

DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NOVO MESTO LTD.

Development of entrepreneurship in South-east region was the main aim for the establishment of Development centre Novo mesto. Our activities are directed towards development and support of micro, small and medium enterprises and entrepreneurs. Our vision in the field of SME's support is to become regional centre, where entrepreneur would get all needed information and services for the start of his independent economic operations and where already established companies would receive services they need to expand their business more effectively.

Development centre Novo mesto ltd. performs the following programs targeted to SME's:

- Guarantee fund for Dolenjska
- Micro-credit scheme for self-employed and newly established jobs
- Scholarship scheme for Dolenjska
- One stop shop where we perform the following activities
- Information for (potential) entrepreneurs
- General entrepreneurial counselling
- Registration of self-employed entrepreneurs
- Program of voucher counselling
- Preparation of business plans
- Organisation of training
- Stimulation of clustering
- Preparation of tender applications for grants (state level and structural funds)
- Information relay Europe Direct
- Development of new business support programs

In the field of regional development we perform tasks that are defined in state law on regional development and tasks that are in public interest. As regional development agency we are the crossroad of different information, project ideas, programs and initiatives and the place where development partnerships are born. We also prepare and implement regional development projects, which are co-financed by state or structural funds.

Development center Novo mesto ltd. Has prepared, implemented or cooperated in the following regional or cross-border projects:

- Regional development plan for South-east Slovenia 2002-2006
- Regional development plan for South-east Slovenia 2007-2013
- Programs for implementation of regional development plan for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 – 2009
- Program of public regional infrastructure in 2006
- Tourist zone "Across Kolpa and Gorjanci"
- Preparation of regional plan of special development for South-east Slovenia
- Preparation of small infrastructural projects near the state border
- Preparation of projects and project applications for development of business zones for ERDF
- Cross border project Podpora MSP (establishment of support environment for SME's)
- Entrepreneurship in rural areas
- Cross border project Eco-project (cleaning the banks of Kolpa river)

- Cooperation in SLOHRA ZONET
- Cooperation in SLO-HR-RA project
- Program for cross border cooperation with Croatia
- Preparation of the project Business center of South-east Slovenia, which consists of regional university, technology park, business incubator and large business zone.

The goals of Development centre novo mesto ltd. are establishment of support environment for entrepreneurs, place for connecting and establishing development partnerships and networking with external experts for creating a network of co-operators that will carry out expectations and goals set in Regional development program for South-east Slovenia.

Local action group Dolenjska in Bela krajina

- During 2007-2013, local action group obtained possibility of drawing funds in the amount of € 2,300,000.00,
- In the period 2008 - 2012, LAG prepared 6 implementation plans, which involved 50 projects,
- By the end of 2013 LAG received € 1.717,856,82 payed resources, which means 74.6% of available funds,
- We expect a 100% realization.