











Regional Innovation Strategies in Bulgaria: Managing European Funds Effectively

Round Table

29 May 2007, Grand Hotel Sofia Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:15 **Opening**

Dr. Ognian Shentov, Chairman of the Board, ARC Fund

Mr. Todor Modev, Sofia City District Governor, Chairman of the RIS BRIDGE Steering Committee

09:15 – 10:10 Session 1. The Regional Innovation System of the South West Planning Region: Analysis and Results

Innovation demand, innovation supply and the role of innovation support services

Dr. Teodora Georgieva, Tzenov Academy of Economics, Svishtov

Dr. Georgi Angelov, Center for Science Studies and History of Science, BAS

Professor Kostadinka Simeonova, Center for Science Studies and History of Science, BAS

Discussion

Moderator: Ms Daniela Tchonkova, ARC Fund

10:10 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 Session 2. Regional Innovation Strategies and Structural Funds: Coordination Between Operative Programs. Public-Private Partnerships.

Competitiveness OP, Ms Nina Radeva, Deputy Minister of Economy and Energy

Regional Development OP, Mr. Georgi Stoev, State expert, Programming of Regional Development Directorate, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works

Human Resources Development OP, Mr. Plamen Gerginov, Head of Sector Programming and Evaluation, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

Capacity of the South West Municipalities to Manage the EU Financial Instruments in Public Private Partnerships

Ms Lyubitsa Tomova, Director, Association of South West Municipalities

Banks' Role in Support of Project Proposals within the Frame of the Structural Funds Ms Yonka Hristova, Executive Director, Tokuda Bank

Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Ruslan Stefanov, Center for the Study of Democracy