



## OSS Newsletter No 2 (2019)



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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the implementation of OSS project, we want to support the creation of an attractive, tailor-made ecosystem for start-ups. The aim of the project is to improve the growth of SMEs, entrepreneurs' skills and overcome numerous barriers.

One of the most important goals of the project is to improve the SME competitiveness policy by strengthening advisory support services for novice entrepreneurs. As a result, a complete ecosystem will be built for entrepreneurs who want to enter the market with their activities.

The second semester of the project is coming to the end. Therefore, we would like to introduce to you what happened during this semester.

Enjoy your reading! 😊

## PROJECT PARTNERSHIP

Seven partners from seven countries participate in The OSS project that aims to improve policies for the competitiveness of the SME sector by improving advisory services for new entrepreneurs.

The partnership includes:

- LP - [Møre and Romsdal County Council \(NO\)](#)
- PP2 - [WSX Enterprise, Fareham \(UK\)](#)
- PP3 - [Agency for Regional and Economic Development, Vratsa \(BG\)](#)
- PP4 - [Provincial Council of Granada \(ES\)](#)
- PP5 - [BSC - Business Support Center Ltd., Kranj \(SI\)](#)
- PP6 - [Rzeszow Regional Development Agency \(PL\)](#)
- PP7 - [Artesis Plantijn University College, Antwerp \(BE\)](#) - Advisory partner

OSS aims at improving policies for SMEs competitiveness by enhancing advisory support services for first time entrepreneurs. One Stop Shop project wants to build a complete ecosystem for an entrepreneur starting a new business.



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## PROJECT LEADER

The leading partner in the OSS project is the Møre County Council and Romsdal.

Møre og Romsdal is a region that is located on the Romsdalshalvøya peninsula and borders the districts of Trøndelag, Oppland and Sogn og Fjordane. County administration is located in Molde, while Ålesund is the largest city. The county is managed by the County Council of Møre og Romsdal, which includes the elected county council and county mayor and the national government is represented by the governor of the district.

The members of Leader's Team are:

- Malene Aaram Vike – OSS Project Manager,
- Cecilia Lillthors – OSS Financial Manager,
- May Britt Roald – Project Manager Norway.

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## THE SECOND PARTNERSHIP MEETING IN HAMPSHIRE, GREAT BRITAIN

On 16-17 January 2019, the second meeting of the OSS project partners took place. This time we gathered in Great Britain, in Hampshire District. Meetings of the first day took place at the Aldershot Enterprise Center. Aldershot Enterprise Centre was established by WSX Enterprise in Autumn 2014. The former officer's mess has been converted into affordable, serviced office space with the latest ICT technology working in the background.

The meeting was attended by representatives of 7 project partners and stakeholders from their regions. The topic of the meeting was a digital solution in the field of supporting startups. The hosts and partners have presented their good practices in this field. Among the presented regional good practices, are:

NORWAY



[Platforma Lean Business](#)



ENGLAND



[Dorset Growth Hub](#)



BULGARIA



[Vratsa Software Community](#)



SPAIN



[Granada Empresas](#)



SLOVENIA



[E-Davki](#)



POLAND



[REVAS](#)



On the second day of the Fareham Steering Committee meeting at WSX Enterprise Office Wates House, participants went on a study visit to Southampton Solent University. The university has an office for research, innovation and entrepreneurship that provides support for innovation. Working with private and public sector representatives, Solent University focuses on research areas such as marketing, SME partnerships, international economic development, entrepreneurship and innovation as well as cybercrime. [More...](#)



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## INSPIRING AFTERNOON WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM SLOVENIA

On April 18, 2019, the project partner from Slovenia organized the second meeting with stakeholders. During the meeting four important topics were discussed:

1. Report from the project meeting in Great Britain (Aldershot Enterprise Center) and presentation of good practices in the field of digitization of support services for entrepreneurs.
2. Review and identification of good practices in the field of digitization of business support services in Slovenia. Proposals, initiatives and experiences of group members.
3. Presentation of future project activities and review of works in the third semester of the project.
4. Other. [More...](#)



## THE SECOND REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS MEETING IN BULGARIA

On March 29, 2019 the second meeting of regional stakeholders took place in Sofia, Bulgaria. The subject of the meeting was focused on the second thematic workshop in Aldershot. The second issue discussed at the meeting was the meeting of current partners and thematic workshops in September 2019 in Bulgaria. The choice of good practices and the organization of study visits were discussed by stakeholders. Some stakeholders have expressed their willingness to participate in the organization of a study visit in Sofia and everyone is very interested in meeting with stakeholders from partners countries. [More...](#)



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## THE 2<sup>nd</sup> POLISH STAKEHOLDERS MEETING AND REGIONAL INFORMATIONAL EVENT

On May 23, 2019, Rzeszow Regional Development Agency organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of regional stakeholders within the OSS project - One Stop Shop towards competitive SMEs, focusing on the ecosystem for the first line service system. The Regional Meeting of stakeholders was combined with the regional information event in order to inform people about the OSS project and activities made as part of our project. The meeting was attended by 28 people from public and private institutions involved in supporting start-ups in the Podkarpackie Region, from Rzeszow Regional Development Agency, Mielec Regional Development Agency, Podkarpackie Marshal's Office, Incubator of HugeTECH start-ups, Rzeszow University of Technology, private innovative companies (eg Fibrain) and some associations. [More...](#)



## DEVELOPMENT OF A DIGITAL TOOL IN NORWAY

The advisory service in Möre og Romsdal, hoppid.no, are working on developing a digital tool for start-ups. The first line service system for the entrepreneur in the county contains 30 offices covering all municipalities. The advisory service is a formalized collaboration between different levels of governance and the municipalities. The County Authority, The County Governor, Innovation Norway and all the different municipalities work together in this partnership, hoppid.no.

On 24 – 25th of April 2019, they launched their first test version (EMP) of an digital entrepreneurial path for start-ups, with a digital training tool incorporated in to the solution. Twelve advisors from the advisory service system, hoppid.no, participated in training to start using the new tool towards the entrepreneurs in the region. The goal for the digital project is to create a service that is closer to the entrepreneur, and a service they can get regardless of where they live in the region. [More...](#)



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## THE SECOND MEETING WITH SPANISH STAKEHOLDERS

On 14 May 2019, our Spanish partner organized a regional meeting of stakeholders from Spain. The meeting was attended by 15 people from institutions such as the Granada County Council, Guardialinfo, Chamber of Commerce in Motril, University of Granada; Business Innovation Center Granada Agencia IDEA; and rural development groups: "Guadix"; "Altiplano de Granada"; "Poniente"; "Arco Noreste de la Vega de Granada". During the meeting, all aspects that were taken during the meeting in Great Britain were presented. All stakeholders attending the meeting, expressed their willingness to participate in further meetings and in the activities taken as part of our project. [More...](#)



## OSS IN THE NATIONAL CLUSTER CONFERENCE IN BULGARIA

Bulgarian partner of the OSS project, Agency for regional and economic development, Vratsa took part in the National Cluster Conference – *Innovations & Clusters to knowledge-driven economy*. The conference took part on 26-27.03.2019 in Sofia Tech Park. The conference was organized by Association of Business Clusters in Bulgaria under the patronage of the Ministry of Economy and in partnership with Bulgarian SME promotion agency and ARC Consulting at Enterprise Europe Network-Bulgaria, within the European Cluster Week. [More...](#)



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## OSS PROJECT AT THE "WOMEN IN BUSINESS" CONFERENCE, ITALY

On March 18-21, 2019 in Benevento, Italy, the second edition of the international conference "*Women in Business - Entrepreneurship and Economic Development*" took place. The Belgian partner of our project had the opportunity to present our project at this conference. Project Interreg OSS perfectly suited the context of the conference "*Women in Business*" because we have built not only the network, but the entire international ecosystem. The interest in our project was very large. [More...](#)



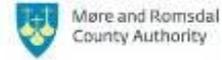
## OSS AT LEAP SUMMIT IN CROATIA

Our Slovenian partner organization from Kranj visited Leap Summit Conference, that took place on 27-30 March, 2019 in Zagreb. LEAP Summit is a multidisciplinary conference which gathers more than 3,000 participants from 40+ countries – entrepreneurs, young professionals, and leaders who are changing the world. LEAP Summit brings people from all over the world at one place to learn and network together in order to solve most pressing challenges of our time. [More...](#)



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