**TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION (TNC)**

**PROJECT FICHE**

***Before filling in this form, first think what you want to achieve by transnational cooperation.***

***You will need a few minutes to complete this fiche then.***

***Remember: the better your description is, the bigger chance to find a proper partner for your project!***

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| **Name of institution**: | **Östhammar business association / (Östhammar företagarförening)** | |
| **Type of institution** (tick one right answer): | * Administration * Private * Consultancy * NGO * Education and training organisation * Employment agency or service * University, research institution * Social economy institution   X Others (please specify what) **Non profit association** | |
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| **Member State:** | **Sweden** | |
| **Region (NUTS 2 or 3)[[1]](#footnote-1):** | NUTS 2 | |
| **Stage of implementation:** (tick the right answer): | * Project Idea (projects in preparation phase without grant awarded)   X Project under implementation | |
| **Title of the Project:** | **The Östhammar Enterprise Lift** / (Företagslyftet Östhammar) | |
| **Approximate budget of the project:** | 100 000 Euro | |
| **Budget of transnational activities:** | 40 000 Euro | |
| **Duration** **of the project** – starting date (in months): | From: Jan 2011 - - Jan 2013 | |
| **Duration of the transnational activities** within the project – starting date (in months): | From: Jan 2011 - - Jan 2012 | |
| Thematic scope[[2]](#footnote-2) of the project (tick the right answer – **maximum 2**): | * [Workers and new skills](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=48&langId=en)   X [Businesses undergoing change](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=49&langId=en)   * [Access to employment and social inclusion](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=50&langId=en)   X [Education and training](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=51&langId=en)   * [Women and jobs](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=52&langId=en) * [Fighting discrimination](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=53&langId=en) * [Working in partnership](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=54&langId=en) * [Better public services](http://ec.europa.eu/esf/main.jsp?catId=55&langId=en) * Others (please specify) | |
| **Target group** (final beneficiaries, not stakeholders) for transnational cooperation (tick the right answer): | * Unemployed * Long term unemployed * Persons not actively at work   + Including those who are learning in school or university   **X**  Employed   * + Farmers   + Self employed   X Employed in micro enterprises (less than 10 employees)  X Employed in small enterprises (between 10 and 50 employees)   * + Employed in SMEs (between 50 and 250 employees)   + Employed in big enterprises (over 250 employees)   + Employed in public administration (public entities including Public Employment services)   + Employed in NGOs   + In particularly disadvantaging conditions * NGOs (Associations, Foundations) | * Other persons:   + Ethnic or national minorities   + Immigrants Ex-offenders   + Persons from deprived rural areas   + Persons from deprived urban neighbourhoods   + Children   + Women   + Young people (under 25 years old)   + Older persons (over 50 years old)   + Persons with mental or physical disabilities   + Enterprises[[3]](#footnote-3) covered by support   + Social enterprises   + Micro enterprises (less than 10 employees)   + Small enterprises (between 10 and 50 employees)   + SMEs (between 50 and 250 employees)   + Big enterprises (over 250 employees)   X Administration (public entities including Public Employment services, education and training institutions) |
| **Brief description of the Transnational cooperation:**   1. **Problems to be solved** (justification of the need of the transnational cooperation)   The Östhammar Enterprise Lift (Företagslyftet Östhammar) is financed by the European Social Fund and the Swedish State. The participants are 211 businesses from a variety of branches located in all of the five districts in the municipality. The major part (75%) are businesses with no or less than five employees, that is they do not have personnel departments handling educational issues and some of them have limited means for participating in traditional competence increasing activities. The total amount of employees involved are 700. The initiators to the project are the five local business associations and the project is formally run by the association in the main district, Östhammar. The project period is from 2011-01-15 to 2013-01-15.  In a short term, the project will deliver activities to increase our participants competence in various fields. The activities during the project is also expected to provide opportunities for new ideas and innovative cooperation between the participants.  We also have a long-term ambition to find durable solutions to match demand and supply of competence increasing activities for our goal group. We hope to achieve that by establishing structures were the parts meet continuously - the business associations with a list of demands from the companies located in their part of the municipality and the organizations supplying education, for example the municipality.  Along with that goal we are working on increasing the knowledge of and the accessibility to the Learning Center operated by the municipality, supplying distance education and guidance in educational questions.  We are looking for similar initiatives/projects in other European countries to share experiences preferably with the business associations and/or the municipality involved.   1. **Objectives to be achieved**   Greater understanding of different businesses in a European context and more specifically in the Baltic area.  Identifying future collaboration, awareness raising, and inspiration.  Better understanding about running small businesses in a European context, and greater knowledge about methods within similar business areas.  New opportunities and innovative cooperation across borders.  Possibility to develop new concepts.   1. **Main transnational activities** (as provisionally planned, to be confirmed with partners)   Visits/exchanges with other European enterprises. Exchanges for both participants and at a strategic project level.   1. **Planned outputs, deliverables, results of TNC; expected outcomes (effects)**   3 visits/exchanges to 3 different areas/countries.  Greater understanding of different businesses in a European context and more specifically in the Baltic area.  Identifying future collaboration, awareness raising, and inspiration.  Better understanding about running small businesses in a European context, and greater knowledge about methods within similar business areas.  New opportunities and innovative cooperation across borders.  Possibility to develop new concepts. | | |

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1. See list of regions on http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/nuts\_nomenclature/introduction [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Source : ESF web page on <http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp?langId=en> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See definition by size on Europa : http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/policies/sme/facts-figures-analysis/sme-definition/index\_en.htm [↑](#footnote-ref-3)