





RDF/RWM Progress of REBORN Action Plan

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Policy Improvement - Object of RAP



The Action Plan aims to impact: Change in the management of the policy instrument (improved governance)

ROP Axis 3: *Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs –* Investment Priority 3A

SPECIFIC ACTIONS: Supporting regional SMEs for developing actions and mostly SMEs that facing financial problems because of the remaining financial crisis

Policy Improvement - Object of RAP



RDF proposed through the RAP a change in the policy instrument to include supporting actions for entrepreneurs in distress (that originally were not included in the ROP 2014-2020)





RAP Progress

The new Supporting Structure focusing also on 2nd chance entrepreneurship is operating in RWM premises.

The Structure has already (during 2019 and early 2020):

- •Mapped SMEs in crisis,
- •Implemented the EWE initiative in RWM,
- •Capitalized the outcomes of EWE and integrated them to a call for funding by the Managing Authority of ROP 2014-2020,
 - •Provided personalized information on funding to 2nd chance SMEs

Regional Action Plan





Players involved:

RDF OF RWM (Implementation of the Action Plan)

Managing Authority of RWM ROP 2014 – 2020 (funding and monitoring during P2)

Scientific and Commerce Chambers of RWM (monitoring during P2)

IME GESEVEE (supporting the parallel initiative of EWE in RWM)

Timeframe: 01/2019 – 12/2021

Cost: 20.000 €/year

Funding: RWM ROP 2014 - 2020 60.000 €





RAP Next Steps

To:

- •Provide support to SMEs (including those in distress) for development projects during the post lignite era (RWM is a Region in Just Transition status),
 - •Provide information on clusters and networks under a direct Collaboration with the MA of RWM ROP 2014 2020

Covid-19 effects so far to ...



SMEs already in distress due to the remaining financial crisis are facing even more problems because of the pandemic and additional tools for their support are needed, mostly in national level.

The Region of Western Macedonia is trying to give any additional support to regional SMEs, to overcome their problems the next months.

RAP Expected Progress until the end of 2020



RDF hired staff is working for the Supporting Structure tasks

and also

New calls from the Managing Authority are expected to fund regional SMEs with reports and studies prepared by the Supporting Structure



RAP ex-post evaluation

The partner's regional stakeholders group and the officers of RDF working for the RAP considered it as a successful one, that fulfills the targets set as indicators.

The Supporting Structure will continue working at least by the end of 2023.







