

Setting up a Pre-commercial Procurement pilot project through mainstream funds by means of RAPIDE project



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Challenges & problems

- No room for competition in public procurement system
- Low quality and efficiency of public services
- Procurement by the public sector does not stimulate innovation as much as it could
- Low innovation potential of regional SMEs

Aim:

- Sustainable qualitative European public services
- Promote SMEs to take part in R&D&I projects and in procurement processes

RAPIDE



Regional Action Plans for Innovation Development and Enterprise **RAPIDE**

Észak-Alföld Region

Partnership of:

- National Development Agency – Managing Authority Structural Funds &
- Észak-Alföld Regional Development Agency – Intermediate Body Structural Funds &
- INNOVA Észak-Alföld Regional Innovation Agency

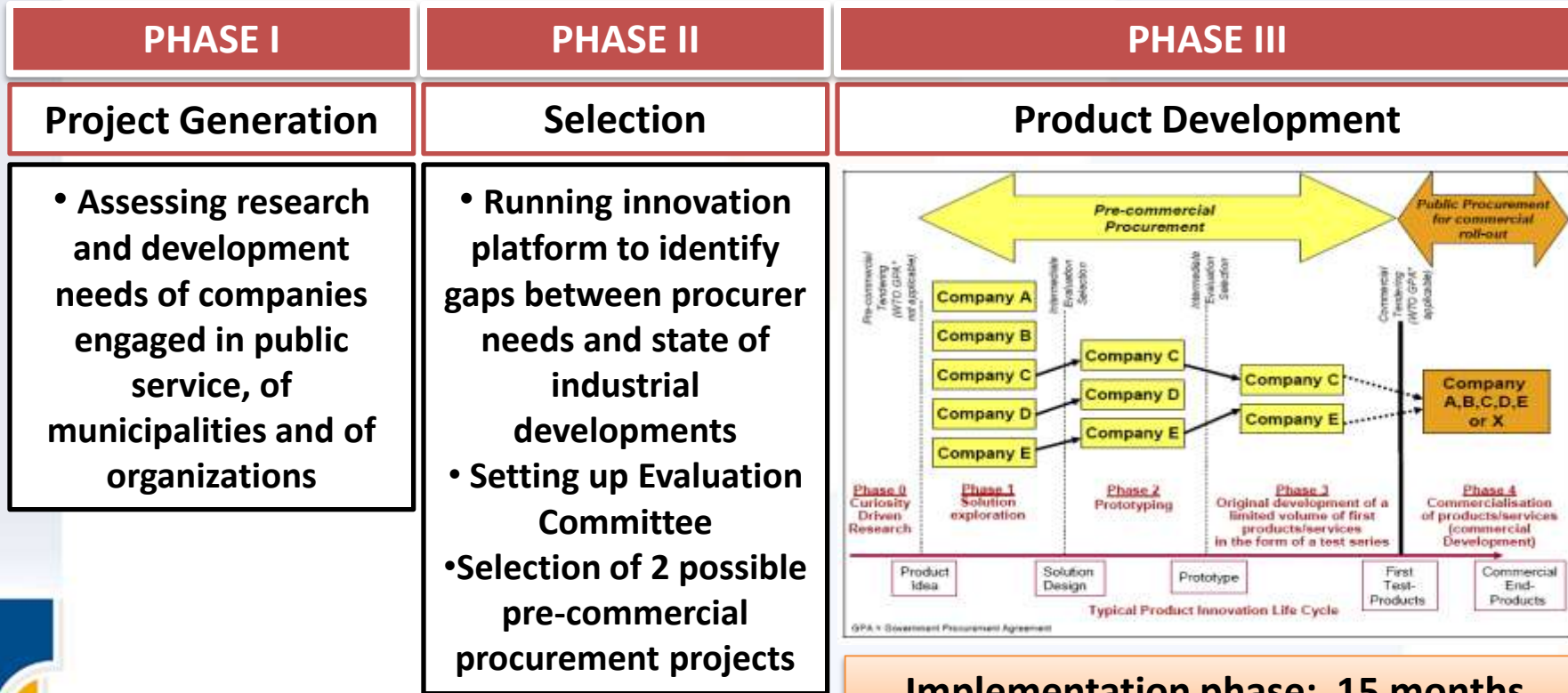
Good practices identified on:

- Innovative public procurement
- Co-operation between academia and businesses
- Innovation Voucher
- Effective Funding
- Management of Innovation



The Hungarian model developed

Beneficiary/ Intermediate Body



Preparation phase: 9 months

Implementation phase: 15 months



Where we are now?

- Draft call for proposal:
 - Észak-Alföld Regional Operational Programme, Priority 1: Regional Economic Development Component 1.1.3/B Experimental Actions, referring to development of the innovation potential of the region
 - Budget: EUR 300,000
 - Expected duration of the project: 2 years
- Finalisation
 - Consultation with DG INFSO, DG ENTERPRISE and DG REGIO
 - Consultation with Managing Authority, National Development Agency
- Possible areas of adaptation:
 - Economy development
 - Tourism
 - Transport
 - Protection of environmental values, environmental security



Why has it taken so long?

- Finding the right contact person(s)
- Having the process known:
 - Debrecen, 2010 Roundtable discussion for regional stakeholders - “How to bring innovation to public procurement? – the quintessence of PCP”
 - Budapest, 2011 “High-Level Event on Pre-Commercial Procurement – Towards a smarter research and innovation procurement strategy for Europe”

First...

- ...region in the new Member States that tries to implement a PCP
- ...in the whole EU that implements it from mainstream Structural Funds.