

## Summary of the Regional Action Plan

The regulatory framework in Serbia is not stimulating for business who went bankrupt and closed their business. It is completely focused on providing support to companies that are facing business problems.

In terms to improve second-chance entrepreneurship and to help financially distressed companies in Serbia, CCIS will implement the following activities defined under the RAP:

- 1.** In order to harmonize regulations for better framework conditions for Second-chance Entrepreneurship, CCIS will initiate first step toward cultural change by raising awareness among wider audience including policymakers and entrepreneurs on opportunities in second chance.
- 2.** In order to include 2nd chance policies into business support policies and to harmonize them with second chance EU policies, there is a need of creation of close collaborate with committed policymakers and diversified range of intermediaries. CCIS have to sensitize policymakers for changing regulation on second chance framework by presenting innovative tools and mechanism for supporting business in detecting potential disruption within their operations. By introducing adequate resources into formal BSO system policymakers will be encouraged to adapt proper framework conditions for Second-chance Entrepreneurship.
- 3.** CCIS will promote mediation and out of court procedures as one of the mechanisms to decrease time and cost of the of debt settlement in financial restructuring processes. Mediation as a possibility of dispute resolution exists within the CCIS and within the court proceedings.
- 4.** Installing early warning systems in Serbia based on the structure of Early Warning Europe that draws on the experience of Early Warning Denmark, which has been operational since 2007. Organizations and institutions involved in improving the business environment for SMEs should certainly work on an early warning mechanism and thus help businesses prevent potential problems they may face.
- 5.** CCIS has in its mandate to prepare and propose programs for different segments of the economy. One of the proposed activities that will be implemented is the creation of targeted measures for 2nd chance entrepreneurship. To be able to define a program of stronger support in the restructuring phase and to avoid bankruptcy there has to be a deeper knowledge and analyses of financially distressed companies and their readiness for re-start.