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The project "Competitiveness enhancement through human synergy in the border region", at a new implementation stage

Business Consulting Institute is implementing a cross-border project aiming to improve economic competitiveness and to create business opportunities in the cross-border area Romania-Ukraine-Republic of Moldova.

The partners of the "Competitiveness enhancement through human synergy in the border region" project are the Regional Entrepreneurs Association North-East Romania, the Association for the Economic Development of Kolomyya Region (Ukraine) and the Dialogue for Development Association lasi (Romania).

On April 25, 2014, there was organized a workshop in Chisinau to discuss project implementation aspects and the approach for the further activities. Within the following period there will be organized three training sessions in Romania and Moldova for young entrepreneurs, SMEs and business support organizations.

The project experts will elaborate a joint strategy to attract investments in the region based on competitiveness, innovation and cooperation and an investor's guide for the business environment in the cross-border area.

The elaborated publications shall be disseminated at the two business forums organized by the partners within the project, which will take place in Romania (lasi) and in Moldova (Chisinau).

Within this initiative, the project partners will develop and sign a cooperation agreement aiming to create the institutional framework to support and attract investors. As well, there will be created a website to provide information to potential investors.

Project activities will be carried out until October 2014.

The total budget is 172 015 Euro or 3 078 897 MDL.

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