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Project name: BUILDING CROSS-BORDER COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH PARTNERHIP AND NETWORKING

Project partners:
▪ **Lead partner:** Foundation “European Software Institute – Centre Eastern Europe”, Bulgaria
▪ **Project partner 2:** Regional Trade Chamber Nis, Serbia

Budget: 120 101,16 Euro
Project duration: 12 months

Project description:

The overall objective of the project was to establish sustainable knowledge and research network in the Bulgarian-Serbian cross-border region in benefit and support to ICT business and ICT intensive companies. The project has achieved the following results:

- Performed an analysis of needs and expectations of ICT sector. Information about the capacity and training needs of ICT sector in the cross-border region was collected from 30 companies and organizations from the region;
- The analysis of the needs of the ICT sector in cross-border region was distributed among more than 50 ICT companies and organizations from the cross-border region through various channels (presentations during regional events, partners' web sites, regional TV stations, newspapers etc.). Two one-day workshops on "Raising of ICT competitiveness through Software Process Improvement (SPI) and Project Management methodologies" were successfully organized and conducted;
- The project partners successfully conducted a one day "Software Process Improvement - Roadmap to Maturity" training, which was held on the 19th of April 2012 in Nis, Serbia. On the 9th of May 2012 the project partners successfully delivered a one day training "IT Mark Overview/CMMI for Senior Managers" in Nis, Serbia. Two more conferences were organized in Pravets, Bulgaria and Nis, Serbia. Each event was attended by more than 50 organizations who were who were introduced to the latest trends in the ICT field.
- A joint business directory was created and is available at the following address: <http://it4rsbg.org>

The project was successfully completed in October 2012.



Photos from project events



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Welcome to the Cross-border network in ICT website a source of successful practices and Information Technology (IT) solutions for your business.

The goal of the website is to enable the transfer of know-how, ensure the sustainability of project results and the establishment of sustainable partnerships, and facilitate the exchange of information and data about the present IT organizations and SMEs in the cross border region. The website includes opportunities for scientific exchange, trainings and consultancy, educational facilities for IT and engineering education.

The website is elaborated as part of the "Building cross-border competitiveness through partnership and networking" project co-financed by the EU through Bulgaria – Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme.

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Screenshot of the project web site



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