



Fostering Innovation in the Baltic Sea Region

JOSEFIN

Joint SME Finance for Innovation



JOSEFIN Project Information:

- INTERREG IV B Baltic Sea Region Programme
- 1st call approval (October 24th, 2008)
- Priority: Fostering Innovations
- Objective: Support of transnational cooperation projects between SMEs and/or research institutions to foster innovation in the Baltic Sea Region
- Budget:
 - 4.120.237 EUR (Total)
 - 3.544.130 EUR (ERDF)
 - 252.000 EUR (ENPI)
 - 324.107 EUR (Norwegian Fund)

Baltic Sea Region Programme area 2007 - 2013





JOSEFIN Background:

- 2005 – 2007: INTERREG III C Project TEICO-Net
- Exchange of experience in the field of regional SME support policy
- B2B-Matching-Workshops for technology-oriented SMEs in Borlänge, Szczecin, Riga, Poznan, Vilnius, Wroclaw, Berlin and Potsdam
- Regional Partners: Zachodniopomorskie, Wielkopolskie, Dolnoslaskie/ Wroclaw, Berlin, Brandenburg
- Final conference on February 14th, 2007 in Potsdam:
Signing of TEICO-Net Charta



JOSEFIN Content:

- Provision of financial support for joint innovation and internationalisation projects of SMEs and/ or research institutions and their commercial exploitation
- Development and implementation of risk-sharing instruments to improve access to finance for SMEs in the Baltic Sea Region
- Individual coaching for SMEs to prepare and successfully implement the transnational cooperation projects
- Improvement of regional innovation and development policies



JOSEFIN Partnership:

- Broad geographical coverage of the Baltic Sea Region and the cooperation area of the Oder-Partnership:

PL Dolnoslaskie, Lubuskie, Wielkopolskie, Zachodniopomorskie

GER Berlin, Brandenburg, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

EST Estonia

LV Latvia

LT Lithuania

S Dalarna/Sweden

N Oslo og Akershus

RUS St. Petersburg (?)

- State-owned structural banks/ fund entities, Innovation- and Technology Centers (Enterprise Europe Network), Business Support Agencies, Regional Authorities



JOSEFIN Work Package Leaders and Lead Partner Contact:

- WP 1: Project Management and Administration: Investitionsbank Berlin/Berlin/GER
- WP 2: Communication and Information: Investitionsbank Berlin/Berlin/GER
- WP 3: Financial Support Instruments for SMEs: Teknikdalen Foundation/Dalarna/S
- WP 4: Transnational Innovation Projects of SMEs and Individual Coaching: WARP/Wielkopolskie/PL
- WP 5: Cross-Project Cooperation: WCTT/Dolnoslaskie/PL
- WP 6: Impact Assessment, Evaluation and Policy Recommendations: Regional Cooperation Council/Dalarna/S



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