



## Partners

The partnership is made of 6 partners:



### Ancitel Sardegna (Italy)

A service organization responsible for local development established by the association of Sardinian municipalities – ANCI Sardegna. Ancitel Sardegna has a long time experience in managing EU projects, it was a leader partner of the ICHNOS project as well as now in the ICHNOS Plus.

<http://www.ancitel.sardegna.it/>



### CESGA (Spain)

The Supercomputing Center of Galicia (CESGA) is the center for high-performance computing, communications and advanced services used by the Scientific Community of Galicia, the University academic system and the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC).

<http://www.cesga.es/content/view/8/4/lang,en/>



### The Vysocina Region (Czech Republic)

The Vysocina Region is one of fourteen self governmental authorities established in 2000 in the Czech Republic. The region has a many small enterprises (90 % are SMEs) and as a new EU Member is challenging the changing role of Regional Governments. The Vysocina Region is also well known for its interest in the modern ICT technologies using in regional development encouragement.

<http://www.kr-vysocina.cz/en/ict.asp?p1=1037>



### North Aegean Region (Greece)

The Regional Development Fund was founded in February 1998 at the North Aegean Region and operates as a private company. Due to its special legal form (it belongs to the public sector but it has the flexibility of a private firm) is the only authority within the services of a region that can successfully implement a European project and contribute to its developmental plans.

<http://www.northaegean.gr/isite/home/english.asp>

<http://www.ptaba.gr/web/guest/2>



### Tartu Science Park (Estonia)

Tartu Science Park (TSP) was founded in 1992 and was the first organization in Estonia to set up with clearly stated intention of supporting innovation.

The TSP technology incubator offers a variety of services to start-up companies from fully developed infrastructure and office services to business and management consultancy. There are 15 incubation companies on TSP premises, working in the national key fields of material technology, biotechnology and ICT. The incubator faced a vast expansion in 2006 when an additional 3000 m2 of workspace was renovated, constructed and dedicated to incubation services.

<http://www.sciencepark.ee>



### The Ruda Slaska Business Incubator (Poland)

The Ruda Slaska Business Incubator is a partnership in which the City of Ruda Slaska holds a 100% share. The headquarters of the Ruda Slaska Business Incubator (RSBI) are situated on the premises of the Upper Silesian Technological Incubator.

The aim is to create favourable conditions for the establishment and development of innovative businesses, by guaranteeing support in terms of infrastructure, marketing, personnel and finance, as well as additional services.

<http://www.inkubatorrudzki.pl/en/9/1203682584/1203683076/2>

## The activities

The activities are divided in 3 components:

### Component 1 - Management and coordination

Responsible partner – Ancitel Sardegna

The main objectives of this component are:

- to ensure an effective management of the project both on the operational and financial side, in accordance with the Interreg IVC Operational Programme and the ERDF Regulation;
- to coordinate the activities carried out by all partners within the project, according to a participatory and well-balanced decision-making process;
- to enhance a real interregional cooperative work in order to transfer effectively the project outputs and best practices to the participating regions and to promote a further collaboration of the partners beyond the project lifespan;
- to carry out an adequate monitoring and evaluation of the project across its whole duration.

The tasks to be performed within this component will be accomplished with the active contribution of all partners under the coordination and the responsibility of the Lead Partner.

### Component 2 - Communication and dissemination

Responsible partner – Vysocina Region

This component is based on a balanced mixture of interrelated activities aimed at maximising the impact and diffusion of the project results.

The main activities that will be carried out are:

- Organization of international conferences
- Implementation of a web site
- Creation of brochures
- Publishing of specialized articles
- Diffusion of focused newsletters
- Media campaign
- Printing and diffusion of the materials developed under the Component 3
- Participation in national / international events

### Component 3 - Exchange and experiences dedicated to the transfer of good practices into EU Structural Funds mainstream programmes

Responsible partner – CESGA

The main aim of this component is to engage all partners in a peer-to-peer exchange and mutual learning process for an effective and feasible transfer and implementation of the RCC model and interrelated practices.

This process consists of 3 main phases:

- Awareness rising about the RCC model and background - the main aim is to prepare the ground for the effective transfer through a regional context analysis. Such analysis will extend and complete, with reference to the new partner regions, a previous survey conducted under ICHNOS. In the 3 former partner regions the analysis will be merely updated, in order to obtain a comparative picture having the same baseline. The RCC model will be fine-tuned and upgraded for its implementation, with reference to new technological solutions and legislative requirements arisen over the last months. At the end of this stage a joint seminar will be held to provide partners with information and materials on the RCC solutions, methodologies and tools.
- Exchange and learning - the effective exchange of experience will be achieved by a combination of on-site visits, seminars and regional meetings. Along this phase, the more experienced partners will play a role of mentors, coaching and encouraging their partner colleagues to become confident with the new practices. On-site visits will involve in turn all partners and will be aimed at building capacity, raising awareness and understanding the methodologies and techniques put into practice (i.e. how RCC and OSS play a role in simplifying the administrative procedures; which tools and competences are required by RCC practitioners and the resources devoted).
- Implementation of the transfer - lessons learnt during in site visits, staff exchanges and seminars would be used to prepare the feasibility study for the implementation of the RCC model. This document and the feedbacks raising from its discussion will be the baseline for the Action Plans which will be finally drafted after a consultation with the deep delegations and key stakeholders.

### The main expected results and outputs are:

- 6 Action Plans (1 per region) describing how the RCC model and the other good practices will be implemented under the Regional OP;
- Regional policies influenced in terms of simplification of administrative procedures for start-ups;
- Regional key actors mentored in the way the RCC model works;
- Staff practitioners increased competences about the services delivered by the OSS and RCC



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## Project description

**The title of the project:** ICHNOS PLUS

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## Objectives

The project ICHNOS PLUS aims to build on the achievements of the Interreg III C project entitled "ICHNOS: Innovation and CHange – Network of One-Stop Shops", concluded in April 2007, that produced a model of Regional Centre of Competence (RCC) for One-Stop Shops for business (OSS).

A Regional Centre of Competence (RCC) for One-Stop Shops (OSS) is defined as a organization (public or private) aimed at developing specific actions to support the operation of OSS in a region, contributing to the economic growth of the region by facilitating business start-ups and providing a better support to entrepreneurs.

As a capitalization project, ICHNOS PLUS focuses on the transfer and deployment of the RCC model and its mainstreaming into the regional policies through the ERDF Operational Programme. The RCC model has been conceived as a structure to co-ordinate OSS acting as single points of contact for enterprises. Although the establishment of OSS is foreseen by the EU legislation and was expected in all Member States by 2007, most regions have not accomplished yet with this task.

The basic objectives of ICHNOS PLUS are both optimizing the implementation of this model in the three regions which carried out ICHNOS and promoting its effective transfer and deployment in other European regions.