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EUROPEAN CITIES NETWORK FOR BUSINESS
FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Event took place at the Warsaw Centre for Entrepreneurship Smolna - newly opened business infrastructure facility, which is at disposal to the entrepreneurs running their business activity in Warsaw.

Warsaw event

Participants of meeting compared existing models of support directed to self-employment and entrepreneurship, exchanged best practices and know-how in the field of business environment, from soft measures directed to entrepreneurs to business infrastructure.

Beside interactive presentations provided by invited stakeholders cooperating with Centre for Entrepreneurship Smolna, event also included international workshops aimed to find best solutions in particular issues supporting self-employment and business start-ups.

This event gave all participants of the cities network the opportunity to share their best practices and exchange know-how in support self-employment and entrepreneurship on the European level. Representatives of the partner's cities attending the event will disseminate lessons learned in Warsaw to wider network of local stakeholders. It will be an excellent occasion to discuss with them about possibilities and effectiveness of certain measures and approaches implemented by other European cities.

In this event took part totally 59 participants from various levels of international and local stakeholders.



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More details, gallery and stakeholder's presentations available at <http://euc4biz.eu/news/9-events/27-ii-project-event-warsaw.html>



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THE FUTURE OF THE ESF: 2014-2020

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On 20 November, the European Parliament has adopted the Regulation on the European Social Fund as well as the Common Provision Regulation for all European Structural and Investment Funds.

The Regulation on Common provisions on the ERDF, the ESF, the Cohesion Fund, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund as well as the European Social Fund Regulation as voted by the European Parliament will be transmitted to the Council for formal adoption.

From 2014, the role of the ESF will be reinforced:

- A critical mass of human capital investment will be ensured through a **minimum guaranteed share** of the ESF within the cohesion policy funding in each Member State. Together with the 3 billion € special allocation for the Youth Employment Initiative, this means that more than 74 billion € will be invested in Europe's people over the next 7 years;
- Allocating **at least 20% of the Fund to social inclusion** will mean that people in difficulties and those from disadvantaged groups will get more support to have the same opportunities as others to integrate into society;

A greater emphasis is placed on **combating youth unemployment**. The Youth Employment Initiative will help young people not in employment, education or training in regions experiencing youth unemployment rates above 25%. At least €6 billion will come in support of Member States' efforts to put their Youth guarantee implementation plans in practice.

Which objectives for the ESF in 2014-2020?

Getting people into jobs: the ESF will support organisations around the EU to put in place projects aimed at training people and helping them get work. Initiatives supporting entrepreneurs with start-up funding and companies who need to

cope with restructuring or a lack of qualified workers will also be funded. **Helping young people enter the labour market** will be a top priority for the ESF in all EU countries.

Social inclusion: employment is the most effective way of giving people independence, financial security and a sense of belonging. The ESF will continue to finance many thousands of projects that help people in difficulty and those from disadvantaged groups to get skills and jobs and have the same opportunities as others do.

Better education: Across the EU the ESF is financing initiatives to improve education and training and ensure young people complete their education and get the skills that make them more competitive on the job market. Reducing school drop-out is a priority here, along with improving vocational and tertiary education opportunities.

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