, LT and Torbjörn Lind, SE read and reflected on the project ideas before the workshop and had a joint meeting the day before the event to discuss each project and agree on what additional questions they had.



Day 1:

After a short introduction by the moderator of the workshop, Eva-Lisa Ahnström from the Capacity Building Project, each project had their maximum 10 minutes to present itself to the whole group. Twelve projects were presented. Project by project, from puppet theatre festival to business cooperation between female entrepreneurs, made interesting and clarifying presentations. Short additional questions by the panel followed each presentation. Already at the first coffee break it was clear that the concept to listen to other project ideas, and to hear the questions asked by the panel, was very appreciated by participants.

- It makes me look on my own project idea from a different point of view, as one participant expressed it.

When all projects had had the chance to present themselves, concrete work with further development of specific ideas took place. The participants sat in groups, project by project, and worked on their project while the facilitators from the Capacity Building Project walked between the groups, assisted and answered questions. During the same time the expert panel went to a separate room to conclude impressions of each pro-

ject, and prepare feedback to be delivered next day. A joint dinner ended the day and discussions between participants could continue.

Day 2:

All participants were eager to have their feedback. The experts pointed out both strengths and weaknesses with the presented projects, one by one and also made recommendations. It became obvious that many projects had similar weaknesses; some comments could be expressed more in general. Quite a few also needed to extend their partnership, and thanks to the fact that all participants had listened to all projects some projects got offers from other participants that knew organizations back home that probably would be interested to join. Contact details were exchanged.

Some projects did not fit into the South Baltic Project at all, mainly because they were more local, had no cross-border value. These projects were recommended other funding possibilities to start with, and later on extend, in many cases interesting scopes, to include a wider geographical area.

To make a budget is not always easy. Therefore Cecilia Appelgren, Capacity Building Project, delivered a presentation on how to plan your budget in a good way. The presentation was followed by a question and answering session.

After a summary with general remarks and tips for how to proceed the moderator closed the workshop by thanking all participants for their active participation and also to thank the local organizers in Klaipeda, Rasa Viederyte and Giedre Straksiene for very good organization of venue and all practical issues you have to deal with when organizing this kind of events!



By the end of the day the result from the workshop is:

- Participants valued the discussions and feedback that has taken their ideas several steps further
- Approximately half of the presented projects are prepared to submit an application in the 6th call, or if they can't manage in time, for the 7th call. Several others will go for the 7th call, and some will look closer into other funding opportunities.
- 4 – 5 projects got good contacts for partnership as a result of the workshop
- Two of the projects with similar field of interest have initiated discussion on merging into one project.

First successful applicants!

Already two projects that received our support via Rent-an-Expert were accepted in the 5th Call:

Art line

The project focuses on cooperation in the art field. It stems from lack of professional network and co-operation between the art institutions in Kalmar and the Pomeranian region. Such co-operation is needed and will strengthen the economy as well as tolerance and understanding between people. One of the main activities of the project is the creation of a Digital Art Platform. The platform will explore experimentation and innovation within digital media and the relation between art, media, technology, machines and humans. The project will support cross-cultural education and development in interdisciplinary subjects. An experimental web-based platform will be important for the exchange of interactive projects and dialogue within the extended art field in the South Baltic area and further.

Lead Partner: Blekinge Museum

DredgDike

The objective of the project is to support development and demonstration of new techniques related to flood protection in the South Baltic Region. The main activities of the project include: i) construction of pilot dikes using dredged materials combined with geosynthetic systems, ii) implementation of design rules developed for the South Baltic region, iii) investigation of potential dike cross-sections and loading scenarios for the South Baltic Region, iv) stability analysis considering the new constructive solutions (numeric and experimental), v) realization and supervision of large scale and laboratory tests, vi) development and implementation of a joint cross-border network, vii) transfer of scientific and technical knowledge and exchange of sustainable practice between network partners.

Lead Partner: University of Rostock

Contact

If you would like to join the list of successful applicants, but you feel that you need assistance in the preparation of your proposal, visit our website to apply for the Rent-an-Expert service or contact one of our partners for mentoring assistance.

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