

**BIC Group, s.r.o.,
established in 1993**

is a consulting company specialising primarily in practical assistance. Along with the role of **coordinator within the BIC Group Holding** it also provides its own entrepreneurial activities.

It offers complex consultancy for:

Small and medium-sized businesses in :

- company analysis
- action plans design and implementation
- restructuring and revitalizing projects
- introduction of new products and technologies
- procurement of funding and company matching.

Regional and local authorities in :

- technology forecast
- regional development
- project management

Public authorities in:

- technology forecast
- innovation projects

BIC Group is closely co-operating also with private businesses, government, UNIDO and European Commission.

Besides these activities BIC Group, Ltd. takes part in various projects:

- as a partner organisation of the Innovation Relay Centre Slovakia, which was established in 1997 by the European Union as FEMIRC Slovakia and from July 2000 full member of the Innovation Relay Centres Network
- as a co-ordinator of the project: Creation and implementation of Industrial Liaison Office clusters in Slovakia. The aim was to create a network of effective Industrial Liaison Offices in Slovak universities, scientific, technical and research institutions. The project was financed by UNIDO and British Council.
- as a partner in several Leonardo da Vinci Programme, e.g. the SMARTER (Student Monitoring And Remote Tutoring-Enlarging Regions) project, through. This project supports continual education and lifelong development and education for technicians in the field of computers and related activities in the multiplicative partnership, which involves SMEs, educational institutions, European organisations and a group of firms from 6 countries (Bulgary, Cyprus, France, Germany, Slovak Republic, Great Britain).
- as a partner in the project – Improvement through the method of benchmarking. The project concerns with the education in the field of

the evaluation benchmarking methods and organisation and implementation of the improved educational activities. As a partner in the project - PARTNER: Thematic Network - The PARTNER Thematic Network is a spin-out of the wider Innovating Regions in Europe (IRE) Network. The activities organised for PARTNER members will follow the project cycle of the current Regional Innovation Strategy (RIS-NAC) projects in Newly Associated Countries (NACs) and will evolve around issues of particular relevance to the NACs. The IRC-IRE Network on the other hand operates its own agenda of events and offers support and information on a wide range of regional innovation issues.

- Employee of BIC Group fulfilled the position of National Contact Point (NCP) during the FP5.