

# THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

*“A network of people actively involved in opening up entrepreneurship to all parts of society”*



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# Agenda

- I. Network
- II. Tools
- III. Meetings
- IV. Benefits
- V. Manual



# I. Network

## Partners:

- ESF MA's of Czech republic, Spain, Germany, Lithuania and Flanders

## Goal:

- To examine ESF intervention concerning ATF
- To Identify and review (best) practices
- To provide key elements for ESF support in the future

### 1. BASELINE STUDY (EMN):

- Overview of ATF situation in Spain, Czech republic, Flanders and Lithuania

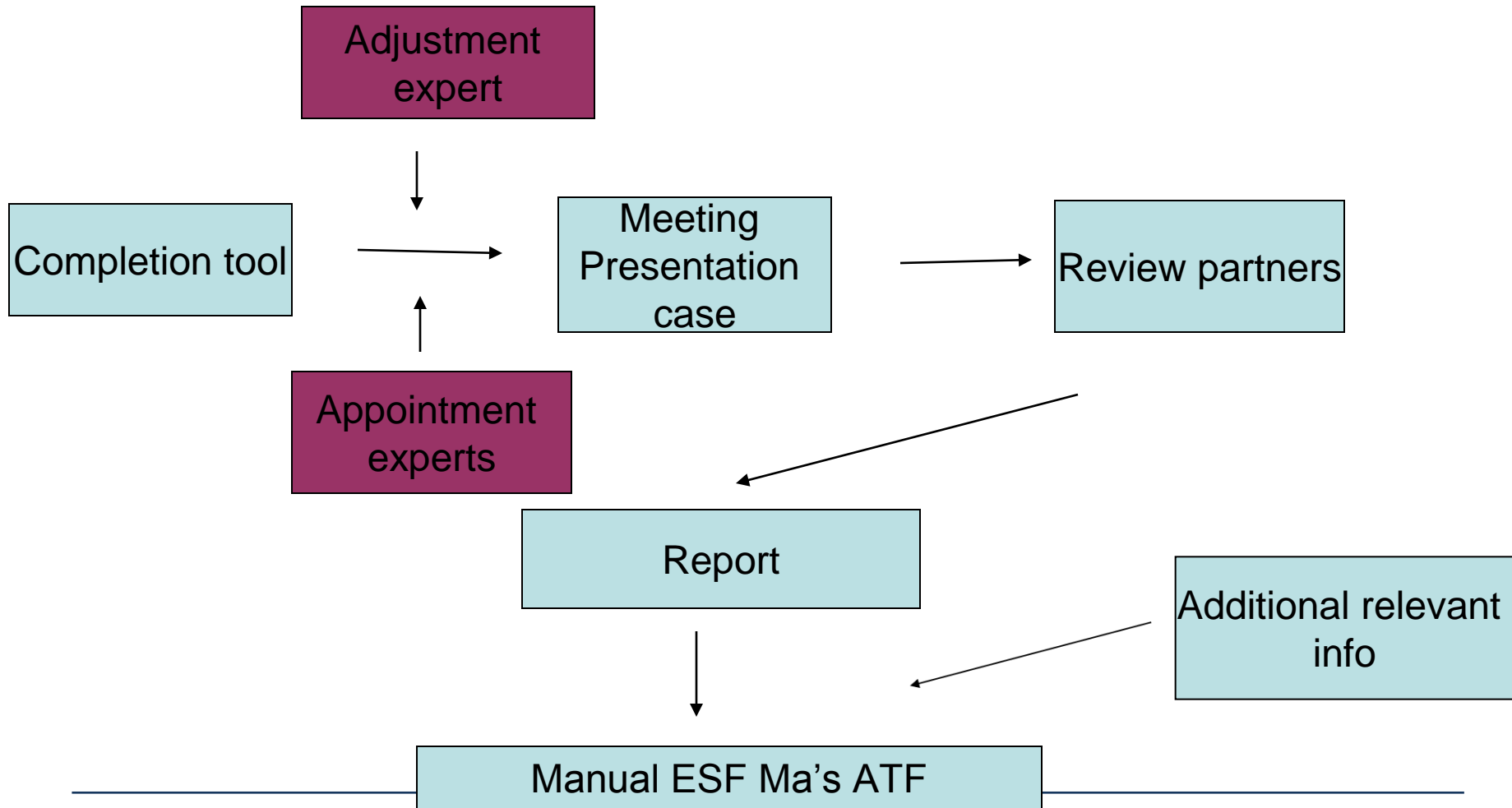
### 2. Grid (Hefboom)

- designed to detect, describe and analyze good practices in the different partner countries of the sub COP

### 3. Manual (DMI)

- How to build and implement microfinance support programmes using the ESF“

# III. Meetings





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- 19-20/01: Lithuania: Entrepreneurship
  - Promotion Fund – for start ups
- 12-13/05: Flanders: Solidaire lening and role
  - ESF+ Ondernemen werkt
- 06-07/10: Germany: Stakeholders of the German Microfinance sector and their functions / duties
- 15-16/12 Brussels: Technical workshop on Manual



## III. Meetings

### 1. Lithuania: (+/-40 participants)

- Regulation: ESF-ERDF funding
- Balance between social and financial measure
- Focus on target groups
- Importance of guidance/training
- +/- 40 people

## 2. Brussels (+/-40 participants)

- Linking up business support and finance key factor to success
- High loan ammount barriere
  - step lending as alternative
- Welfare bridge
- Lack of proper data collection
  - Outreach
  - Social impact



## 3. Berlin (+/- 40 participants)

- Sophisticated system of collaboration between public sector financial sector and microfinance sector
- Outreach target groups
- Ex ante monitoring system
- Interesting good practise of Lombardia loans to participate in cooperatives



## IV. Benefits

- “Working together in the COPIE Subcop Access to finance brought to the Czech Republic valuable experience of partners on how to improve access to finance for the most vulnerable people. This experience is for Czech policy makers and practitioners an evidence that microfinance and support services make difference.” (CR)
- “Learning from the Access to Finance group will improve quality of services supported from the ESF and help to establish accessible financial instruments for those who need it.” (CR)



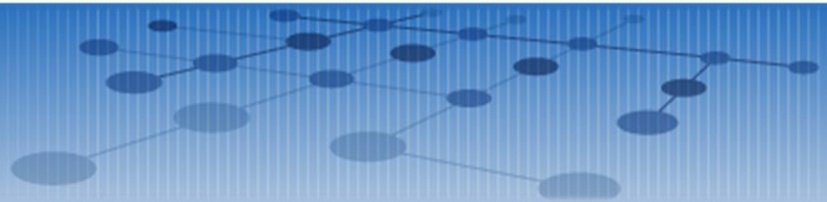
## IV. Benefits

- “Participating in “Access to finance” was a good possibility to discover new entrepreneurial ideas and compare different situations of entrepreneurship in EU countries. (LT)
- “It is not necessary to invent the bicycle in different parts of the EU. It is useful to have a place where you can exchange ideas how to do this in the best possible way.” (LT)

- „Designing microfinance operations in the EU – How to build and implement microfinance support programmes using the ESF“
  - Structure:
    - Step-by-step approach (policy cycle inclusive entrepreneurship)
    - Examples/good practice (Lithuania, Germany, Belgium, Latvia, Sardinia, Calabria, Lombardy, Basilicata)
    - Current funding programmes
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## CONTENT

- a) Identifying the place of the inclusive entrepreneurship policy in relation to other active labour market policies:**
    1. Agenda setting
    2. Creating a shared vision/mobilising key stakeholders
    3. Ex-ante evaluation
    4. Formulation of integrated strategy for inclusive entrepreneurship;
  
  - b) Defining the place of microfinance in the inclusive entrepreneurship strategy:**
    5. Organising the professional management of a microfinance scheme
    6. How to select a fund manager and financial intermediaries
  
  - c) Organising the implementation of the scheme:**
    7. Establishing synergies between financial and non-financial support schemes
    8. Ensuring schemes are reaching out and meeting the needs of specific target groups
    9. Quality of microfinance institutions and services
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attention.

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