



GOOD PRACTICES - CASE IDENTIFICATION /1ST LEVEL ANALYSIS

1. Good Practice title:

Program for crediting young entrepreneurs by the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR). The credit program falls into the category of involvement of priority groups regarding youth unemployment.

2. Territory of implementation/application (country/region/...)

Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR) implements this program country wide.

3. Timeframe:

year of introduction: 2014

year of termination: 0000

(leave 0000 if ongoing)

4. Brief description of the promoting organization:

HBOR was founded in June 1992, as a development and export bank of the Republic of Croatia with the main task of promotion and development of the Croatian economy by extending loans, insuring export transactions against political and commercial risks, issuing guarantees and providing business advice.

5. Main objective of the initiative:

The main objective of the initiative is to offer finances for investment to material property (start-up investment, land, buildings, equipment, machines, or herds and crops) as well as investment to intangible assets (development of products and services, patents, licences, concessions copyrights and franchises).

6. Brief explanation of the initiative:

The initiative offers a credit line for young people:

- minimum loan amount is 10.500,00 EUR, with a maximum of 92.000,00 EUR,
- annual interest rate is 2%,
- repayment period is up to 12 years, including a 2 or 5 year grace period.



7. Target group and measures to involve the target group:

Target groups are LTDs, crafts and other people who are self-employed or work within cooperatives or institutions where a person under 30 years of age owns at least 51% of capital and is leader of the company board.

8. Innovativeness:

The credit line for young entrepreneurs is a standard credit line with no special innovation.

9. Outcomes:

In 2015 there were 2.147 credits issued in total value of 421 million EUR to SMEs, and SMEs were the biggest HBOR clients representing 94% of total given loans. However, no specific numeric data relating to youth entrepreneurship programs could be found at this time.