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| **PROJECT FICHE** |
| **Programme priority** | Priority axis 1Investment priority 1b) of Territorial Cohesion Strategy |
| **Programme specific objective** | ID 1.1. Actions to improve sustainable linkages among actors of the innovation systems for strengthening regional innovation capacities in Central Europe  |
| **Project acronym** | PPI2Innovate  |
| **Project title** | Capacity building to boost usage of PPI ( Public procurement of Innovative solutions and products) in Central Europe |

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| **Project summary – short overview**  | Central Europe suffers still from the significant disparity between the regions in the matter of the innovation capacities and general innovativeness. One tool with proven impact on the regional innovation performance and growth is PPI – Public Procurement of Innovative solutions and products. According number of projects supported by PPI and PcP instrument of FP7/H2020 there is large gap between CE NMS and CE EU-15 and also with EU-15 generally.Limited number of CE regions effectively uses PPI, while majority of others doesn’t use this tool at all. It shows also that tools currently available didn’t help in solving this disparity. PPI2Innovate thus plan to boost usage of PPI by capitalizing existing tools and use them to build capacities inside regions which are lagging behind due to missing supporting structure and capacities. Thus general objective is to Establish sustainable Network of Competence centres for PPI in Central Europe to boost usage of PPI by Public procurers. As part of this intervention there will be also implemented 3 PPI pilots to prove the Competence Centres concept and capacities and to strength knowledge capacity inside all Centres through participation in real projects. To succeed with this mission PPI2Innovative brought together 2 “Teaching Partners”, x Intermediaries, from regions lagging behind in PPI usage, willing to operate sustainable Competence Centre in PPI and 3 Public procurers willing to learn how to implement PPI and realize 3 PPI in project framework as pilot. |

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| **Expected results** | Establish sustainable Network of Competence centres for PPI in Central Europe to boost usage of PPI by Public procurersCapitalize, further develop and customize to national frameworks available training and educational materials, good practices and experiences of “Teaching partners” relevant to PPI |
| **Partners involved** | CTRIA ( HUN), DEX IC ( CZE); ICT TN (SLO), Min of PA (SLO), UNITO (ITA), PIEMONTE REGION (ITA), BICRO (CRO), SOMOG COUNTY (HUN), MUN OF LUBLIN (POL)  |
| **Partners requested** | 1 “teaching” partner – municipality, regional development agency or innovation agency with extensive experience with PPI from GER, AUT,ITAIntermediaries (Regional development agencies, Innovation Centres, Innovation agencies, etc.) from Central Europe ( except HUN and CZE) willing to be Competence Centre for PPI in their country/region 3 procurers – municipalities, regional government, ministries willing to pilot PPI in the framework of the projectNote: dual partnership model needed – 3 procurers have to be from the 3 countries/ regions we have Intermediaries |

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| **Follow up of the project** |  |
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