



**Difass** TRANSFER OF SUCCESS

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# The DIFASS project

Development of interregional financial  
assistance to SMEs  
and of non-grant instruments

## Syfte och mål:

Nätverk och plattform för utbyte av innovativa metoder för tillväxt och internationalisering i små och medelstora företag.

Policyutveckling



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# Partnerskap

26 partners från 16 länder



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# Erfarenhetsutbyte

## 8 interaktiva workshops



**Good practice 16** Centrope TT Voucher system

**Strengths**

- Change of mindset INTERVENTIONAL helps to improve SME export as well
- TRANSNATIONAL DIMENSION GIVES MORE R&D OPTIONS TO CHOOSE EXPERT
- transactionality
- THE MATCHING MECHANISM ITSELF IS A STRENGTH FOR TRANSNATIONAL TRANSFER
- STRENGTH: COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AND R&D AND OFFERS DIFFERENT CONTACTS
- STRENGTH: THE VOUCHER IS A NON-REFUNDABLE SHARE OF 100%
- STRENGTH: COOPERATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AND R&D INSTITUTES (small) (big)
- STRENGTH: EARLY ACCESS TO FUNDS (AND STRUCTURAL FUNDS)
- STRENGTH: SPEEDING UP APPLICATION BY SME FOUND ON INNOVATION
- STRENGTH: DEDICATED VOUCHER SYSTEM FOR SMEs FOR CERTAIN/SPECIFIC SERVICES
- STRENGTH: SMEs + R&D cooperation encouragement
- STRENGTH: PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF R&D true added value.
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**Supporting Innovation**

**EASY APPLICATION PROCES**

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**Barriers**

- LOW VALUE OF THE VOUCHER
- USE OF NOT HIGHLY QUALIFIED R&D PERSONNEL
- NO CONTRACTUAL OR LEGAL PROTECTION
- LANGUAGE BARRIERS (FOR SOME REASONS)
- possible language barriers
- Agreement between/among different countries needed - time and effort
- TOO MANY PEOPLE SEEM TO BE INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATION, E.G. PAC MEETINGS
- MISMATCH BETWEEN NO. OF APPROVED APPLICATIONS AND SUCCESSFULLY FINISHED PROJECTS
- Create true involvement/commitment among SMEs by having them pay 25%-50%
- 5000€ for a start-up is very small
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### DIFASS Transfer 1:

Ett internetbaserat verktyg för mikrofinansiering från Ungern.

### DIFASS Transfer 2:

Programmet "PIPE" från Spanien för internationalisering av SME.



# Våra viktigaste resultat

