

PARTNER SEARCH

Pescara Provincial Administration, a local government unit, intermediate between the Regional level and the Municipalities located in central Italy on the Adriatic sea is looking for partners to cooperate on the following:

Programme

INTERREG IVC financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), whose principles and regulations are laid down in Council Regulation N° 1083/2006 (General Regulation), Council and Parliament Regulation N° 1080/2006 (ERDF Regulation) and Commission Regulation N° 1828/2006 (Implementation Regulation). The principles and regulations for projects developed within the Programme are laid down in the Operational Programme, which was officially approved by the European Commission on 11th September 2007.

Priorities and objectives of the programme

The INTERREG IVC Programme is divided into two thematic priorities related to the EU strategy for growth and sustainable development known as the Lisbon and Gothenburg strategies.

Project partners are invited to submit their project application under one of the sub-themes listed below.

Innovation and the Knowledge Economy (ERDF €177 million, 55%)	Environment and Risk Prevention (ERDF €125 million, 39%)
Innovation, Research & Technology Development	Natural & Technological Risks (incl. climate change)
Entrepreneurship and SMEs	Water Management
Information Society	Waste Prevention and Management
Employment, Human Resources and Education	Biodiversity and Natural Heritage (incl. air quality)
	Energy and Sustainable Transport
	Cultural Heritage and Landscape

Project Idea

A regional initiative project (type 1) focusing on the exchange of experience on industrial ecology and eco-industrial parks.

Recent years have seen the growth of a number of local and regional initiatives that draw upon the ideas of industrial ecology and attempt to implement them through various forms of eco-industrial development. Eco-industrial parks (EIP) are based on industrial ecology concepts - they aim to increase business performance while reducing pollution and waste.

An eco-industrial park is a clearly defined area where materials, energy and information exchange occur between various companies and actors. Implementing an eco-industrial park can bring environmental, social and economic benefits.

While some existing examples of EIP developed organically over a long time period and as a result of voluntary co-operation between the companies involved, there have been attempts to recreate key features of EIPs through policy intervention, particularly in Western Europe and North America.

The Pescara provincial administration is at present supporting the industrial crisis of its chemical site, characterised for approximately one hundred years, by the presence of one single company (Montecatini, Montedison, Ausimont. Currently, the site hosts several companies: Solvay, Degussa Medavox, Silysiamont, Edison. Solvay has operated in Bussi since May 2002, when it took over Ausimont, specialising in the production of high-quality chlorine-soda. Silysiamont (a joint venture between Solvay and Fuji Silysia Chemical) is planning to finalise the setting-up of a plant which will produce 3,000 tons/years of micronised silica for the European market. This plant, which has operated since 2002, will reach its overall production capacity in the next two/three years. Degussa-Medavox, which has produced oxygenated water and sodium percarbonate since 2002. Isagro company that has just started its activities in January 2006 and has become a highly qualified operator at world level in the agrochemicals sector. These companies, including a new investment from a company treating industrial wastes that can work in symbiosis with companies already there can potentially evolve towards an eco-industrial park.

Objectives

To develop functional cooperation in the area(s) involved in the project and to economically benefit the whole area(s) through improvements in cost-efficiency.

To increase the competitiveness, attractiveness and environmental image of the firms in the region as well as to reduce the environmental effects of the activities. Increasing material efficiency, decreasing the amount of waste to landfills, increasing energy efficiency and decreasing environmental emissions are more specific objectives.

Continuous improvement, increasing collaboration between firms and achieving collective benefits.

Expected results

Environmental reporting and energy surveys conducted for each individual firm during the course of the project.

An environmental policy and environmental goals determined for the whole industrial area(s) to strengthen collective motivation and mutual trust.

Environmental policies and goals established individually for each company.

Material efficiency and environmental impacts of one example product evaluated with the help of the MIPS - method (Material Input per Service Unit) and life cycle analysis.

Partner searched

Public authorities and bodies governed by public law (also called public equivalent bodies) that have experience in the implementation of policies aimed at the implementation of EIPs or that need to acquire experience in the given field in order to solve a local problem.

We need skilled partners able to provide information and experience on topics such as:

The quality, continuity and quantity of interconnected material and energy flows and the close proximity of firms in successful eco-industrial networking and management; Trust, communication and strong ties between plant ; Role of anchor tenant or driver and coordinating body in an eco-industrial park; Vision of the network.

Funding available and co-financing rate

Over the period 2007-2013, €302 million is being made available to co-finance projects implemented by EU partners. Partners from Norway and Switzerland are not eligible to receive ERDF but can receive cofinancing from their respective national funds.

Under the INTERREG IVC Programme, the eligible project activities are co-financed from the ERDF at either 75% or 85% depending on the Member State.

Co financing rate	Participating States (EU + Norway)
75% ERDF Austria,	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
85% ERDF	Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia
50% National Funds	Norway

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