

TBIF was invited for the meeting of “core group” Youth focused business incubation held in Romania sponsored by InfoDev, World Bank from 13th-14th July’09

The meeting of the regional coordinators that are acting as part of the project “Youth and Incubation – a chance for a better future”, the Working Group Youth focused business incubation that was supported by infoDev, was organized in Romania.



The meeting was organized from 12 to 15 July 2009. It was aimed to analyze the stage of project implementation “Youth and Incubation – a chance for a better future” to analyze the regional research carried out by the WG youth, to plan the participation to the 3rd Global Forum of BICs October 2009.

The meeting was attended by regional representatives from:

- Africa: Rajeev Aggarwal (Rwanda)
- Central Asia: zamira Akbagysheva (Kyrgyz Republic)
- Central Europe : Radu Ticiu (Romania)
- Latin America & Caribbean : Sandra Ramirez (Colombia)
- MENA : Asmar Amjad (Palestine)

The meeting was also attended by the regional facilitator: Stefan Holger Schandera (infoDev /Germany).

The first working day was started by Mr.Nicolae Dascalescu, president in charge of CDIMM (The Development Centre for Small and Medium Sized Entreprenees) Maramures Foundation. The first day was focused on challenges, oportunites, problems in front of the young entrepreneurs, the support that is

coming from business incubators. The participants presented particularities of the world, differences, solutions oriented to youth.

In the after noon the WG delegation visited the Technological Supporting centre TechnoCAD Baia Mare. Mr. Nicolae Dascales hosted the visit and presented his team of young experts that are working in high tech industrial designing services: mechanical design, GIS services, multimedia production and training in industrial designing

The meeting was focused on the “knowledge generation” and dissemination. The WG (Working Group) members agreed the actions aimed to put in place a continuous production of materials, papers, reports, news that will “feed” the “think tank” of the group.

The second day was focused on preparing the WG youth participation to the 3rd Global Forum of Business Incubators. The WG youth draw the lines for organizing a parallel session designed to Youth and Incubation:

- Strategically approach
- Inputs from the region
- Proposed materials from coordinators, leaders and facilitators
- Action plan for the next 3 month.



The main outcomes of the Working Group meeting were:

- The WG core group is now a “real team” strong connected to the Youth and Incubation topics.
- The research report on the youth and entrepreneurship received the final inputs
- The project agenda was up dated
- The core group member’s activity is increased
- The strategy and the action plan aimed to attract the WG members to be more active is in place
- The knowledge generation plan and the dissemination plan are in place
- The action plan for the organizing the participation to the 3rd Global Forum of business Incubators is in place.
- The actions aimed to introduce innovative actions for young entrepreneurs were established.
- The priorities for the new strategy 2010 – 2011 were designed

The meeting was closed with an open air dinner.