



SPEED UP

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competitiveness



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THE PROJECT

SPEED UP is a project developed in the framework of **Interreg Europe, Priority axis 2: 'Competitiveness of SMEs'**, devoted to support the creation, development and growth of small and medium size enterprises. Aim of this press kit is to provide useful information and links about the project.

INTERREG EUROPE PROGRAMME

The **Interreg Europe programme**, financed by the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**, is designed to support policy-learning among the relevant policy organisations with a view to improving the **performance** of **regional development policies** and programmes. It allows regional and local public authorities and other players of regional relevance across Europe to exchange practices and ideas on the way public policies work, and thereby find solutions to improve their strategies for their own citizens.

WHAT CAN SPEEDUP DO FOR CITIES?

The main objective of **SPEED UP** is to improve the implementation of regional policy instruments of **Structural Funds** programmes dedicated to support of **entrepreneurship**, in particular those concerning **business incubation**. To achieve so, the project will support a collective learning process and capacity building between partner organizations and their relevant stakeholders to provide support to business **creation, development** and **growth**. The project will help partners locally to **develop** innovation ecosystems, improve their **policies** showcasing and transferring successful **investments** made by cities as well as design a policy common framework at regional level that can help cities and stakeholders to better access the **Structural Funds** to support entrepreneurship as part of local integrated development.

GOALS



Improve services provided by business incubators and ensure their financial sustainability

Deepen the cooperation among public authorities, business sector, universities and R&D institutions

Enable support to specific target groups, like young people, migrants or female entrepreneurs

Develop performance monitoring systems of incubators on hosted startups.

ACTIONS



Exchange of experiences on the ways partners support their business incubators

Benchmarking of experiences against those of their peers

Learning about what works and what doesn't in different contexts

Developing action plans to put into action lessons learned from the cooperation

PARTNERS

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Lisbon City Council



Economic promotion
for East Brandenburg (DE)



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