

**Organisation of Business Events for SMEs from partner regions.** During this report period there were organized 2 Business Event: first in Bielefeld (Germany) on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and second in Padua (Italy) on 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

Business event in Germany “Meeting for success” was organized for distribution companies, marketing companies, producers, wholesalers and retailers, mainly from the sector of mechanical engineering and the furniture industry. The programme included individual talks to potential partner companies, talks on future markets and customers as well as company visits: Lübke GmbH & Co.KG, Rheda-Wiedenbrück (manufacturer of living and bedroom furniture), GILDEMEISTER Aktiengesellschaft (manufacturer of turning and milling machines and laser cuttings), CLAAS Gruppe Harzewinkel (manufacturer of agricultural machinery). Moreover companies could combined the business event with a visit to a fair in Germany (Kölnmesse – The International Furniture Fair, Net's work – Fair for enterprise network or NORTEC – Fair for Manufacturing Technology).

Business event in Italy “Business across borders a key to success” was organized for companies from Agro-food and Mechanical sector. The programme included presentations: “How to do business in Veneto”, “The system of logistics in the Veneto Region”, “Agro-food sector and Mechanical sector in Veneto”. There were also individual talks to potential partner companies. There was a possibility for companies of visit to the fairs: “Eurocarne” in Verona and International fair Padua.

During the Steering Committee Meeting Partnership K.I.T.E. discussed general concept of next business event and agreed the calendar. The next business event for SMEs was to be organised by DP ATME in Presov on 28 - 29 2006.