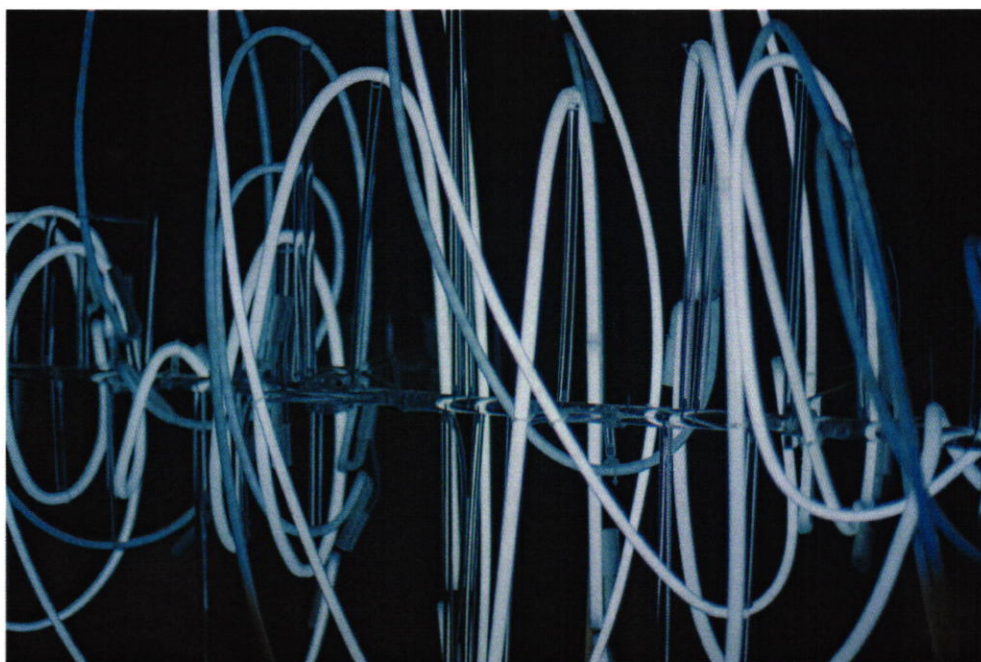


P-IRIS

Policies to improve rural areas' innovation systems by professionalising networking activities and use of innovation tools

ACTION PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF THE HEART OF SLOVENIA (SLOVENIA)



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Part I - General information

Name of the project: P-IRIS: Policies to improve rural areas' innovation systems by professionalising networking activities and use of innovation tools

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Part II - Policy context

- The Action Plan aims to impact:
- Investment for Growth and Jobs programme
 - European Territorial Cooperation programme
 - Other regional development policy instrument

Name of the policy instrument addressed:

Sub-regional Programme of the Development Partnership of the Centre of Slovenia 2014-2020

Part III - Details of the actions envisaged

ACTION 1

1. The background

Development Centre of the Heart of Slovenia at its work considers the needs of the local environment all the time. To realize this, it organizes leads and coordinates networks, like the network of communities and municipalities, the network of tourist bidders, the network of craftsmen, and the network of entrepreneurs (SMEs). During the ongoing work with above mentioned networks greater connectivity of municipalities in the territory of Heart of Slovenia was mentioned as a challenge. It was written in Sub-regional Programme of the Development Partnership of the Centre of Slovenia 2014-2020 that municipalities have to (under priority 3) form and provide an attractive and credible environment with knowledge, competences and innovations for young people, SMEs, start-ups, craftsman etc.

Thanks to P-IRIS project, we have an opportunity to learn from other regions about their specific features of rural innovation systems, which are characterised by asymmetric relations and uneven resources between public, R&D and SMEs actors, and by shortage of scientific disciplines. In particular, we detected a Good practice named Luovasti (co-working and pop-up space for freelancers, entrepreneurs and remote workers). Based on the description of the good practice prepared by a Finnish partner, we have organized a study trip to Finland for two stakeholders - a representative of municipality Litija and representative of a local initiative for a co-working space. During this interregional study trip we have learnt what were key criteria for establishing a co-working space in a rural

