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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 fifth semester of the project implementation has ended. Unfortunately, as a result of a pandemic caused by the spread of coronavirus, some of our actions had to be moved or their form needed to be changed.

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- [ArtesisPlantijn 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.



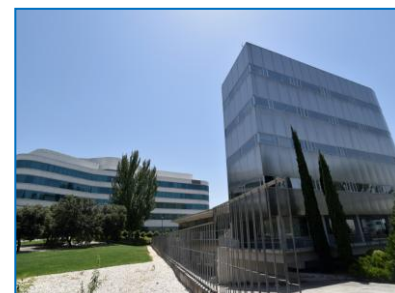
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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF GRANADA FROM SPAIN

One of the activities of the Diputación de Granada is offering free advice from a technical team that will assist any business initiative independently of the phase and the municipality of the provincial geography in which it is located.

The members of Spanish team are:

- Ana Muñoz Arquelladas: Deputy of the Employment and Sustainable Delegation of the County Council of Granada - Legal Representative in OSS Project;
- Vicente J. Muñoz Saldaña: Head of the Enterprise Creation and Consolidation Service - Project manager;
- José Oliver Berta: Head of the Financial Section - Budget and Finances;
- Josefa Guerrero González: Head of the Enterprise Promotion and New Businesses Section - She is going to work with the Work plan;
- Ignacio Fernández-Aragón Sánchez, Development Technician on European Projects;
- Trinidad Manrique de Lara Vélchez: Technician of the European Projects Office - Technical assistance.



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BUSINESS SUPPORT CENTRE FROM KRANJ, SLOVENIA

The Agency cooperates with municipalities, companies, regional chambers of crafts and entrepreneurship, non-governmental organizations, ministries, and other state bodies. They also work for the development of the Gorenjska region.

BSC Kranj operates in the development areas such as: regional, local and cross-border development projects; entrepreneurship, competitiveness, technological development, and ICT; investment promotion; human resources development; tourism development; spatial development and environmental protection; rural development; technical assistance and cooperation with partners in the EU and other countries.

The representatives that are engaged to the OSS implementation are:

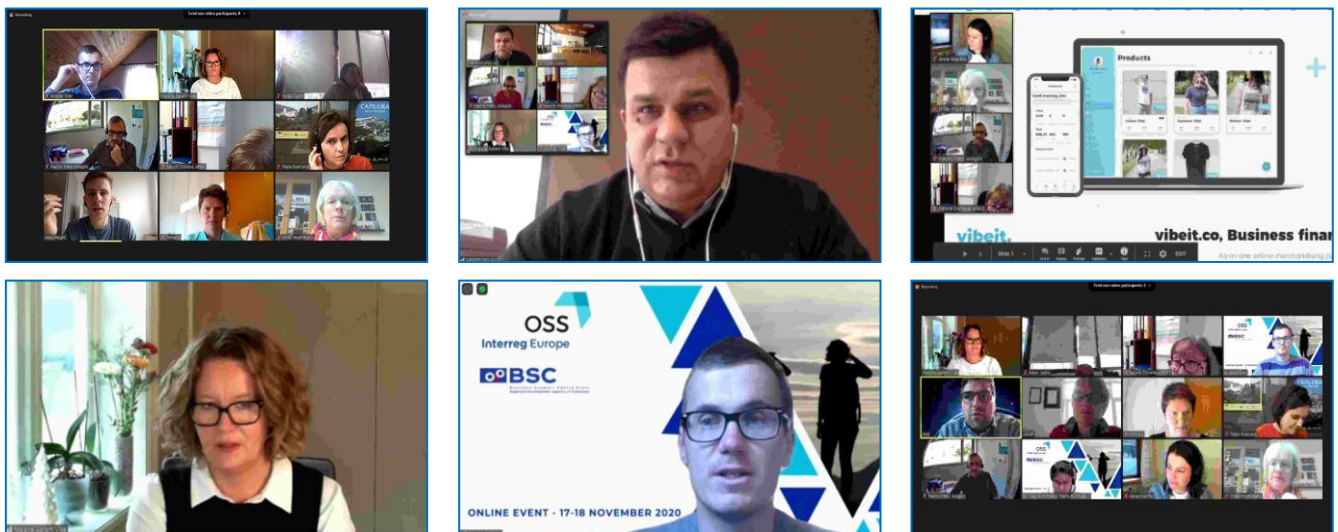
- Nives Justin (nives.justin@bsc-kranj.si) - Regional Communication Manager;
- Andraž Šiler (andraz.siler@bsc-kranj.si) - Regional Project Manager. [More...](#)



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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FINANCES

On 17 and 18 November, 2020, we run an online workshop session that was prepared by our Partner from Slovenia. During these two days, all of partners had a chance to share their Good Practices on the above mentioned subject. We also watched presentation of Slovenian startups and financialists who gave us a view on financial solutions that are used in Slovenia. [More...](#)



STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

On the 20th November 2020, we run an online Steering Committee Meeting where all of the most important issues were presented and discussed. [More...](#)



OUR PROJECT AT EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES 2020

The European Week of Regions and Cities is an annual four-day event during which cities and regions showcase their capacity to create growth and jobs, implement European Union cohesion policy, and prove the importance of the local and regional level for good European governance.

We're so proud that our Project Leader - Malene Aaram Vike - had a chance to attend this meeting as a pre-senter. During her session, she had a chance to present Norwegian digital solution for start-ups, as well as give some general information on our Project. [More...](#)



GOOD PRACTICES APPROVED!

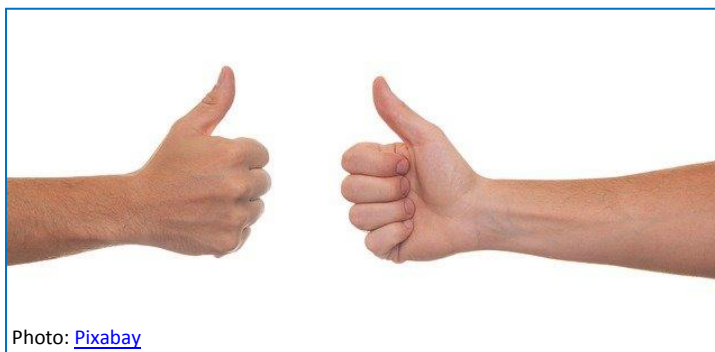


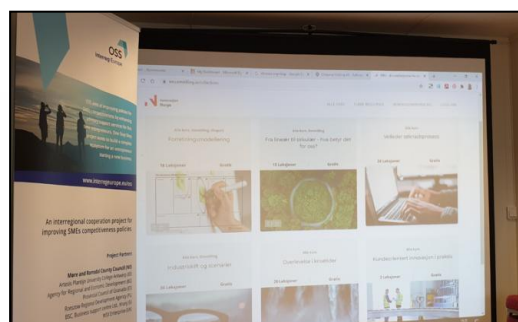
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As the project implementation is running by, also the number of Good Practices approved by Policy Expert is luckily increasing. We're very glad that three of our Partner's Good Practices have joined the "team" of these lucky ones, which are published on the Policy Learning Platform. These lucky ones are Bulgarian Vratsa Software Academy, RINKERCENTER - also from Bulgaria, as well as the CEED Program from Slovenia.

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THE MEETING OF REGIONAL STAKEHOLDERS IN NORWAY

On the 22nd of September, the Norwegian partner had their 5th stakeholder meeting, in beautiful surroundings at Rosvang Farm. The topic of the event was: The Future Strategy and development of hoppid.no and the surrounding service system for start-ups in Møre and Romsdal. [More...](#)



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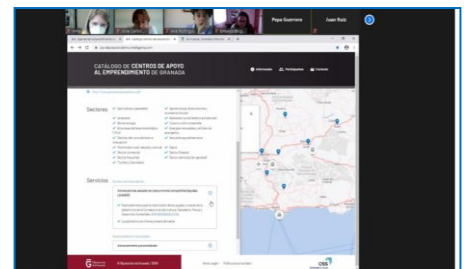
POLISH STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

On the 2nd of November 2020, Polish Partner - Rzeszowska Agencja Rozwoju Regionalnego S.A. had run a regular meeting of regional stakeholders. The meeting was organized at the headquarter of the UrbanLab in Rzeszow. [More...](#)



STAKEHOLDERS MEETING IN GRANADA

This year is really difficult for all of us. As you already know, lots of activities that were planned in any Projects financed by the European Union, had to be changed. Anyway, we're still running our activity. As it was planned, on the 4th of November, a stakeholders' meeting took place in Granada. Because of the pandemic situation, the meeting was run online with the use of the TEAMS platform. [More...](#)



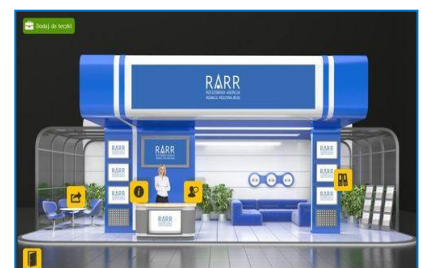
RADIO INTERVIEW ABOUT THE OSS PROJECT IN GRANADA

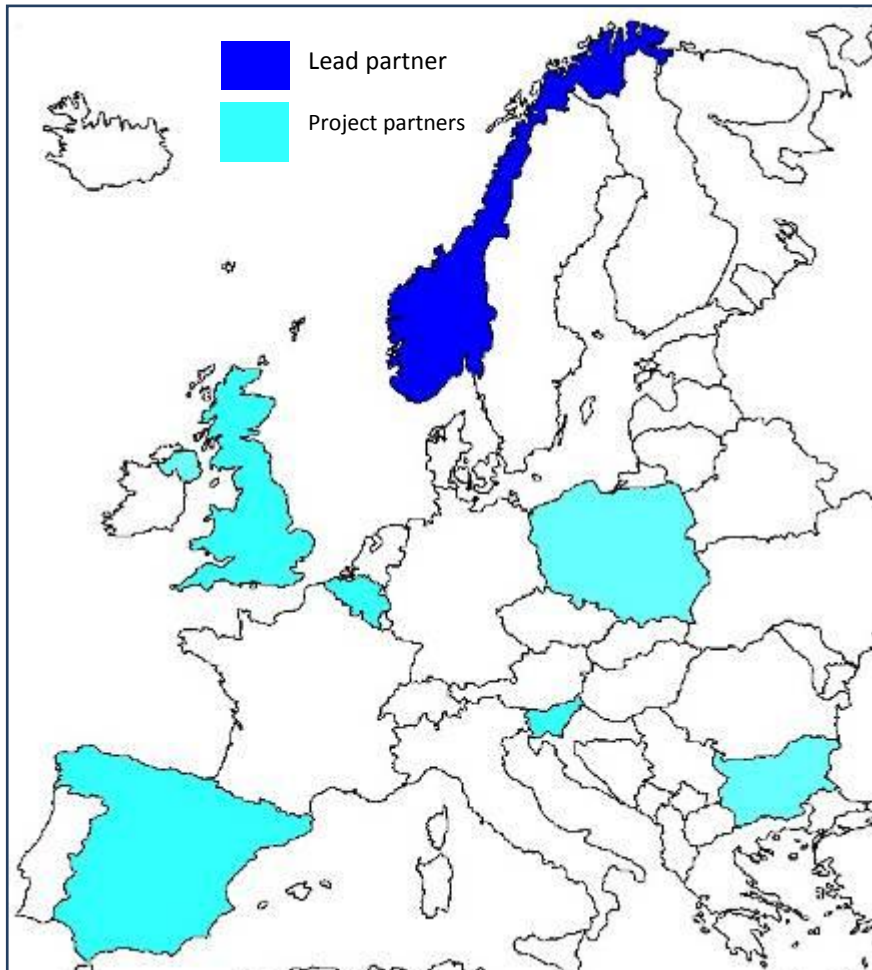
On 13th of November, the Head of the Enterprise Promotion and New Business Section of the County Council of Granada, Josefa Guerrero González, held an interview in the radiophonic space called "Being Entrepreneur", on Cadena SER-Radio Granada. [More...](#)



RRDA & OSS AT VIRTUAL EXPO 2020

On October 6-8, 2020, the Podkarpackie Virtual Expo 2020 fair was held at the G2A Arena in the nearby Jasionka. The main topics of the three-day event were: automotive, aviation, and the IT industry. Polish Partner of our Project - Rzeszow Regional Development Agency had a chance to present their activity at this fair. [More...](#)





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