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Do you feel there is no proper training offer designed for ambitious entrepreneurs?

Do you think there is no sufficient cooperation between education institutions and business institutions?

Do you agree that our innovation potential should and could be raised?

Would you like to know MORE about dynamic and complex entrepreneurship?

If so, you should take a look at the new project titled
Training for Fast – Growing or simply FASTER!

Project Facts

- Co – financed by the European Union (75% of total project value) within Leonardo da Vinci Programme;
- The project Consortium consists of six institutions from different European countries: Italy (META Group & ISTUD Foundation), Cyprus (RTD Talos), Hungary (INNOSTART), Czech Republic (University of West Bohemia) and Poland (West Pomeranian Business School – Project Coordinator);
- The project started in November 2008 and will last until October 2010
- The main idea is to modify already existing Italian ISTUD Entrepreneurship Programme, and to transfer the new adapted programmes into 4 New Member States, namely Cyprus, Hungary, Czech Republic and Poland.

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Why IEP is so unique?



Firstly, it is designed for ambitious, active entrepreneurs so it includes information which you will not find in regular, widely – available trainings.

Secondly, it combines education and practice – the lectures/classes are conducted both by the theoreticians and professionals.

Last but not least, the ISTUD Entrepreneurship Programme meets REAL needs, REAL people, REAL entrepreneurship.

It was introduced in Italy three years ago and was very successful.

What is so unique about the project FASTER then?

- Project FASTER foresees delivering **new kind of training** for fast – growing entrepreneurs to four New Member States, namely Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Cyprus.
- It will modify existing IEP into 4 new trainings especially **adapted** for the particular regions, their economic environment and entrepreneurial needs.
- The trainings will be designed for **ambitious, growth – oriented entrepreneurs** so those who expect to employ **20 people or more** within the next five years. These groups have never been properly addressed when it comes to the entrepreneurial trainings and who express **strong need of innovativeness and improvement of the vocational trainings quality**.
- The trainings embed **additional management training modules** (such as general management, HR management, finance, soft skills etc.).
- The programme will **support students** in the start – up – phase, connecting them with incubations and early stage finance services (creating network).
- The new programmes will be designed to teach entrepreneurship those committed in exploiting their knowledge through the creation of a **knowledge intensive company**.
- Along with the new programmes synergy among the key actors that should be involved in **supporting fast growing companies** will be created.

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The FASTER project is based on transferring

The partners of the project are:

- The West Pomeranian Business School (Poland) – Project coordinator
- The University of West Bohemia (Czech Republic)
- The ISTUD Foundation (Italy)
- META Group (Italy)
- INNOSTART (Hungary)
- RTD Talos (Cyprus)

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Kick-off meeting



FASTER project has been launched the 4th December 2008 in Stresa. Delegates from Poland, Hungary, Cyprus and Italy met in the amazing premises of ISTUD Foundation by the Maggiore Lake, and confirmed their commitment for setting up in their countries a new pedagogical model for supporting ambitious entrepreneurs.

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