



**INTERREGIONAL WORKSHOP**

The DISTRICT  
Regional Framework  
Operation at work:  
**Innovation  
Pathways and  
Knowledge  
Economy**

**Prato**  
19th June 2007  
City Council Hall, Piazza del Comune 2

### Welcome and opening of the Workshop

**Ambrogio Brenna**, Councillor for Industry and Local Development, Tuscany Region

**Marco Romagnoli**, Mayor of Prato

### Introductory Remarks

**Massimo Bressan**, DISTRICT RFO Project Manager

09.30

## Session 1 CONNECTING CLUSTER AND BUSINESS NETWORKS TO INNOVATION, WITHIN THE GLOBAL CONTEXT

Chairperson: **Curzio Cervelli**, Interreg IIIC South Zone, Joint Technical Secretariat

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**John Otter**, DISTRICT RFO Thematic Component coordinator

### SUBPROJECTS' PRESENTATIONS

**Graham Ashmore**, Black Country Chamber – CLINIC

**Katharina Schoeps**, RKW Saxony – ETI-NET

**Paolo Prosperini**, Provincia di Pisa – FORECO

**Julie Lappin**, University of Wolverhampton – INNOTRAD

**Armando Dei**, Istituto IRIS Prato – PICTURE

11.15 Coffee break

11.30

## Session 2 SMEs INNOVATION PROJECTS, IN COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH AND TRANSFER CENTRES

Chairperson: **Olivier Baudalet**, Interreg Desk Officer, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Cornelia Kanna**, DISTRICT RFO Thematic Component coordinator

### SUBPROJECTS' PRESENTATIONS

**Rainer Gebhardt**, Sächsisches Textilforschungsinstitut – INTECHTEX

**Andy Smith**, Warwickshire County Council – RICE

**Per Backlund**, University of Skövde – SERIOUS GAMES

**Frank Treppe**, VEMAS – TECHNOLOGY MALL

13.00 Lunch

14.30

## Session 3 INNOVATION IN FINANCIAL ENGINEERING, SEED VENTURE CAPITAL, START-UPS AND SPIN-OFFS

Chairperson: **Alessandro Compagnino\***, Handicraft and Enterprises Support Policies Sector, DG Economic Development, Tuscany Region

### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**Christer Enerskog**, DISTRICT RFO Thematic Component coordinator

### SUBPROJECTS' PRESENTATIONS

**Mats Lundqvist**, CIP Professional Services – SEARCH

**Carl-Axel Rudd**, Espira Tillväxtcenter – STIM – SME

15.30 Coffee break

15.45

## Session 4 REGIONS AND INNOVATION IN THE EU 2007-2013 PROGRAMMING PERIOD

Chairperson: **Albino Caporale**, Coordinator for Industrial Policy, Innovation&Research, Handicraft, DG Economic Development, Tuscany Region

### DISCUSSANT PANEL

**Cinzia Zincone**, Ministry of Infrastructures, Italy

**Colin Wolfe\***, Interreg Head of Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

**Olivier Baudalet**, Interreg Desk Officer, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

**Jon Bloomfield**, European Team, Advantage West Midlands

**Marco Bellandi**, University of Florence

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