

National Expert Group and Stakeholder Meeting

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Summary of NEG and stakeholder meeting

The aim of the meeting was to present stakeholders the implementation progress of project funded by the Danube Transnational Program Interreg, in which the SIC and ELI Beamlines are participating as partners in the Czech Republic. The purpose of the RI2integrate project is to jointly explore the potential of economic development potential through the effective integration of excellent research infrastructures projects by designing, preparing and the introduction of innovative programming tools for macro-regional involvement in the Danube region. One of these tools is the PPI conception. That is why the seminar focuses on the PCI SBIR and PPI methods in theoretical and practical ways.

The implementation of **RRI** method is multidisciplinary connected with the conception of innovative procurement. The key procedure to enhance the social responsibility of the private sector is to implement the public procurement of innovation concept into a tender procedure. This procedure could include the evaluation using not only the lowest price but the best quality output and also to innovate the output during the tender itself (tender for innovation).

Another discussion took place on a comparison of topics **PCP/SBIR** and **PPI** presented by Martin Buncec from the Technological Agency of the Czech Republic. PCP/SBIR is a method practically implemented in USA and replication of this method in EU is well known as PPI (Public Procurement Innovation). Mr. Buncec presented differences between the application of those two methods in USA and EU. The anchoring of the PPI concept in Czech legislation was presented in the form of an "**innovation partnership**", which is already unlike the PCP SBIR without the commercial stage of the procurement. The innovation partnership is a legal form of procurement and the best way for piloting the tools by SIC (SIC_WP5_5.1.1_Implemented and finalized pilot PPI procedures with governmental involvement).

The director of SIC Mrs., Rut Bízková presented in case of regional development the necessity of mapping social megatrends in Czech Republic such as population aging, an increase in civilization diseases degradation of ecosystems caused by climate change increasing the importance of non-state actors in society, increasing volume of regulation, virtualization of the world growing individualism etc. It should be taken into account, that regional development must count with those social megatrends or development will stagnate in the future.

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One of the SIC initiatives is managing research platforms in areas of energetics, waste, smart region, water, and transport. The main goal of these initiatives is improving the quality of life in small communities by linking multidisciplinary research institutions to finding new innovative solutions. The key point of the discussion was that PPI process in form of innovation partnership could help to accelerate and innovate regional development by incorporating innovative solutions.