

INOLINK

CONNECTING THE TERRITORY THROUGH THE INNOVATION NETWORK



▶ Description of the Project

The INOLINK project has been approved in the framework of the INTERREG IVC Programme. The project focuses on regional policies and practices for the diffusion of innovation. It tackles the issue of innovation activities being usually concentrated on a limited number of innovative firms, typically concentrated in some geographical areas, while most of the European firms, generally SMEs, never undertake innovation.

The INOLINK project will pay attention on the exchange and identification of good practices on the regional diffusion of technology, and on the dissemination of the generated knowledge throughout the EU and among the regional stakeholders in the partner regions.

The project expects to results on the transfer of good practices between the participation regions, and on the improvement of skills and competences of staff in charge of the definition and implementation of innovation policies in all participating regions. INOLINK also expects to contribute to the generation of common EU knowledge on innovation policy through interregional cooperation.



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▶ Objectives

INOLINK's overall objective is increasing the reach of regional innovation policies, through a better connection within the regional innovation systems, especially of those located in the most peripheral and backward areas. This would contribute to increasing the number of regional actors involved in innovation activities and to a more balanced economic and technological development throughout the EU territory.

To achieve this objective, **the INOLINK project proposes the exchange of experiences in the setting up and functioning of public structures and networks**, which support innovation and the participation in R&D cooperation and knowledge transfer of actors in peripheral areas and less innovative sectors, within the regional innovation system.

▶ Specific Objectives

- Exchange of experiences** in the setting up and functioning of public structures and networks that promote R&D cooperation and knowledge transfer within the regional innovation system with agents located in peripheral areas or working in traditional sectors.
- Analysing** the key factors for technology transfer and territorial diffusion of innovation.
- Collectives** search for solutions that improve regional innovation networks.
- Awareness raising** among stakeholders in the participating regions on the need to improve the connection between scientific, technological and productive actors within the region.
- Dissemination** to all EU regions of knowledge on the territorial diffusion of innovation through regional public initiatives and policies.
- Contributing** to interregional cooperation in the EU and to the generation of common knowledge on regional innovation policies.

▶ Partners

Eleven partners from nine EU Member States take part into the INOLINK project. Those partners are the following:

Partners	Country
▶ The Andalusian Technology Network / RETA	Spain
▶ Etruria Innovazione, S.C.p.A	Italy
▶ Maribor Development Agency	Slovenia
▶ NanoBioNet e.V.	Germany
▶ Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Essonne / CCI Essonne	France
▶ University of the Algarve	Portugal
▶ Foundation for the Development of Science and Technology in Extremadura / FUNDECYT	Spain
▶ North-East regional Development Agency	Romania
▶ Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovation / Varna	Bulgaria
▶ Coventry Univerisy Enterprises Limited / CUE Ltd)	United Kindom
▶ Abruzzo Regione	Italy