## Regional Innovation Strategies in Bulgaria: Managing European Funds Effectively

Round Table<br>29 May 2007, Grand Hotel Sofia<br>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

