

# THE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE ON INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

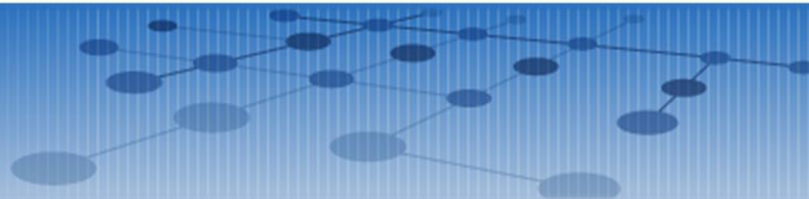
*“A network of people actively involved in opening up entrepreneurship to all parts of society”*



## The COPIE Toolkit

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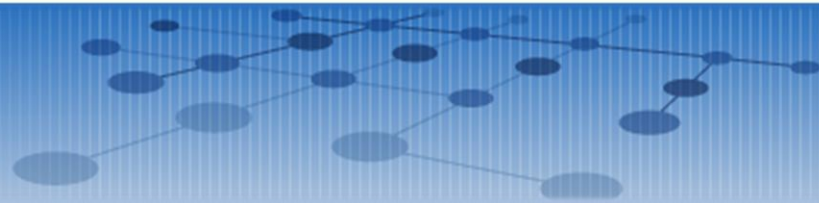
# The COPIE mission



The Community of Practice on Inclusive Entrepreneurship is a **learning network of ESF Managing Authorities and Implementing Bodies** at national and regional level in Europe.

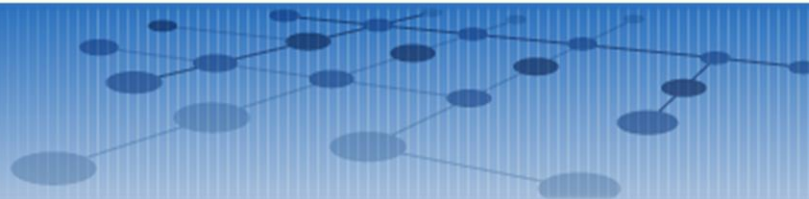
The COPIE partners share a common concern **to widen entrepreneurship and make support systems work better** across diverse populations.

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# COPIE key facts

- ESF Learning Network; approved by DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion in April 2009
- Common goal: **Transformation of the policy environment so that entrepreneurship becomes a natural choice for people from all walks of life**
- Builds upon experience of the EU Community Initiative EQUAL and the results of a COPIE pilot initiative from 2006 – 2008
- 10 national and regional partners across Europe



## 3. COPIE partners

Lead partner: **Germany**, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Core partners: **Asturias** (Spain) Regional Ministry of Industry and Employment,  
*since May 2011:* Regional Ministry of Economy and Employment

**Czech Republic** Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

**Flanders** (Belgium) ESF Agency of Flanders

**Spain** Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

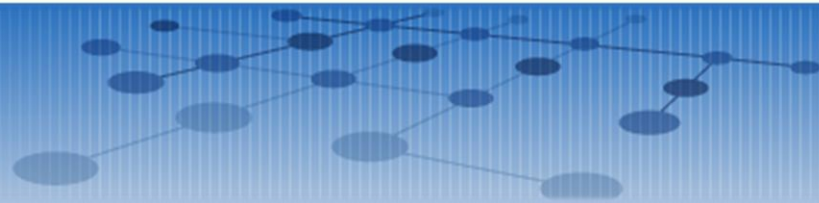
Partners: **Andalucía** (Spain) Regional Ministry of Employment

**Extremadura** (Spain) Regional Ministry of Equality and Employment

**Galicia** (Spain), Regional Ministry of Economy and Industry (BIC Galicia),  
Regional Ministry of Labour, Regional Ministry of Treasure

**Lithuania**, Ministry of Social Security and Labour

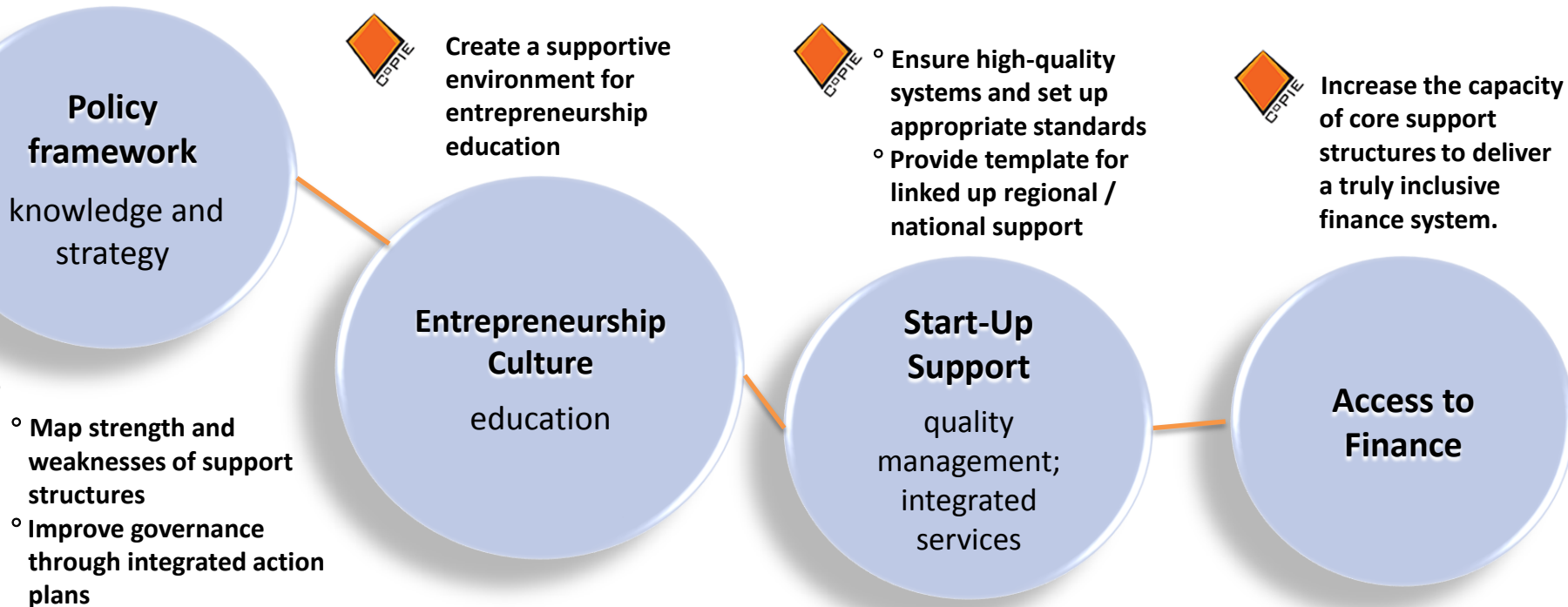
**Wallonia** (Belgium), ESF Agency French-Speaking Belgium

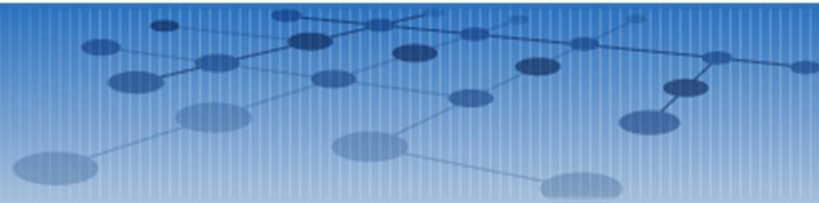


# Objectives of COPIE

Transforming the policy environment..

...so that entrepreneurship is a natural choice for people from all walks of life.

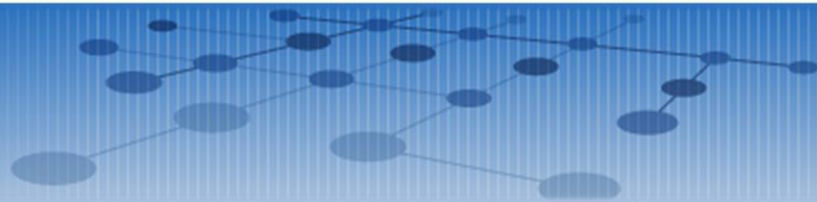




# COPIE's work model

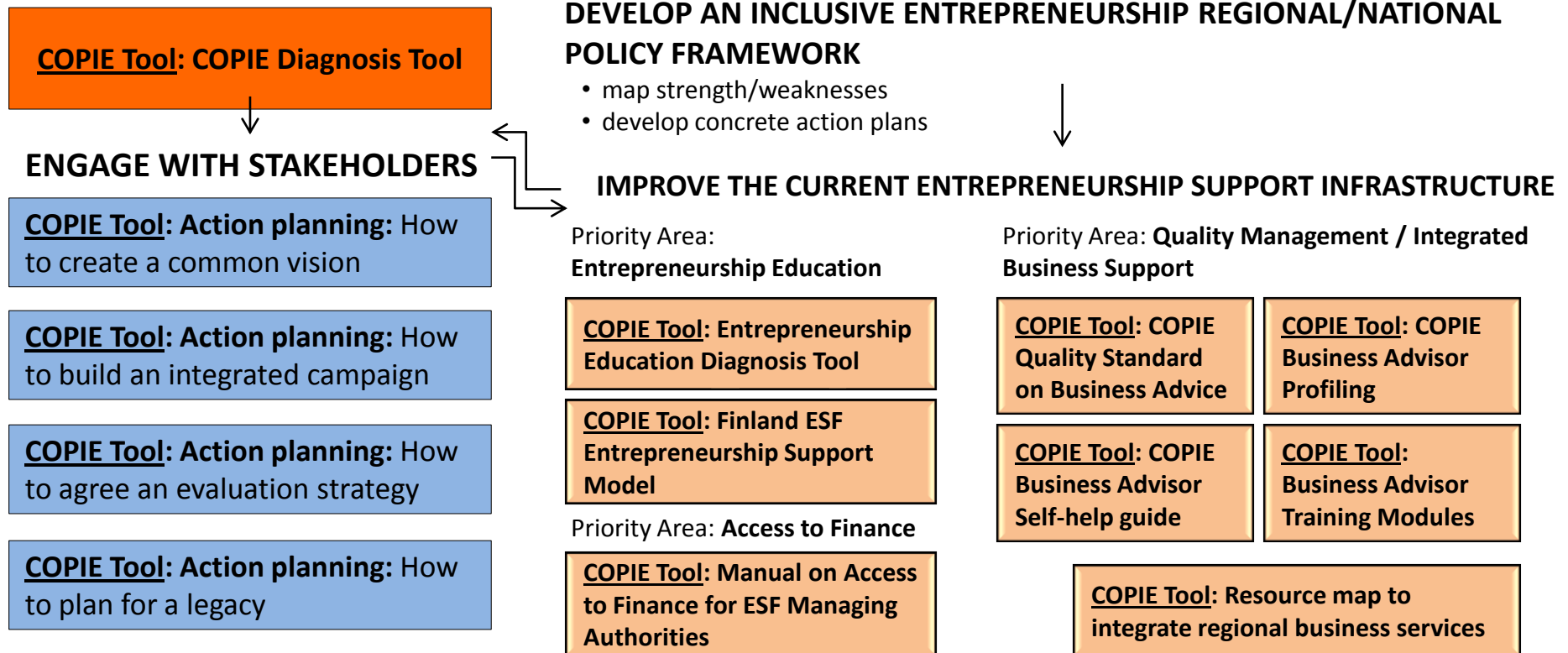
- Regional analysis through **COPIE Diagnosis Tool**
- Development and testing of new tools in 5 Thematic Groups:
  1. **Action Planning** – Lead partner: Germany
  2. **Quality Management** – Lead partner: Germany
  3. **Access to Finance** – Lead partners: Flanders/Czech Republic
  4. **Integrated Business Support**: Lead partner Asturias (Spain)
  5. **Entrepreneurship Education**: Lead partner: Spain

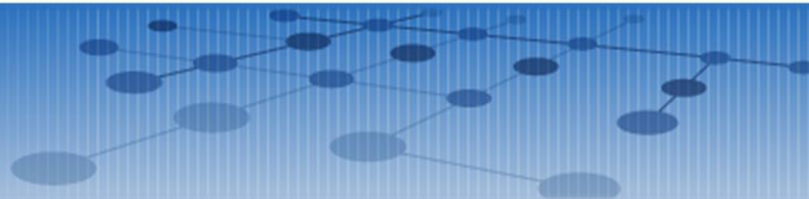




# The COPIE Toolkit –

## Using EU Structural Funds for inclusive entrepreneurship





## COPIE Tools – Areas of implementation and further interest

### COPIE European Tool

**18 geographic locations** across Europe since 2007

#### Action Planning

**Flanders, Wallonia, Asturias and the Czech Republic;** *additional member:* Germany

#### Quality Management

**Germany, Galicia, Extremadura, Andalusia, Spain;** *additional partners:* Rhineland-Palatinate, Region of Brandenburg

#### Access to Finance

**Czech Republic, Germany, Flanders, Lithuania and Spain;** *additional partners:* European Microfinance Network (EMN), Calabria, Latvia, Lombardy, Sardinia, Greece, Basilicata

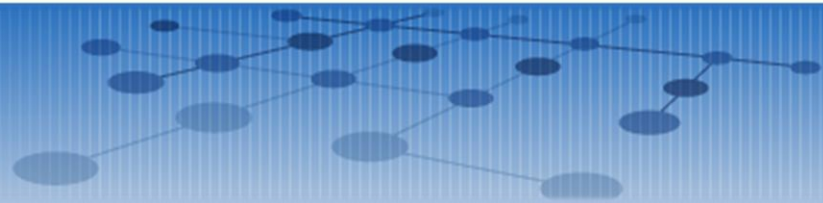
#### Enterprise Education

**Spain and Flanders;** *additional partners:* Finland, Lower Saxony

#### Integrated Business Support

**Asturias, Galicia, Czech Republic ;** *additional partners:* Kaunas region





**More details will now follow from the partners/experts of the various groups.**

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