



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The DIFASS project facilitates access to finance for SMEs and deals with the barriers for internationalisation. The focus will be on the development and implementation of non-grant based financial support instruments, such as revolving funds, transregional funds and venture capital funds.

SPOTLIGHT



Every newsletter we will introduce you to a DIFASS project partner. First up: **WSX Enterprise** from the South of England. WSX is the coordinator of the 'Exchange of experiences' component of the project. Under the leadership of WSX, the component will prepare and organise 8 thematically focussed workshops. The first one on micro loans.

Regionally, WSX provides services to stimulate the growth of local and regional economies by enhancing enterprise development and improving businesses' performance. WSX delivers business support, design, innovation and sustainability support, peer group and mentoring activities. [Read more...](#)



One of the key partners of WSX in terms of finance for SMEs is the FSE Group. Finance South East is an award-winning Fund Management Community Interest Company (CIC) delivering a range of debt and equity growth finance solutions and support to innovative small and medium enterprises to successfully deliver growth impact: according to an independent economic impact survey, FSE supported companies grew by 34% compared to an average growth rate of 7.8% across the region. [Read more...](#)

SCIENTIFIC NEWS

The project is supported by a Scientific Work Group. It consists of three Universities and provides the project with proper structure and methodology. As a first step they will supply the partners with the template to collect comparable detailed information about the Good Practice examples.

WEBSITE ONLINE

The first version of the project website is available online: www.difass.eu. The website will be further developed over the coming weeks. It will develop into a full project website including social media feeds, news, events and results. Come back regularly and see it grow!

PROJECT KICKED OFF: WELL UNDERWAY

The DIFASS partners held their first meeting on May 10-11 in Sanvar, Hungary, in the home region of the project leader Pannon Business Network. 26 partners from various regions in Europe committed themselves to work together for three years on the project.

1ST DIFASS INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

1st DIFASS International Workshop Tehnopol will host the first workshop of the DIFASS project from September 5-7 in Tallinn, Estonia. The main topic of the event will be micro loans for SMEs. Both local Good Practice examples and international ones will be presented. One of the highlights is the Internet-based Micro Finance Management System developed by Zala MVA from Hungary.

The program includes also a site visit to Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, including their startup hub and insights into their startup, export and soft-landing services. Also a wider overview will be give about the startup arena in Estonia.

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