

Open Europe Consulting EEIG

The First EEIG in Central and Eastern Europe.
The Example of Lithuania

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Who we are

Open Europe Consulting:

- Originally personal company of Andrea Mewaldt MBA
- Established in 2001 in Germany
- Providing consulting services for business co-operation between Western Europe and CEE- and SEE-countries
- Having strategic partners in Lithuania, Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Background

Main problems:

- cross-border cooperation
- legal form: In Germany “höhere freie Berufe” that is not acknowledged in other EU-countries
- legal form for participation in EU-projects

Solutions via EEIG

Benefits:

- Easy cross-border cooperation
- Acknowledged legal form in ALL EU countries
- Favorable legal form in EU projects
- Involvement of all partners
- Option to grow further in EU and associated countries
- Project – based organization
- Profit share according project share
- Simple ruling and bookkeeping
- Publicity as first EEIG in CEE

Procedures

Preparation phase:

- Defining partners' needs and expectations
- Negotiating with partners
- Screening the legal database
- Decision to start with only 2 countries (D/LT)
- Preparing the establishing contract (statute)
- Notary for final procedures

Our Supporters

Register of Legal Entities

- Several telephone calls with help service
- Several telephone calls with head of Department of Register of legal entities

Notary office

- Numerous telephone calls with the assistant of notary
- Visiting the notary for consulting
- Continuous communication via email for the refinement of the statute

Our Supporters

LIBERTAS - Europäisches Institut GmbH

Continuous communication with

Mr. Hans-Jürgen Zahorka via Skype teleconferences.

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Difficulties we faced

- Lack of information and organization in Register of Legal Entities
- Not believed that a company's legal form can be such a simple one
- Uncertainty: For everyone our EEIG is new. That needs encouraged services partners like the management of our business centre or our bookkeeper and others

Lithuanian Procedures in Detail

- Refining the **Establishing contract** with notary
- Signing documents with partners and notary
- Presenting signed and confirmed documents to Register of Legal Entities
- Receiving the **EEIG certificate** from Register of Legal Entities dated on 2nd March 2006
- Applying the Tax Inspection for the **Taxpayer certificate**
- Company's **Stamp** registration and Opening bank account
- Bookkeeper meeting Germany–Lithuania: planned in November 2006

First EEIG Project

- Market Entry of TÜV SÜD Group in Lithuania.

Due to the baby break the full operation of EEIG will start in October 2006

Summary

- Decision making for EEIG in about 5 month within the partners' network
- Establishment of EEIG in about 1,5 months
- Integration of Poland and Croatia is planned in 2007

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