



Thematic Programme Capitalisation Workshop on Eco-Innovation

Wednesday 31 October 2012
Committee of Regions, room JDE 70, 101 rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels

The objectives of the workshop are:

- to present the state of play at EU level in the thematic field, in relation to regional policy
- to present the benefits of the Capitalisation initiative and its progress
- to start an exchange process among the projects dealing with similar issues in particular through a brief presentation of each project
- to discuss interesting practices and policies available within the regions involved in these projects
- to discuss the notion of the specific topic and clarify the different possible approaches
- to identify innovative approaches that could be relevant also to other regions in Europe

The target audience is:

- Regions participating in the INTERREG IVC Projects
- EU experts in the thematic field

AGENDA

8:30 - 9:30 **Registration and coffee**

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome session**

- Welcoming by INTERREG IVC officer
- Presentation of Technopolis Group and the workshop facilitators
- Presentation of participants

10:00 – 11:15 **Introduction to the thematic workshop**

- Overview of the programme of the workshop
- Presentation of the thematic capitalisation exercise by INTERREG IVC
- Introductory presentation “Eco-innovation challenges in Europe: performance and policies” by Technopolis (10 min)
- Presentation by the EC DG Regio on promoting eco-innovation via Cohesion Policy (tbc)
- Presentation of the work carried out by Technopolis in the framework of the capitalisation exercise
 - Brief methodological overview
 - Presentation of the main findings: good practices of Lot 3 projects (issues addressed and types of policy instruments implemented - demand side promotion, supply side, interface) by Technopolis

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Working session 1: Different approaches to common issues: solutions implemented by INTERREG IVC project to promote eco-innovation**

- Presentation of experiences with good practices by projects
 - FRESH
 - RECOMMEND
 - CTIE
 - ECOREGIONS
 - PROSESC
 - ECREIN +
 - DESUR
- Group discussions on the different policy approaches to common issues identified by projects.

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch break**

13:30 – 15:15 Working session 2: The different possible approaches to eco-innovation at the regional level

- Based on the previous session the group will continue discussion and address the following questions
 - What are the different approaches to innovation among regions currently (e.g. sectoral-based vs. process-oriented)?
 - Is eco-innovation best supported through a generic approach (promoting eco-innovation/sustainability) or by specific approaches (e.g. support the introduction of electric vehicles in Southampton)?
 - Is policy support for eco-innovation different from generic innovation support? In what way? Why is that?
 - What are the lessons learned for projects?
- Drafting and presentation of the discussion findings

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Working session 3: The role of the European regions in the promotion of eco-innovation

- Group discussion based on the following questions
 - What is the optimal role for regional policy in promoting eco-innovation? What role should regions certainly not take, and therefore leave to other levels of government? (demand side/supply side/interface)
 - What policy measures are not addressed at all by regions (nor at regional, nor at national)?
 - What issues are best addressed at the regional level (as opposed to the national, European or local level)?
 - What stage of the innovation cycle are regions best suited to intervene in?
- Drafting and presentation of the discussion findings

16:30 – 17:15 Closing sessions

Wrap-up by Technopolis

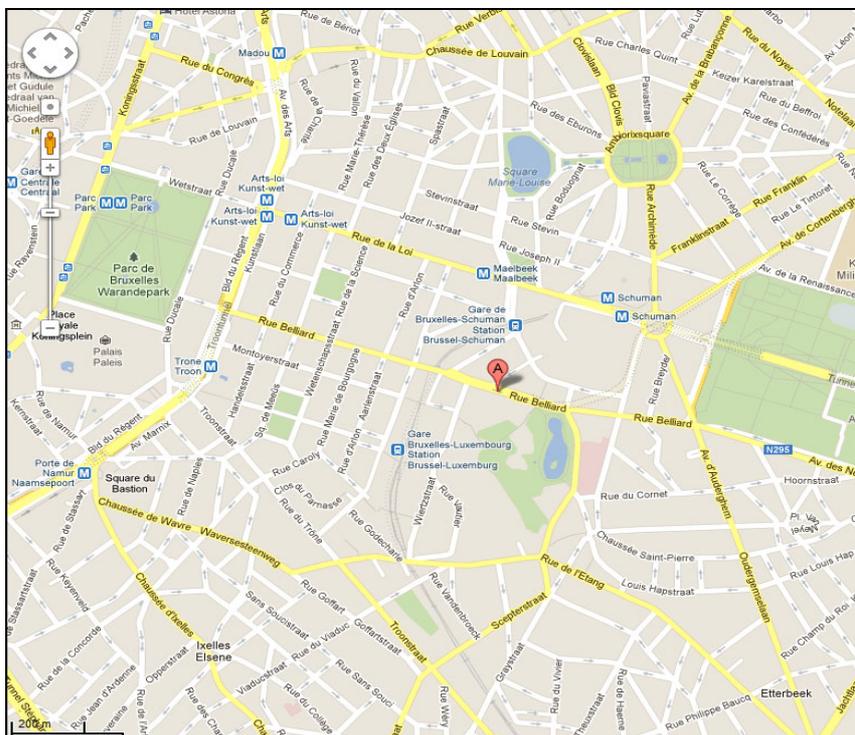
Final remarks by:

- EC representatives
- Selected stakeholders

Practical information

Venue

Committee of Regions, room JDE 70, 101 rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels: <http://goo.gl/maps/GCT5i>



Accommodation

N.B. Please note that travel and accommodation is not covered by the Programme; therefore you are kindly asked to make and pay for your own the arrangements for accommodation. However:

- I. Those officially invited by the programme who are partners in running INTERREG IVC projects can claim these expenses through their progress reports
- II. Exceptionally, those officially invited by the Programme who are partners in closed INTERREG IVC projects can be reimbursed according to the rules below within the ceiling of 500 euros per project (not per participant):

In order to be reimbursed, original train tickets and/or boarding passes and invoices (for hotels, meals...) have to be submitted to the JTS one month after the INTERREG IVC event participated in at the latest.

Transport costs: 2nd class train tickets, economy class airplane tickets; public transport has to be used for local travel.

Only in exceptional cases a taxi can be used:

- Taxi was not more expensive than public transport
- Bad weather conditions
- meeting could not have been reached on time with public transport
- more than two changes would have been necessary if public transport had been taken
- no transport available (not existing or not running at the time of the day)
- it was safer to take a taxi because of arrival after dark alone

The use of a taxi has to be justified.

Subsistence and accommodation costs:

The maximum daily subsistence ceiling comprises breakfast, two main meals (or incidental food/drinking expenses in the absence of meal).

- The following maximum amounts apply for Belgium: Hotel EUR 140 and daily subsistence ceiling EUR 92. Reimbursements will be made on actual costs paid on the basis of the original invoices within the limits indicated previously. Daily allowances/per diems will therefore not be refunded.

Exchange rates:

Payments made in another currency than the EUR must be converted into EUR in your request for reimbursement to the JTS. Please use one of the following two options to make this conversion:

- use the Commission exchange rate of the month the invoice was paid or the expense report is handed in. (see the following website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?fuseaction=home&Language=en>)
Please, hand in a copy of the exchange rate webpage.
- For payments made by credit card, you may also report the actual amount that your credit card company listed on your bank account statement and hand in a copy of this statement (any other irrelevant information may be censored).

Payment:

In order to provide the reimbursement the following information has to be provided to the JTS:

Name of the bank account holder:
Name of the bank:
Address of the bank:
Bank account number:
National bank code:
International bank account number (IBAN):
BIC/SWIFT-Code:

We hope this helps, but please do not hesitate to contact us in case you have any further questions.

NB: In case some receipts are not written in English, please indicate the nature of the relevant costs (e.g. metro/bus ticket, lunch/dinner etc.).