

## **Regional Meeting on innovation strategy for smart specialization featuring AKOMIN and presentation of laboratory equipment Smart**

On 17 February 2015 in the Palace of Culture in Pernik , Bulgaria, was organized a regional meeting in order to present the "Innovation Strategy for smart specialization" 2014-2020.

The event is part of a series of six meetings across the country - one in each of the six regions and hosted by the Regional Governor of Pernik Irena Sokolova, acting Chairman of the South West region.

A team from the Ministry of Economy presented the strategy and heard the connected proposals in four areas, namely:

- Mechatronics and clean technologies;
- Informatics, information and communication technology;
- Industry for healthy living and biotechnology;
- New technologies in creative and recreational industries;

The purpose of the meeting was the strategy to be presented to the audience and the attendants to be involved in the process of research and development.

The attendants were representatives of all interested groups - the governors and mayors of major cities in region, rectors of all major universities relevant to the topic, representatives of academia, business, commercial and non-governmental organizations and associations, as well as a wide range of business representatives - such ones leading in innovation and those with potential for development.

The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, the governors of the five areas in the region, the mayors of the municipalities in the field, academics and rectors of universities in the region, NGOs and others.

"I welcome all participants at the meeting for presentation of the strategy, hoping to raise the awareness of the impact areas set out in the document. Strategy is not a static document. The work on its implementation will continue throughout the program period, will annually be monitored, furthermore it will be evaluated by independent experts of the effectiveness of measures to achieve formulated in the Strategy twice during this period.

Today we will discuss together and identify concerns and suggestions, and expect our meeting to become the basis for future partnerships, cooperation and implementation of joint projects to contribute to the smart, sustainable and inclusive growth in the South-West region of the country. I am sure we would all like to see our region develop as a reference for other regions in the country, as enshrined in the Regional Development Plan. I wish active participation and fruitful work of today's Forum " welcomes attendees Sokolova.

At the meeting, attended by more than 100 representatives of MRC, Eli Anavi and Stefan Uzunov presented the details related to the development of Bulgaria in the implementation of innovative technologies and practices. Issues raised by the participants led to the holding of fruitful discussions.

***Prof. Dr. Dimitar Karastoyanov from the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies ,Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, presented the contribution of the Institute to the national and global development of high technologies, declaring readiness to support the Bulgarian industry and a wiliness for a partnership to business. He presented the project AComIn and the purchased high-tech equipment of the SmartLab. His presentation provoked increased interest of the audience and was rewarded with a standing ovation from the audience.***

"South-West is the most developed region in most indicators and despite significant intra inequalities is the region boasts the most modern business infrastructure, high investment attractiveness, concentration of enterprise, high access and use of information and broadband Higher educational and research institutions - innovative potential and concentration of highly educated human resources. " said the governor.

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