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Peer Review and Mutual Learning: Tools of effective interregional collaboration – Experience of Know-Hub partners

Roundtable with project participants

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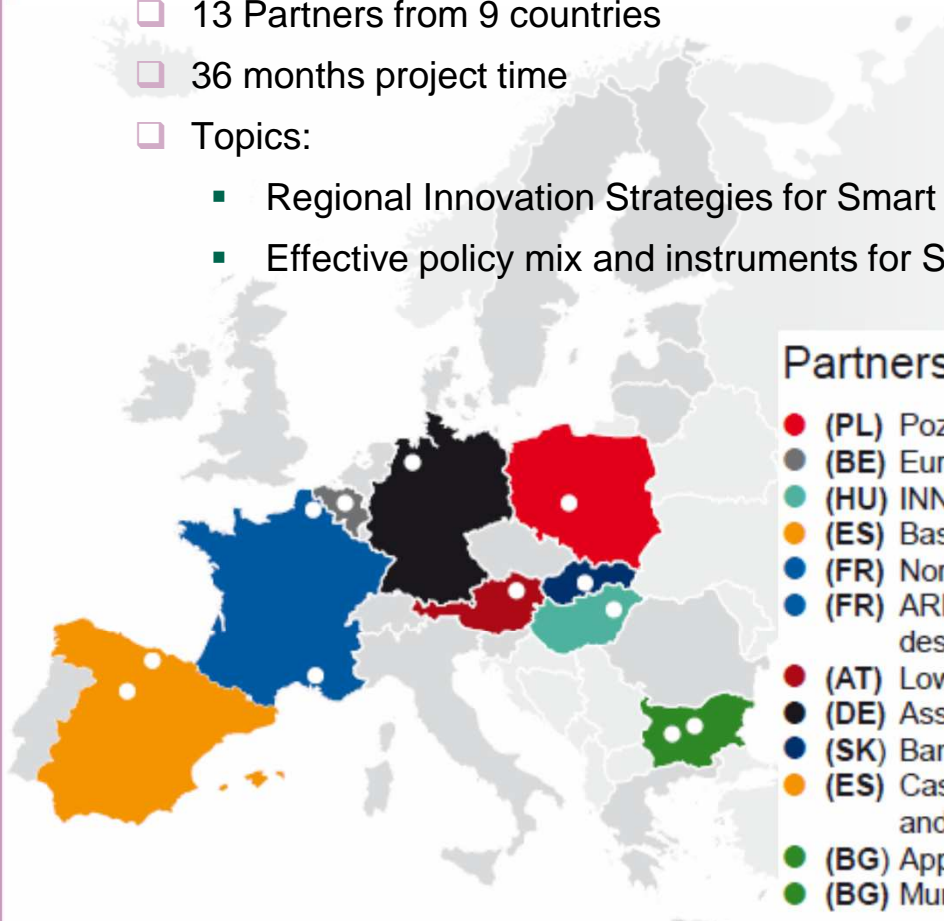
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- KNOW-HUB Project – a brief introduction
- Round table about interregional cooperation and achievements

KNOW-HUB Project – a brief introduction

- 13 Partners from 9 countries
- 36 months project time
- Topics:
 - Regional Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation
 - Effective policy mix and instruments for Smart Specialisation



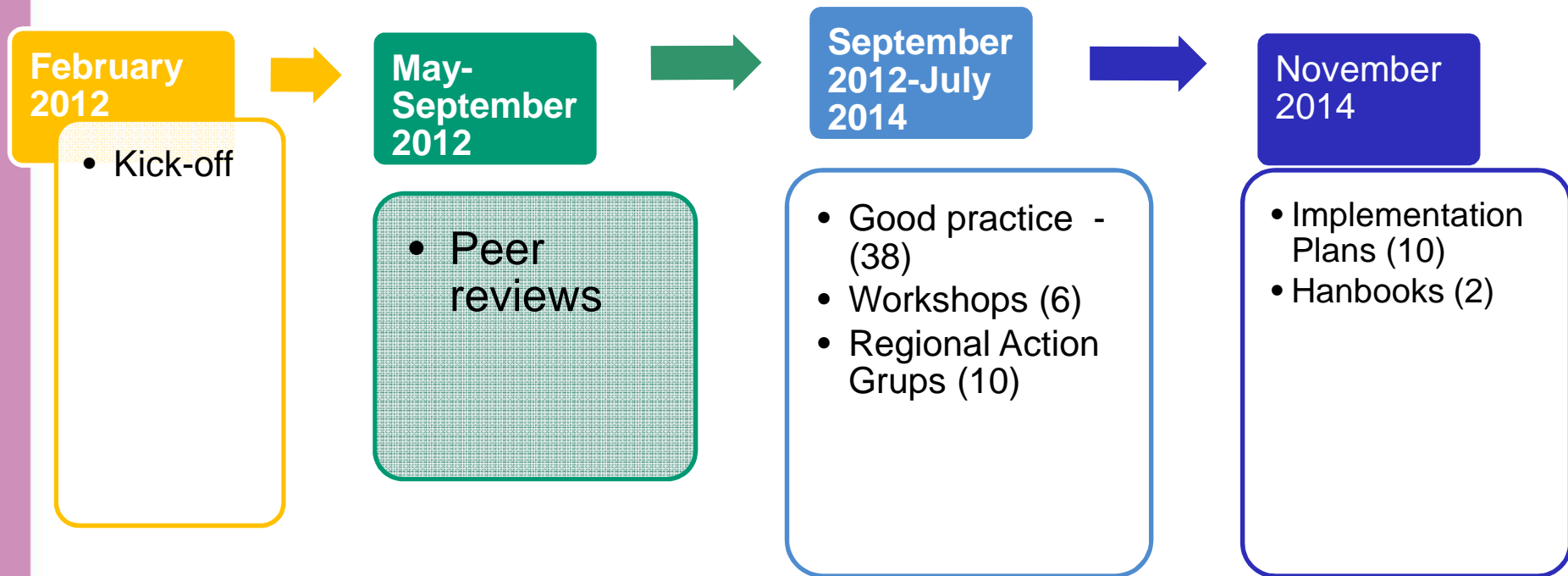
Partnership

- (PL) Poznan Science and Technology Park – Wielkopolska
- (BE) European Association of Regional Development Agencies
- (HU) INNOVA Észak-Alföld Regional Development and Innovation Agency
- (ES) Basque Government
- (FR) Nord France Innovation Développement
- (FR) ARII-PACA, Agence Regionale pour l'Innovation et l'Internationalisation des entreprises (ex Méditerranée Technologies)
- (AT) Lower Austrian Government
- (DE) Association of Counties and Cities in the Weser-Ems
- (SK) Banská Bystrica Self-Governing Region
- (ES) Castilla y León Regional Government. The Castilla y León Universities and Higher Education Foundation
- (BG) Applied Research and Communications Fund
- (BG) Municipality of Gabrovo

Participants

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Peer Reviews (1)



Peer Reviews (2)

SWOT for Gabrovo

Strengths

- Open minded administration
- Relatively strong region
- High interest and clear commitment of public and private stakeholders
- Resources to manage a RIS process available

Weaknesses

- Limited trust of companies
- Weak operational power on district / regional level
- Limited experience in interregional strategy development
- limited data base for strategic planning

Opportunities

- EU requirements, e.g.:
 - + ex ante conditionalities / RIS 3
 - + partnership agreement
 - + action plans / integrated territorial inv.
- full access to European expertise
- internationally successful companies

Threats

- extremely tight time schedule
- centralised planning culture
- loss of companies commitment, if
 - + no immediate agreement on district / regional level
 - + no "quick wins" visible / to expect

Peer Reviews (3)

Wielkopolska – measures stemming from the Peer Review

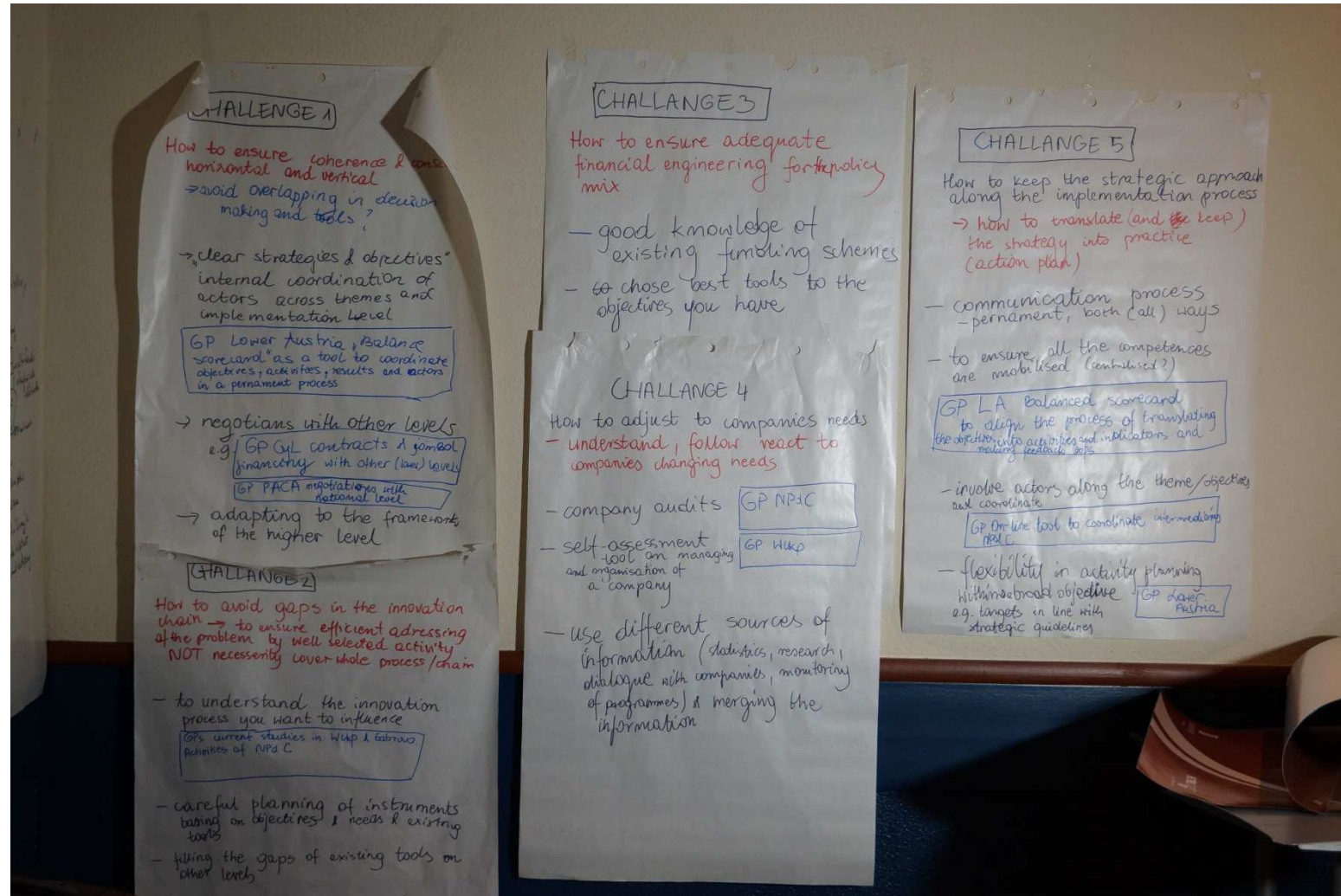
- *Improvement of the knowledge of Wielkopolska companies' innovation needs*
- *Improvement of coordination of regional intermediaries*
- *Establishing a sound monitoring system of regional innovation policy*

Mutual Learning and Study Visits (1)

Debrecen Meeting



Mutual Learning and Study Visits (2)



Implementation Plan (1)

- **Peer review results**
- **Measures**
 - Current situation
 - Concept
 - Relevant good practices
 - Implementation team
 - Implementation schedule and budget
 - Expected impact
 - Open issues

Implementation Plan (2)

- **Achievements in Észak-Alföld region**
- **Smart Specilization Strategy S3 Hungary**
- **Health Industry Strategy**
- **Contribution to Kaleidoszkóp system**
- **Rethinking indicator list of RIS3**
- **Harmonization with other strategies**

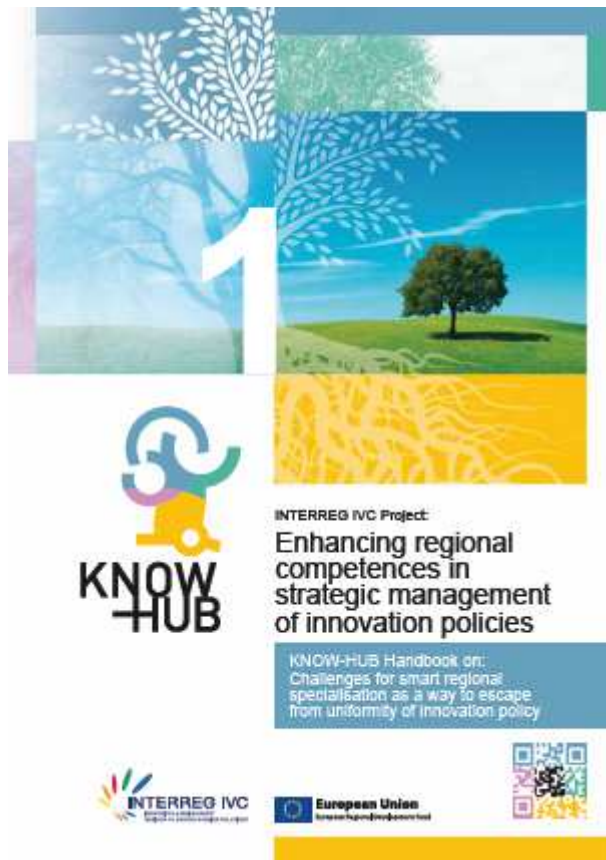
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- **Achievements in Weser-Ems region**
- RIS3 Weser-Ems
 - Presented to Ministry of Economics of Lower Saxony in March 2013
 - Establishing operational structures (Strategy Councils, Knowledge Hubs)
 - Defining three fields of competence for smart specialisation
 - Full acceptance within RIS3 of Lower Saxony
- RIS3 Business Plan Weser-Ems
 - Approved by Ministry of Economics of Lower Saxony in December 2013
 - Work program for Implementation of RIS3 Weser-Ems
- Regional Action Plan
 - Presented in November 2014
 - Based on regional fields of competence and defined pilot projects
 - Basic regional document for implementation of ESI-Funds in Lower Saxony

Benefits of interregional collaboration



Value added of RIS3 Experts



Co-ordinator perspective

