Food in Eco Network – internationalization and global competitiveness of European SMEs in Food and Eco Logistics Sector – GA 783395



"FoodNet: a consortium with complementary competences: expectations, results and prospects"

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Presentation of LODZISTICS

- Logistics Business Network of Central Poland
- **Date of creation:** 4 December 2015, a bottom-up initiative for employers operating in logistics industry, other entities interested in the sector development.
- Regional coverage: whole country, with particular emphasis on the development of Central Poland.
- **Field of activity**: a professional centre for co-ordination of the logistics potential development in the Lodzkie Region and to advance its international competitiveness.
- Number of members: 22 members
- The initiative has brought together business, R&D entities, business support institutions, while being also open to local government bodies, individuals or legal persons active in the sector of logistics and transport.







Members of Lodzistics cluster





Main activities of LODZISTICS

1. Promoting closer collaboration between members:

- building a co-operation network to ensure synergy effect;
- implementing innovative transport solutions, such as e.g. intermodal carriage, RFS in airborne transport, eco-driving;
- providing a communication platform for exchange of information, activities integration.

2. Supporting innovation and technology transfer:

- R&D projects;
- raising funds for R&D activities, providing consultancy and training programs;
- exchange of knowledge and experience between universities and business;

3. Participation in expert consultations:

- co-ordination of infrastructural projects in the region and co-operation with the government institutions;
- creating favorable conditions for investments and development of logistics companies

4. Development of the labor market and education

5. Promotion of members and the region



Motivation and role in the FoodNet

- This idea was to create a European network of logistics clusters (associating logistics operators, customs agencies, ICT companies) and food clusters (associating SMEs producing fresh, bio, eco products), as well as independent SMEs offering these products.
- Coordinator, Dissemination & Communication Leader
- Main expectations:
 - possibilities of integration of LODZistics Logistics Business Network services with the offer of clusters associating producers of bio products
 - etablishing new contacts
 - delivering new knowledge to the members and services in the future





Key learnings for the future



Lessons learned

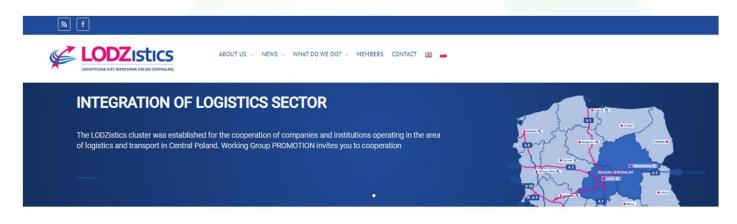
- opportunities to fill the knowledge gap, determining the export conditions for organic food products to markets outside the EU, integrate the product offer of promotional activities for expansion into markets outside the EU
- first more cooperation and work was needed from food sector, logistics to play greater role in further steps, difficult to engage logistics companies for this stage of project
- include more targeted at companies needs activities that our members would directly benefit from

Future prospects for other projects

- focusing on strategy activities aimed at sustainability
- supporting the meta-cluster in their export activities
- defining the new role of LODZistics Logistics Business Network as an innovative logistic integrator of a unique ecological product offer for markets outside the EU



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