

## IANIS<sup>+</sup>

### INTENSIVE COURSE in REGIONAL IS DEVELOPMENT

#### Benefits & Opportunities for NMS Associate Regions

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Regions often have difficulty in recruiting and retaining people with adequate knowledge and experience as part of their information and knowledge-based society initiatives and management units. This is likely to be especially true in the case of NMS regions. Regions often have difficulty in recruiting and retaining people with adequate knowledge and experience to work as part of their information and knowledge-based society initiatives and regional management units. The IANIS<sup>+</sup> Intensive Course in regional information and knowledge-based society development is intended to address that difficulty. It will do so by providing each member region the opportunity to send one person (who could be an existing or future member of staff, or someone otherwise working for or on behalf of the regional authority in the field of regional IS development) on a one-week intensive training programme.

Often, new and/or younger members of regional teams have only limited knowledge and experience of regional IS programme management and the aim of the intensive course is to provide a more complete or rounded training covering all relevant aspects of the regional IS development.

The training programme will cover a range of themes relevant to regional IS development including technological issues, ICT application domains, programme management & finance, and policy development & implementation. Member regions will be invited to contribute to the development of the detailed curriculum as well as having the opportunity to propose regional experts as members of the course 'faculty'.

- IANIS+ will meet the travel costs of one student nominated by their region up to a maximum of €700 subject to submission of ticket counterfoils and receipts accompanied by an official claim form. In addition, the costs of the student's accommodation and related subsistence (such as meals) whilst attending the intensive course will be covered. Other subsistence costs and/or out-of-pocket expenses are not reimbursable by IANIS<sup>+</sup>
- In order to qualify for the reimbursement of travel costs and the cover of subsistence, the nominated student must submit one Case Study Report of a regional ICT project (forming part of the RIAP but not already the subject of a Case Study Report), of satisfactory quality, prior to attending the course. The reporting template for ICT Project Case Study Reports shall be used and, in addition, full details of the project must be entered in the ICT projects database.

- Where regional experts are selected to form part of the faculty, their travel costs will be reimbursed to a limit of €750 subject to submission of ticket counterfoils and receipts. Accommodation and subsistence costs whilst attending the intensive course will also be covered but other subsistence costs and/or out-of-pocket expenses are not reimbursable by IANIS<sup>+</sup>
- Regional experts invited to form part of the faculty will be required to submit, in advance, suitable teaching and learning materials and to agree (wherever possible<sup>1</sup>) that these can be made freely available to other users at the IANIS<sup>+</sup> web site.

Subject to available space, it may be possible to accept a second student nomination for regions wishing to do so. In such cases, however, the region will be responsible for meeting the associated travel and subsistence costs.

Since teaching and learning materials will be made available (in the Competence Centre) in the IANIS<sup>+</sup> web site, the intensive training course should achieve lasting benefits for the regions and their personnel.

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<sup>1</sup> It is recognised that contributors from industry and some other faculty may be bound by their conditions of employment and thereby be precluded from allowing the publication of their materials freely