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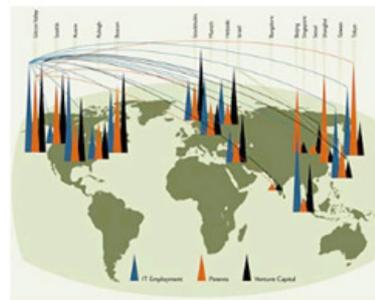
The FASTER project is supported by the Leonardo da Vinci Programme of the European Commission. Its goal is to promote the mainstreaming in Europe of good practices for entrepreneurship education, and design, starting from an existing practice, regional

training programmes for training would-be-entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs in Poland, Hungary, Czech republic and Cyprus.

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Entrepreneurs are born or made? How to boost entrepreneurship? Is the regional environment neutral in respect to such issues? These are very tricky questions, which has been analysed and discussed by both academics and policy makers in the recent years. Starting from the successful story of Silicon Valley, probably the most impressive and well-known case of entrepreneurial environment, **Prof. Miller of Stanford University**, gives some interesting insights on how the regional business context can impact on new ventures creation and which factors are crucial for the creation of the "habitat" for entrepreneurship.



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On this issue, a selection of the top 10 international social networks for entrepreneurs, interested in discussing common entrepreneurship issues and challenges, finding useful tools and learning resources, networking with other peers, searching for business partners and investors.

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The FASTER project is based on transferring knowledge from the well-developed innovation and entrepreneurship support institutions in Italy to the business support institutions in the countries which joined the EU in 2004. Therefore all the partners organizations are key players at regional/national level for entrepreneurship promotion and start up creation, having strong linkages with policymakers and innovation intermediaries.

The partners of the project are:



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