



Business Support Centre Kosovo

Project Title	Enabling Private Sector Development in the Western Balkans (BSCK II)
Finance by:	SPARK/Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands
Start project date	2008
End project date	2010

Project Objectives:

The objectives of Enabling Private Sector Development in the Western Balkans (BSCK II) are:

1. To transform the Business Start-Up Centre in Kosovo into a self-sustainable local legal entity, owned and managed by main local contributing institutions;
2. To foster 'regionalisation' of existing national economic development oriented institutions and their activities and development of new regional economic development initiatives;
3. To assist youth to start SMEs, raise their entrepreneurial spirit & improve employability;
4. To increase the institutional capacity, effectiveness and efficiency of partners.

Project Results:

1. 20 local trainers (re)-trained by 4 regional and 1 EU expert-trainers;
2. 22 revised & new modules incl. course syllabi and readers available;
3. 2000 youth applied annually for 500 positions in 24 sessions. The best were selected and trained;
4. 100 businesses strengthened per year (20% of the participants come from existing MSMEs);
5. New Rules and regulations published and 250.000 youth reached annually in campaign;
6. 30 Plans selected from 240 plans (of which 24 minorities) and announced in award ceremonies;
7. 3000 hours (375 days) of consultancy delivered on demand to the start-ups
8. 30 MSMEs registered for free;
9. 140.000 Euro in new loans extended to MSMEs;
10. New credit facility contract with NLB Bank (with 5% interest)