



F.A.T.E
“FROM ARMY TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP”

**Military Brownfields:
an opportunity for the South East Europe**

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Background

In the last years a large number of military brownfields has been dismantled because of changes in the security and defence policies. Part of these sites is in easily accessible, city-centre locations and has good infrastructures in its surrounding area. Rehabilitation of these brownfields is an important issue in the agenda of local authorities and private investors: by recovering the sites, greenfields are preserved, sustainable urban development is supported and public owners can profit from the reuse.

In addition, many regions present as priority the improvement of entrepreneurial environment competitiveness by means of supporting structures as Business Incubators or Business Support Centres.

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“From Army to Entrepreneurship” - F.A.T.E. - is a project financed by the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme, whose aim is to develop economic growth thanks to the conversion of military brownfields into Business Support Centres or Incubators in regions, where the promotion of entrepreneurial spirit and the creation of innovative firms represent pivotal assets for the local economy and where the rehabilitation of military brownfields is a priority of the regional/local agenda of the administrations.

Regions and Partners

Italy: *Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia, Informest, Umbria Region*

Slovenia: *Regional Development Agency Mura, Municipality of Murska Sobota*

Greece: *Drama Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Municipality of Kavala*

Hungary: *Pannon Novum West Transdanubian Regional Innovation, Zala County Foundation for Enterprise Promotion*

Bulgaria: *Municipality of Gotse Delchev*

Romania: *Research Centre for Building, Architecture and Urban Planning, Municipality of Medias*

Serbia: *Regional Centre for the Development of SMEs and Entrepreneurship*

Bosnia Herzegovina: *Sarajevo Economic Region Development Agency*

Croatia: *Regional Development Agency Osijek*

Programme

9:30 Welcome

Micaela Sette, Mayor of Latisana

Federica Seganti, Councillor for territorial planning, local autonomics and safety, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

Giuseppe Napoli, Vice Central Director for International and EU Community Relations, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

10:10 F.A.T.E. “From Army to Entrepreneurship”

Graziano Lorenzon, Director for International Relationship and Local Partnership Service, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia

10:40 Agemont Experience in entrepreneurial incubators

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10:55 Military Brownfields: an opportunity for Friuli Venezia Giulia

Municipality of Latisana, Italy

Municipality of Codroipo, Italy

Municipality of Cervignano del Friuli, Italy

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 The rehabilitation of military brownfields as an opportunity for enterprises: experiences from the South Eastern Europe Regions

Municipality of Spoleto, Italy

Municipality of Murska Sobota, Slovenia

Municipality of Medias, Romania

Municipality of Kavala, Greece

Municipality of Zalaegerszeg, Hungary

Municipality of Gotze Delchev, Bulgaria

Osijek Incubator, Croatia

Municipality of Subotica, Serbia

Chairman: *Giuseppe Napoli, Vice Central Director for International and EU Community Relations, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia*

13:30 Lunch a Buffet