

**ACCELERATOR - Developing accelerators to provide better access to  
innovation finance for SMEs**

**Kick-off events – Towards improved business support for SMEs in  
the Danube Region**

**20-21 February 2017  
Sfantu Gheorghe, Covasna, Romania**

**Agenda**

**Day 0 – Sunday, 19 February 2017, 20:00 – 21:30**

Informal dinner for kick-off participants

Venue: Central restaurant  
520008 Sfântu Gheorghe, Str. 1 Decembrie 1918, nr. 8.  
<http://www.centralrestaurant.ro/>

**Day 1 – Monday, 20 February 2017, 9:00 – 16:30**

Kick-off event: Orchidea Events  
Str. Stadionului Nr. 3  
520050 Sfântu-Gheorghe  
Romania  
<http://www.bertis.ro/en/orchidea-events>

**Day 2 – Tuesday, 21 February 2017, 9:00 – 14:00**

1st Working Group meeting, 1st Steering Committee Meeting

Venue: Central restaurant  
520008 Sfântu Gheorghe, Str. 1 Decembrie 1918, nr. 8.  
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**Day 1 – Monday, 20 February 2017**

**Kick-off event**

Time	Event
9:00-9:30	Registration
9:30-10:00	<p><b>Welcome speeches</b></p> <p><b>Mr Lajos Vajda</b>, Director, Association of Small- and Medium Size Enterprises of Covasna County ASIMCOV</p> <p><b>Mr József Török</b>, Head of Business Development and Startup, Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.</p> <p><b>Mr. Simion Crețu</b>, General Director, Romanian Development Agency Centru region – (TBC)</p>
10:00 – 10:20	<p><b>Opening speech</b></p> <p><b>Mr Calin Istratoiu</b>, EUSDR Priority Area 8 Competitiveness, coordinator, Ministry of Economy - (TBC)</p>
10:20-10:40	<b>Mr Adrian Curaj</b> , General Director, UEFISCDI
10:40-11:00	<b>Mr Marius-Valentin Niculae</b> , Project Officer, Innovative and Socially Responsible Danube Region, Joint Secretariat, Danube Transnational Programme
11:00-11:20	<p><b>Role of clusters in assisting SMEs securing equity finance</b></p> <p><b>Mr Daniel Coșniță</b>- President, Clustero - Romanian Cluster Association</p> <p><b>Ms. Christina Leucuța</b>, Senior Advisor - Romanian Cluster Association (TBC)</p>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
11:40 – 12:00	<p><b>Introduction of ACCELERATOR: main objective and expected results</b></p> <p><b>Ms Gyöngyi Király</b>, Business Development Manager, Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.</p>
12:00-13:00	<p><b>Panel discussion – Topic: Challenges of involving equity financing in SMEs in the Danube Region</b></p> <p>Moderator: (TBC)</p> <p><b>Mr József Török</b>, Head of Business Development and Startup, Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt</p> <p><b>Mr Matej Rus</b>, Representative of the Institute for Entrepreneurship Research, Slovenia, Director of Venture Factory – Business Incubator of University of Maribor, Head of Initiative Startup Slovenia</p> <p><b>Mr Gergely Kardos</b>, International Relations Officer, Ministry for National Economy, Hungary</p> <p><b>Ms Gabriela Pârvu</b>, Senior Counsellor , Ministry of Economy, Romania</p>

	<p><b>Mr András György Edler</b>, President of Covasna Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p><b>Ms. Dr.Carmen Păuna</b>, Senior Researcher, 2nd degree, Institute for Economic Forecasting, Romanian Academy (TBC)</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30- 16:30	<b>Joint visit to ASIMCOV incubation facilities</b>
16:30- 18:00	<b>Joint sightseeing (optional)</b>
19:00	Dinner

**Day 2 – Tuesday, 21 February 2017**

**1<sup>st</sup> Working Group meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting**

Time	Event
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Working Group Meeting</b>	
9:00-9:30	<b>Introduction of partners</b> Moderated by SZTA - Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.
9:30-10:00	<b>Project implementation</b> SZTA - Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.
10:00-10:30	<b>Project management</b> SZTA - Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.
10:30-11:00	<b>Financial management</b> SZTA - Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.
11:00-11:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:15-11:35	<b>Communication activities</b> Central-Transdanubian Regional Innovation Agency Nonprofit Ltd.
11:35-12:15	<b>Presentation and discussion of joint methodologies for Activity 3.1 and Activity 3.2</b> WP3L – Technology Park Ljubljana
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee Meeting</b>	
12:15-12:45	<b>Steering Committee Meeting</b> Moderated by SZTA - Széchenyi Venture Capital Fund Management Zrt.
12:45-14:00	Lunch