

Press release

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"Bucharest-Ilfov REGION Delivering Results"

Bucharest-Ilfov Regional Development Agency (BIRDA), on October 9th 2012, at OPEN DAYS 2012 Side Event aimed at exchanging good practices between local communities in implementing and managing regional development projects in order to build-up partnerships for the future programming period 2014-2020.

Their common goal was to share expertise and to identify potential interested partners to support the sustainability of the future projects, contributing in this way to further intercommunity cooperation for the development of Bucharest-Ilfov Region.

The speakers noted the importance of REGIO 2007-2013 as an useful instrument for the development of Bucharest-Ilfov Region, illustrating this through success stories from different fields of activity: Professional Services for Emergency Interventions, New Systems of Social Security & Crime Prevention, Architectural & Landscape Improvement.

The Head of Promotion Department from RDA Bucharest Ilfov, Mrs Claudia Ionescu, said that "the indicative allocation for the Bucharest Ilfov region is approximately million Euro, representing about 8.86% of the total amount granted to Romania through REGIO. A number of 807 investment projects were submitted at the RDA Bucharest Ilfov and 261 are already contracted that required 1,2 billion lei (1 Euro = aprox 4.5 lei). More than 259 million lei payments were reimbursed by the Management Authority of REGIO. So far, the rate of absorption for REGIO in Bucharest Ilfov region is about 17% and it is increasing".

Starting with the abundance of space for business offices till to recreation spaces, as Terra Park, Mrs. Liliana Deac, senior expert from RDA Bucharest Ilfov presented the investment opportunities in Bucharest Ilfov Region.

Mr. Anton Schreg, deputy chief of DG REGI (Unit for Romania) from European Commission launched a challenging question: How to convince somebody from Paris to come in Bucharest? The answers were very diverse and one of them was to improve communication, as said Simona Curpan, expert from RDA Bucharest Ilfov.

To improve the future Regional Operational Programmes we got to have a global view, said Mrs Aura Raducu, Programme Manager, DG REGI (Unit for Romania) from European Commission.

The most important priority for Romanian authorities, in order to increase the level of absorption, is to higher enough qualified labour force, said Mr. Petru Luhan, member of European Parliament (Committee on Regional Development).

Presentations and pictures from the event can be found at www.regioadrbi.ro, under Promotion - REGIO Events menu.

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