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# Fate: FROM ARMY TO ENTREPRENEURSHIP



## THE PROJECT

In the last years a large number of military brownfields has been dismantled because of changes in the security and defence policies. Most part of these sites is easily accessible, often located in the city-centre and even well connected through modern infrastructure. Therefore the rehabilitation of military brownfields in proximity of densely populated areas is an important issue for local authorities and an opportunity for private investors. In fact, by recovering military brownfields, greenfields are preserved, the sustainable urban, economic and social development is supported and public owners can profit from the rehabilitation. FATE aims at solving crucial problems related to military brownfields, finding the adequate requalification programme in accordance with the strategic development targets of the communities, through the design of feasibility and operational plans. FATE will also answer to the specific need for strengthening the territorial economic growth improving the entrepreneurial environment competitiveness through supporting structures like Business Incubators (BI) or Business Support Centres (BSCs) and finding adequate measures to encourage economic and SMEs growth. The project, has been financed in the framework of the European Transnational Cooperation Programme South East Europe 2007-2013 within priority Axis 4 focused on development of transnational synergies for sustainable growth areas, for the total amount of 2.200.000,00 € with an ERDF contribution of 1.725.500€. It started in March 2009 and will last until December 2011.

## activities and RESULTS

Planned activities include the analysis of economic and entrepreneurial context, the mapping and assessments of military brownfields and the definition and application of models on property disposal and restructuring of ex military assets. Feasibility studies and pilot actions will pave the way to the setting up of strategies to foster entrepreneurship and boost investments and to the identifying of operational plans and investment projects for the rehabilitation and transformation of military brownfields into Business Support Centres (BSC) or Incubators (BI). A smooth management system and incisive dissemination actions will come with these main initiatives, so to assure the success of the operation. Main project outputs and foreseen results consist of transfer of methodologies, adoption of programmes and recommendations on military brownfields restructuring, urban planning for the creation of BSC/BI with high technological and management standards. Project is expected also to produce BI/BSCs business plans, position paper on brownfield property transfer process from central to local level and to support the adoptions of a common strategy to promote entrepreneurship.

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