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INNOvating entrepreneurship policies in the CRAFTS sector

**“Access to innovation design
and financial assistance to
SMEs”**

JIS Meeting

16th - 17th April 2013

Budapest

Policy theme 2

“Access to innovation design and financial assistance to SMEs”

As a good practice examples Riga want to show:

The grant program “Take off” and the activities of business incubator “Creative Andrejsala” in Riga and some new companies, whose activities have been support.

“Take off”

Financial support for small and medium sized businesses by organization of the grant program “Take off” is organized by the Riga City Council and Swedbank Latvia with the aims:

- *to encourage business activity in Riga and support the implementation of new business ideas;
- * to motivate Latvian residents to return back to Riga as well as to achieve higher level of European Union standards of living.

“Take off”

Within grant program “Take off” possible eligible for co-financed 75% percent to cover the various expenses of new businesses – specific equipment and the acquisition of licenses, accounting and legal services, website development, specific training of employees and others.

The size of grants available under the program is up to LVL 8,000 (approx. 11,320 EUR) that can be used to cover the initial costs of setting up a business.

“Take off”

Since 2009, the Riga City Council’s and Swedbank grant program “Take off” supported 84 business ideas, giving a total financing of more than 400 000 LVL (approx. 565 930 EUR).

During these years, there were submitted more than 800 ideas (now with the last tender – more than 900).

A total grant funding in 2013 reaches 98 000 LVL (approx. 138 653 EUR):

From Riga City Council 52 000 LVL (approx. 73 571 EUR);

From Swedbank 46 000 LVL (approx. 65 082 EUR).

“Take off”

Also the grant program “Take off” will offer not only financial support to the winners, but also will provide free seminars on relevant topics in business to anyone who is interested.

Applications for support from new business organizations are accepted twice a year. New organization has been registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia for no longer than two years.

104 applications were submitted during the last tender and now Estimation Commission has begun an active application assessment process which, in accordance with the rules and regulations to be completed no later than 17 May.

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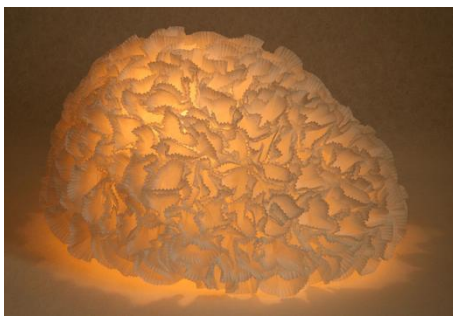


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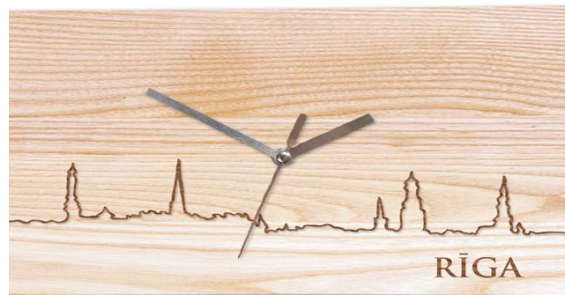


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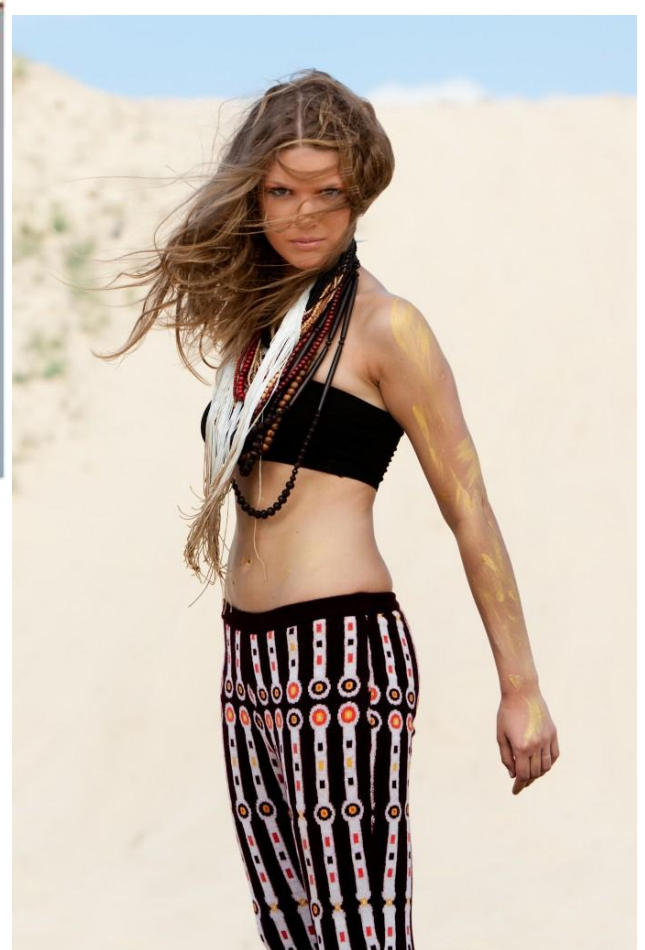



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