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Regions for Economic Change – Fast Track Networks

PIKE - Promoting Innovation and the Knowledge Economy

The aim of the project: "To improve Innovation & Knowledge Economy Policies through the exchange, sharing and transfer of eGovernment and Wireless Broadband good practices, and through the integration of these good practices into the mainstream Structural Funds programmes"

Partners:

- ERNACT (Lead partner) • Donegal County Council (IE)
- Derry City Council (UK) • Galway County Council (IE)
- EMCANTA (ES) • ALA Vasternorrland (SE)
- Bologna Municipality (IT) • Olomouc Regional Authority (CZ)
- Agency for Regional Development and Innovations (BG)
- Region of Sterea Ellada (GR)

"The Interregional Cooperation Programme INTERREG IVC, financed by the European Union's Regional Development Fund, helps Regions of Europe work together to share experience and good practice in the areas of innovation, the knowledge economy, the environment and risk prevention. EUR 302 million is available for project funding but, more than that, a wealth of knowledge and potential solutions are also on hand for regional policy-makers"

2010 Events:

4th Steering/Fast Track Committee Meeting

March 4th, 2010, EMCANTA, Parque Científico y Tecnológico de Cantabria



Mr. Sean Dunnion, IS Project Leader attended the Steering Group meeting on behalf of Donegal County Council. Participants were welcomed by Mr. Joaquín Ruíz Sisniega, Director of Local Administration on behalf of the Vice-President of Cantabria. New representatives were welcomed from the Sterea Ellada region.

Progress to date was reported centring on the completion of Action Plans and the good impression the PIKE project made at Secretariat level. This is also evident in the range of INTERREG IVC events at which Rocío was an invited

speaker. Remaining project priorities were discussed along with forecasted spend to end of project.

Regions for Economic Change Conference

Brussels, 20th May 2010

Donegal County Council was represented at this event by Clr. Rena Donaghey and Mr. Brian Boyle, Head of Information Systems and the Irish Managing Authority (BMW Regional Assembly) was represented by Mr. Kieran Moylan. A summary compendium of all the PIKE Action Plans was presented to the DG Regio Director General, Mr. Dirk Ahner. This provided a rare opportunity to showcase the Action Plans at European level.

Closing Conference

June 3rd 2010, Burgas, Bulgaria

The closing conference in Burgas facilitated the final coming together of the partnership. ARDI and ERNACT coordinated the organisation and invited INTERREG IVC and EC representatives. Attending from Donegal County Council were Mr. Brian Boyle and Mr. Sean Dunnion.



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2010 Local Perspective

Action Plan Development: Sustainable Strategies Model

Work continued in 2010 on the development of the Action Plan envisaged under the Project to transfer Good Practices into practical initiatives. Donegal had taken the decision to look at integration and optimisation of existing technologies and applications and capitalise on the learning outcomes from the EMCANTA eLOCAL Good Practice as well as the experience derived from being a transferring partner of the Donegal Online Planning Services (DOPS) Good Practice.

The Action Plan focused on the development of a Sustainable Strategies Model where ICT can be used extensively to support and enhance strategic planning processes. An initial focus is being placed upon the County Development Plan and its attending consultative and public-facing processes.

Local Workshop 3

March 5th, Donegal County Council, Lifford, Donegal, Ireland

The PIKE project identified local workshops as the primary mechanism for maintaining a working relationship between the partner and the Managing Authority over the course of the project. This third such workshop saw participation by staff from the Information Systems department and the Central Planning Unit in Donegal County Council together with Mr. Colm McColgan of ERNACT and Mr. Michael O'Brien from the BMW Regional Assembly.

Action Plan: Sustainable Strategies Model
Building upon the learning achieved through exchange of experience and exposure to Emcanta's eLOCAL Good Practice as well as revisiting Donegal's Online Planning System (DOPS), the Action Plan focuses on how to strengthen and facilitate strategic planning processes. Integration of a wide range of technologies is envisaged.

The workshop focused on presenting the Action Plan and having a discussion on its fit with the Regional Operational Programme from the perspective of the BMW Assembly. Advice was also given in respect of the planned presentation to the Authority.

Launch/Presentation to Regional Managing Authority

March 16th, 2010 Border, Midland & Western Regional Assembly, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon

A joint presentation was arranged for Donegal and Galway to present their Action Plans to the Managing Authority. The innovative aspects of the Sustainable Strategies Model Action Plan were elaborated and it was well received. The position as regards funding was explained by the Managing Authority and the partners were given advice on other possible channels to pursue.

Other Developments

Strategy Development: New Web and WebGIS strategies are under development which will guide systems, technologies and applications procurement, development and deployment in the area of eGovernment and in support of the Council's business goals.

Content Management System Selection: After an indepth evaluation process, the decision was taken to purchase the Terminal 4 CMS Solution. This will be a key component in underpinning the Council's Web Strategy. As a sizeable number of Irish Local Authorities are also deploying this product, it is intended to leverage collaborative potential.

WebGIS: The ESRI ARCGis product was chosen to deliver next generation GIS integration. The ESRI LocalViewFusion product is being evaluated for potential to deliver on the Action Plan GIS requirements.

ICT Energy Efficiency Agenda: Two projects have been initiated this year - Virtualisation and Centralised Power Management.

Webcasting: The Information Systems Department successfully delivered a "live" webcast of the Patrick McGill Summer School, Glenties in July. The webcast attracted very favourable comment and attracted significant global interest for the event.

SMS System: a system to handle incoming and outgoing SMS/text service requests was implemented under the CMC@NPP project which is funded through the Northern Periphery Programme.

