

## That was FinMan Conference...

On September 21st the final conference of Finman project was held at Castle Retzhof in Leibnitz/Graz in Austria. More than 40 participants used the opportunity to learn more about the project's final results and improve their knowledge in the field of financial management in European cooperation projects.



Experts, working as evaluators for funding bodies, shared their experience in key note speeches. Ursula Pretterhofer presented useful information on the topic of the budget planning at proposal stage and proposal writing in general. Georg Müllner shared his experience in analysing final financial reports for the funding bodies and gave useful hints and tips to the project coordinators. Karin Hirschmüller explained the role of the the Austrian National agency in the application procedure of Grundtvig and other centralised projects. Finally, Caterina Boschi introduced the participants as Finman project coordinator to the general objectives and activities of the Finman project and highlighted the milestones that were achieved in the last two years.

In order to give concrete insights to the Finman Manual two workshops were held by all project partners focussing on practice examples, case studies and how to use the Finman material in practice. One workshop

covered the topics of the role of financial management in the Project Cycle Management and gave general information on EU funding programmes. This workshop was mostly attended by participants with less experience in European projects to get an overview on the tasks and responsibilities related to the financial management. The second workshop concentrated on the financial reporting in European projects. The participants already had rich experience in different funding programmes and used the workshop also for discussions about specific examples taken from their own projects. Both workshops provided short questionnaires to the participants that provided specific examples financial issues that lead to discussion and exchange between the participants.



Furthermore, the conference was used to get to know potential partners for future cooperation and different material of organisations and EU projects were displayed and distributed.

The Finman partnership received very positive feedback on the event and the material. It was a successful activity to complete a successful cooperation.

The documentation of the Finman conference including all presentations and workshop material can be downloaded from the Finman website!

## FinMan Course in Florence...

In the week from September 10-14 the Finman course was organised as Grundtvig In-Service Training Grant by Tk Formazione in Florence. The course duration was 25 hours and held in English. More than 30 people from all over Europe applied for the course at their National agencies. In the end only three participants received the grant and came to Florence. They experienced a week with detailed discussions and even developed a possible project budget and following main steps in the possible implementation of activities.



Further courses will be offered soon also in other partner countries. Please contact the partner in your home country or the project coordinator for further information.

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[www.fin-man.eu](http://www.fin-man.eu) available in all partners' languages.

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## The FinMan team looks forward to hearing from you!



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