



# INOLINK PROJECT

Connecting the territory through the Innovation Network



# INOLINK project

- A **project funded** by the 2<sup>nd</sup> call of the Interreg IVC programme.
- **Type:** Regional Initiative Projects (exchange, dissemination and transfer of experience).
- **Priority:** Innovation and the knowledge economy.
- **Subtheme:** Innovation, research and technology development.
- A project **lasting 36 months:** starting on January 2010 and finishing on December 2012.

# INOLINK partners



- The Andalusian Technology Network – RETA (Spain)
- Etruria Innovazione S.C.p.A (Italy)
- Maribor Development Agency (Slovenja)
- NanoBioNet e. V. (Deutschland)
- University of Algarve (Portugal)
- Foundation for the development of Science and Technology – FUNDECYT (Spain)
- North-East Regional Development Agency (Romania)
- Regional Agency for Entrepreneurship and Innovations – Varna (Bulgaria)
- Coventry University Enterprise Limited (CUE Ltd) (United Kingdom)
- Abruzzo Region (Italy)

# INOLINK objectives

## General Objective

**Increase the reach of regional innovation policies through a better connection of actors within the regional innovation systems, especially of those located in the most peripheral and backward areas.**

This would contribute to increasing the number of regional actors involved in innovation activities and to a more balanced economic and technological development throughout the EU territory.

# INOLINK objectives

## Specific Objectives

- **Exchange of experiences** in the setting up and functioning of public structures and networks that promote R&D cooperation and knowledge transfer within the regional innovation system with agents located in peripheral areas or working in traditional sectors.
- Collective search for solutions that improve **regional innovation networks**.
- Awareness raising among stakeholders in the participating regions on the need to improve the **connection between scientific, technological and productive actors** within the region.

# INOLINK objectives

## Specific Objectives

- **Analysing** the key factors for technology transfer and territorial diffusion of innovation.
- **Dissemination** to all EU regions of knowledge on the territorial diffusion on innovation through regional public initiatives and policies.
- Contributing to **interregional cooperation** in the EU and to the generation of common knowledge on regional innovation policies.

# INOLINK outputs and results

## Main results

**Improve knowledge** of people responsible for innovation policies at regional level on needs for innovation services in their peripheral areas, and on instruments and policies to respond to such needs.

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- **Increased awareness** among actors in the regional innovation systems on the offer and demand for innovation services from the other actors in the system and on the potential for cooperation and collaboration.
- **Improved competences** of staff from public institutions and other organizations with a public mission on tools, methods and policies for the regional diffusion of innovation, entrepreneurship and technology.

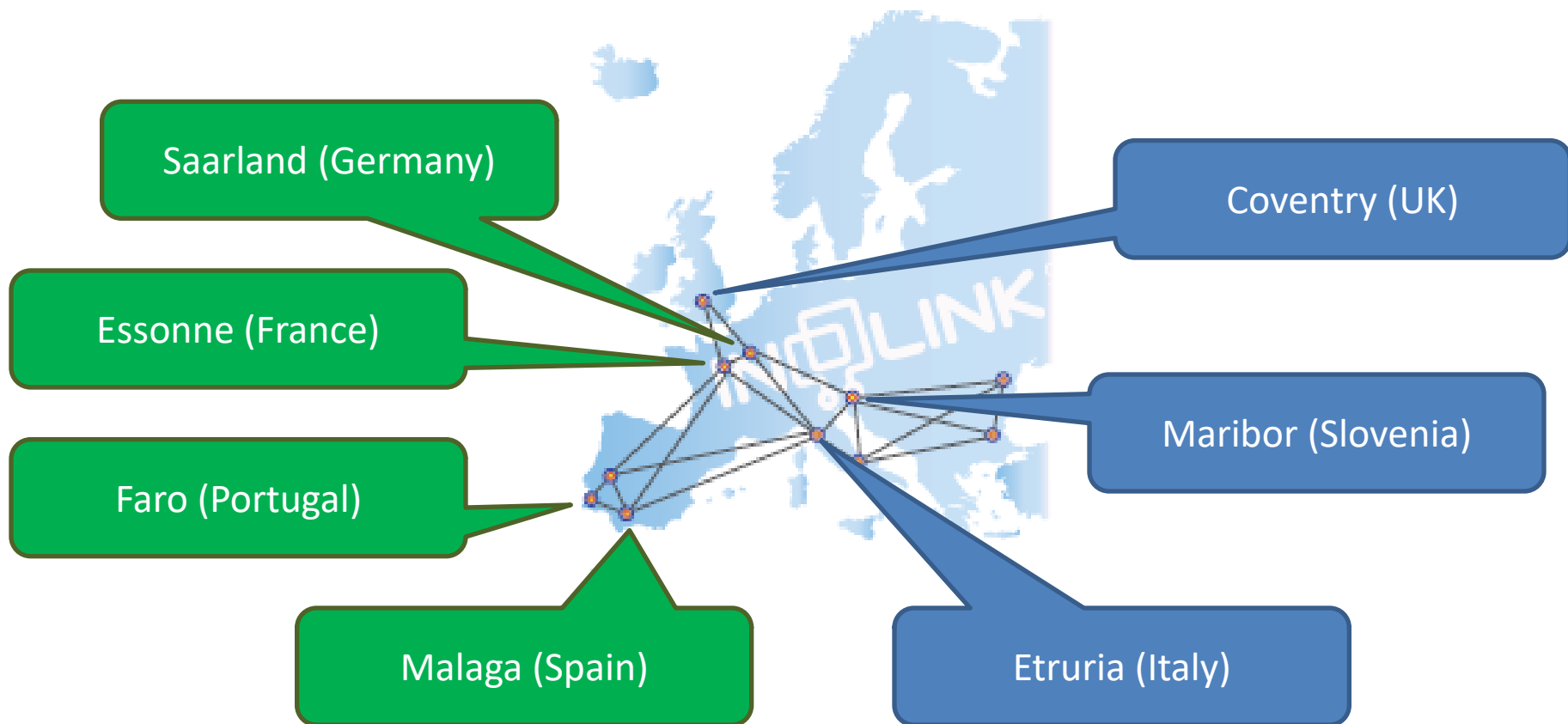


# INOLINK activities: how to get our goal

## Main activities undertaken during the project:

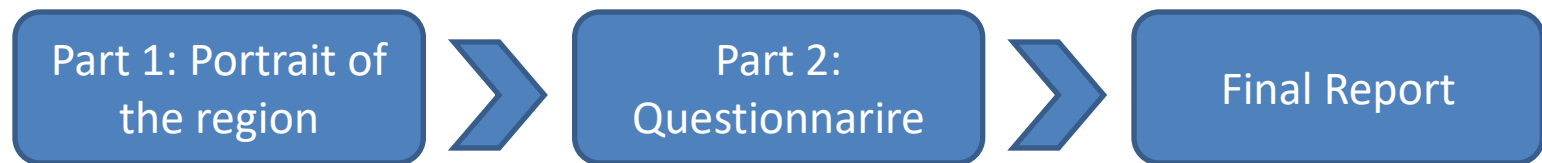
- Study visits and identification of good practices
- Survey on innovation needs
- Mentoring plan
- Improvement plan

# INOLINK study visits



# INOLINK survey on innovation

- **Target group:** regional stakeholders.
- **Expected output:** Enable partners to draw a detailed picture of the participating regions, the existing infrastructure in the innovation field and to identify the needs for innovation services.
- **Structure of the survey:**



# INOLINK mentoring plan

## Objectives of the mentoring plan:

- Transfer of knowledge, best practices and innovations from one institution or organization to another, and also from one region to another.
- Creation of a link between the knowledge creation agents and productive agents.
- Contribute to the development of the entire region through creation of efficient communication network.

# INOLINK next step

## Implementation plan

- The learnt good practices will be applied to the different regional contexts through the elaboration of Regional improvement plans with recommendations and plans for improvement of regional policies and practices.
- Each partner has to elaborate a regional improvement plan.

Thank you very much for your attention!

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