



NEWSLETTER

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Hanseatic Parliament's new members

The following new members joined the Hanseatic Parliament like decided at the Members' Meeting on 3rd of November 2009 in Berlin by a unanimous resolution:

- Handicraft Chamber of Ukraine
- Regional Economic Development Agency, Kaliningrad

Thus, there are 43 general members from 13 countries that belong to the Hanseatic Parliament association, which together represent over 400.000 small and medium-sized companies.



Photo: Member's Meeting of the Hanseatic Parliament on 03.11.2009 in Berlin

PROJECTS

Project QUICK

The kick-off-meeting of our project „QUICK“ took place in Berlin on 4.11.09. For the further procedures the following steps and appointments were made:

- ✓ The project partners inform the office of the Hanseatic Parliament until the 30.11.09 in which working groups they want to participate. Then all partners will receive a new organisational plan that will be obligatory for the whole project duration.
- ✓ In the beginning of December 2009 all project partners will receive a project agreement. A signed copy of it must be send back to our office up to 31.12.2009. Only if the agreement is

signed, costs can be accounted within the project.

- ✓ Until 31.12.2009 all partners will receive multi-lingual project documents which regulate details of the project realization. Furthermore a very short project summary will be send out to the partners, so that they can inform their members companies and third parties.
- ✓ Meetings of working groups, workshops, business fora, etc. will be carried out in the decentralized way at the location of the partners. They will be financed from the project means and can be combined with other events of the partners (e.g. conferences, exhibitions etc.). Partners who are interested in organizing such events are asked to inform the office; for the first half of 2010 the deadline is 31.12.2009.
- ✓ Until 15.01.2010 all partners will receive an overview with all dates and appointments for the first half of 2010. We cordially ask you to keep in mind and note down this dates.

Project „Doing Business International“

During our project meeting „Doing Business International“ on 3.11.09 in Berlin the results which were achieved so far, were introduced and discussed. The developed training course was successfully tested by the Chamber of Crafts Schwerin. The complete program is now available, so that the course can be offered by all partners and members of the Hanseatic Parliament as a service for their members companies. Such a first application can be supported (in a limited amount) from project means. Interested partners please contact our office: ldoeding@hanse-parlament.eu.

Accounting in our projects

a) Meeting in Berlin

If not happened yet, please send us your invoices for the journey and hotel during our conference in Berlin. However the expenditures will be only reimbursed if the time sheet will be send at the same time. Please use the „general“ time sheet (not the specific QUICK time sheet). Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

b) Projects „Dual Vocational Training“ and „Doing International Business“

Some partners of the both project have not send any invoices although the projects are running for fast 15 months now. Please check this and send us all invoices including the time sheets as soon



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an possible. All accounting documents for the period 01.10.2008 until 31.12.2009 must be send at the latest untill 15.01.2010. After the 31.01.2010 the reimbursement of the costs will not be possible.

Project idea BRITE

The Society for Technology Support (Gesellschaft für Technologieförderung) Itzehoe (northern Germany) has informed us, that they want to apply for co financing of the BRITE project in the BSR programme in spring 2010. The aim of the project is to support innovations in SMEs. The project BRITE looks for cooperation with our QUICK project. All QUICK project partners have received information and request directly from the lead partner of the BRITE project. At the moment you do not have to take care of it directly. We have already contact the society and will discuss the details on a possible cooperation in the next weeks. We will then inform you about the results. If single organizations/institutions should participate in the BRITE-project, we will contact you directly.

BALTIC SEA ACADEMY

Baltic Sea Academy

The Baltic Sea Academy will be founded by universities and academies which are partners in our projects „Dual Vocational Training“ and „QUICK“. These partners have already received the draft version of the statute. Changes and suggestions should be send to the Hanseatic Parliament office until 31.12.2009. The inaugural meeting will take place in February 2010 in Hamburg. All participating universities and academies will receive an official invitation and further documents until the end of December 2009. The inaugural meeting in Hamburg in February 2010 will be combined with a working meeting of the work group 3 „Networking“ within our QUICK-Project. The invitations to participate in this group will be send in time.

HANSEATIC CONFERENCES

Traditionally our Hanseatic Conferences always take place in Hamburg. For the next three years we have already planned the following, preliminary dates and topics:

- October 2010 „Educational policy (general and vocational) in the Baltic Sea Region“
- April 2011 „Energy policy and climate protection“

- April 2012 "Innovations and regional policy"

You will receive more detailed information on this later in time. However, for 2010 we already ask you to inform us about your wishes and suggestions concerning the main fields as regards content, speakers and participants.

INTERESTING CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

New Cross Border Programmes

Numerous new cross border programmes have been started, especially interesting for the regions of Kaliningrad and St. Petersburg and their adjacent countries. See http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/enpi-cross-border/programmes/index_en.htm for an overview.

Cross border cooperation Poland - Ukraine - Belarus

The Joint Technical Secretariat of the Cross-border Co-operation Programme Poland - Belarus - Ukraine 2007 - 2013 have announced the first Call for Proposals. The priorities are: Increasing competitiveness of the border area, Improving the quality of life and Networking and people-to-people cooperation. The deadline for submission of applications is 1st of March 2010. More information on the programme website: www.pl-by-ua.eu

Cross border cooperation South Baltic

South Baltic Cross-border Co-operation Programme 2007-2013 is launching the Additional (4th) Call for Proposals for projects to be co-financed from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). The cooperation areas are in Poland, Sweden, Germany, Denmark and Lithuania.

The call is applicable for all Priority Axes of the Programme with special attention to measures where the number of projects is not sufficient for the Programme targets and allocated funds: Integration of high education and labour market, Transport accessibility, Management of the Baltic Sea environment. The deadline for submission of applications is 11 January 2010. More information on the programme website: www.southbaltic.eu

Cross border cooperation Latvia-Lithuania

3rd Call for Proposals of the Latvia-Lithuania Programme will be launched from 9 December 2009 with the deadline of 12 February 2010. The priorities are: Facilitating Business, Labour Market and Research and Technology Development,



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Improvement of Internal and External Accessibility of the Border Region, Enhancing Joint Management of Public Services and Natural Resources, Development of Active and Sustainable Communities (small project facility). More information on the program website: www.latlit.eu



We wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and all the best for the New Year. Thank you for the successful cooperation in 2009 and we look forward to an exiting year 2010.

The office of the Hanseatic Parliament

