

Mazovia Development Agency Plc.¹ – objectives and scope of activities

Mazovia Development Agency Plc. was established in 2005 by a decision of the Management Board of the Mazovian Voivodeship. The goal of the company is to create and support regional development of the Mazovian Voivodeship. This is done mainly through direct and indirect support of local development and enterprise. The company's activities are conducted in accordance with priorities defined by its founding body. These activities are focused on supporting the dynamic development of the Mazovian Voivodeship in the following areas: improvement of the information society of the voivodeship, economic promotion of the region, development of human resources, support for entrepreneurship and innovation, support for urban development and revitalization, internationalization of economic entities from the region.

The Agency implements projects of an innovative nature that are supporting regional development. The company is involved in many projects co-financed with EU funds, namely Interreg Europe 2014–2020, Interreg Central Europe 2014–2020, Horizon 2020, ROP WM 2014–2020, OP WER 2014–2020. It also supports projects in their durability period, co-financed under ROP WM 2007–2013 OP IE. At present ARM SA – Department of Urban Policy and Innovation is implementing several projects, among others Agri Renaissance, C-Voucher and Renatur.

The enormous potential of the agri-food sector across the European Union contributes to the economic and industrial growth of all the member states. The rapid development of this sector is being slowed down by limited innovation and insufficient investment in research and development. The whole process requires individual funding and the establishment of public-private partnerships.




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Agri Renaissance (Innovation-driven agri-food sectors for a European industrial renaissance) is an international project co-funded under the Interreg Europe programme. Its goal is to improve regional development policies and programmes in order to increase research and innovation resources and capacities in the agri-food sector, stimulate cooperation and promote its hybridisation. Five European regions take part in the project: Spain (La Rioja), Italy (Calabria), Poland (Mazovia), Lithuania, Portugal (Centre).

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The project stakeholders are all those involved in the agri-food sector in the region at national and EU level: research organisations in the agri-food industry, ICT, healthcare, biotechnology and environment/closed circuit industries, industrial and service companies in

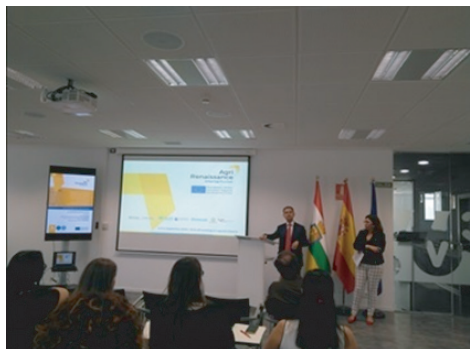
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the agri-food industry, ICT, healthcare, biotechnology and environment/closed circuit industries and public authorities, NGOs.

Duration of the project 4 years – 1/6/2018 – 31/5/2022, budget: 1,1 million Euro

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Study visit in Logrono (Spain)



Study visit in Lithuania



Study visit in Calabria (Italy)



Study visit in Mazovia

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The C-Voucher is a project that supports enterprises (SMEs – Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) in developing new value chains and business models according to the principles of a closed circuit economy. The project finances activities related to the implementation of new, innovative solutions, so called „Circular,” and adaptation and/or replication of existing solutions and business models – „Adopters”. This support is implemented on a competitive basis.

ARM SA represents Mazovia in the C-Voucher project, as one of six European regions, actively participating in promoting the idea, solutions and technologies used in the closed circuit economy. Moreover, ARMSA cooperates with Mazovian technological clusters, organizes trainings and information days for SMEs, supports preparation of applications for projects within C-Voucher.

The C-Voucher will support 66 SMEs in the transition from linear value chains (from cradle to grave) to circular models (*cradle to cradle*). The main industrial sectors covered by the project are: agri-food, manufacturing, textiles, healthcare, blue growth (including maritime).

The project's support for European SMEs, with a total value of €4.2 million, will provide direct business support of €1.4 million (to be spent on technology implementation) and €2.8 million for additional services.

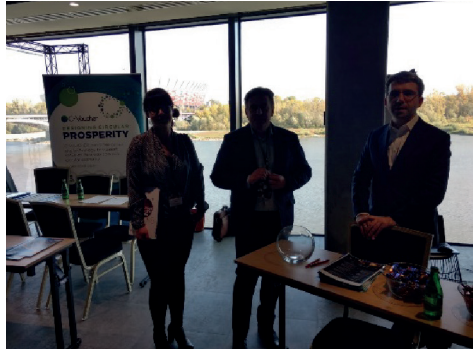
24 SMEs will be given access to the „Closed Circuit Programme” – a programme lasting up to nine months with direct support of up to €60,000 and services provided by high-level designers and top business professionals (mentors).

Another 42 SMEs will be selected for the „Value Chain Replication Programme”, receiving €15,000 to create cyclical feasibility plans. This programme will last three months.

The project will utilize €6 million of complementary funding for selected SMEs.

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Mazovia Development Forum – Circular Economy C-Voucher: Sectoral Camp workshops



Various regions in Europe are subject to heavy urbanisation. Peri-urban open spaces are shrinking due to massive investments on the outskirts of cities or within their functional areas. RENATUR strives to preserve these areas as a natural heritage. It also seeks to improve the development of appropriate policies for the protection of nature in close proximity to urban areas.

The main objective of the project is to create an appropriate set of functional tools for regional organizations making important infrastructure decisions. They will help to better manage, understand and protect the natural heritage of peri-urban open spaces.

The project began in August 2019 and is being implemented under the Interreg Europe 2014–2020 programme. It involves six partners: from Belgium (Flanders – Flemish Regional Agency), Germany (Ministry of Regional Development and Transport of Saxony – Anhalt, Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg), Poland (Mazovia – Mazovia Development Agency), Slovenia (Business Support Centre Ltd., Kranj), Spain (University of the Basque Country) and Hungary (Hajdú-Bihar Government). The project is coordinated by Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg. The project will be funded by the European Regional Development Fund for four years with a total of €1.27 million.

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Meeting of local stakeholders in Mazovia and Bilbao (Spain)