

REPORT FORMAT FOR THE RESULTS OF THE CHALLENGE TEAM

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Name of the Challenge:

Innovation and inclusivity for Gabrovo S3 implementation

Challenge Owner:

Municipality of Gabrovo; Regional Innovation Center "Ambitious Gabrovo"

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Name of the Proposal

Gabrovo PRIx: Innovation Cooperation Team (ICT)

Description of Proposed Actions [Action orientation is extremely important]

- Gabrovo Innovation Cooperation Team will support the implementation of S3/S4+ through development of sustainable partnerships for regional innovation and implementation of joint projects between existing companies, RIC Ambitious Gabrovo, Tech Park Gabrovo and other relevant stakeholders;
- The Innovation Cooperation team will meet twice per year and during the meetings it will review the potential innovative projects within Gabrovian industry in partnership with RIC and Gabrovo Tech Park;
- The aim is to increase coordination, communicate better within the community, provide expert support, increase synergies and add value to project funding.
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What will this achieve? What is the societal impact?

- Better cooperation between companies and R&D organizations for improvement of the innovation ecosystem;
- Joined projects and growth of innovations in the region through new products development and improvement of the technology transfer;
- Development and implementation of smart integrated solutions in the city and SMEs.

Who is Responsible?

The challenge owners: Gabrovo Municipality and Regional Innovation Center "Ambitious Gabrovo"

Who will be involved? (*In society? In the Challenge team?*)

Proposed structure of Innovation Cooperation Team:

- Municipality of Gabrovo
- Regional Innovation Center "Ambitious Gabrovo"
- Gabrovo Tech Park
- Educational institutions
- Innovative companies
- Gabrovo Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Description of the best ideas

- Gabrovo ICT to be instrument for better cooperation through structural approach – clear rules for participation and internal meetings, high level participation of the stakeholders;
- Gabrovo ICT to coordinate project ideas and implementation through knowledge sharing, calendar for new opportunities and list of best ideas/project to be implemented in mid-term;
- Gabrovo ICT to be a mixture of high ranked representatives of the stakeholders and young people/researchers, who can help the team work and be engaged with wider community.

1st Steps: What must happen in the next 6 weeks? Who should do what?

- (1) What to do + (2) Who takes part + (2) who is responsible
- Structure of the ICT and nominations – the process will be driven by Municipality of Gabrovo and RIC
 - First organizational internal meeting – all members of ICT
 - Decide on location – probably in Gabrovo Tech Park
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Prototyping: What must happen in the next 6 months? Who should do what?

- (1) What to do + (2) Who takes part + (2) who is responsible
- First internal meeting on project coordination and S3 implementation
 - First public event – networking and presentation of the team / organized by ICT core members
 - Series of meetings with businesses and stakeholders
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Impact in 6 Years

In 6 years ICT will be clearly recognizable within the local community and in the region.
ICT will have a clear role in the local innovation ecosystem
ICT will play a central role in shaping the local strategy for development and smart specialization priorities.
ICT will also have a national recognition which will help to place Gabrovo as a destination for innovations and a success story

Other relevant information

Suggestions for improving the effectiveness of the Camp