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The CD-ROM, produced in Italian, English and Slovene, contains all the statistical data handled during the study, and has been created with a view to being easy to use, as it is intended for all those that need more information in order to develop their professional activity. A link is also active between the Association's website and that of its Slovene partners in the form of the virtual situations vacant and wanted centre. Slovenes can examine the employment opportunities provided by firms through this link and send their CVs direct, develop work opportunities or create joint ventures between Venetian and Slovene firms.

In this CD-ROM all Slovene operators, both institutions and workers, have the chance to use a tool that allows them to see, simply and clearly, the economic sectors in the Venice area that are most developed, the characteristics of the labour market and the professional background required. This exchange of information will give them the necessary knowledge to have a more informed idea of the possibilities of initiating contacts with firms and embarking on more targeted professional training courses on the basis of real occupational needs. Similarly, Venetian institutions and operators can see the professional skills that develop in the Slovene regions involved, can look for more targeted qualifications or set up more specific and more productive types of collaboration.

The CD-ROM that has been produced will be distributed through the Slovene partner to all the main Slovene institutions (Chambers of Commerce, employment offices, training establishments, etc.). This will make dissemination and information easier, and facilitate the Slovene regions' approach to the Venice market. The partner's role is to support the Research Centre of the Mestre C.G.I.A. (Association of Craftsmen and Small Companies) in this project, liaising between Venice and Slovenia in its capacity as an expert organisation with knowledge of the economic, entrepreneurial and working spheres in the area. In the empirical survey, moreover, the partner has provided a list of firms to be interviewed, identifying a group of concerns that were already interested and involved in the study, thus avoiding waste of energy and information if an effort had been made to rouse the interest of structures that are less sensitive to this type of project. The Research Centre did the same in the Venice area.

The possibility for operators to have all the qualitative and quantitative information regarding the two labour markets at their finger tips will help them to be more knowledgeable in managing the process of bringing the activities in these two areas closer to each other, providing a more exact definition of training programmes, business initiatives and contacts for Slovene operators, so that they start up effectively in the least possible time. Moreover, the possibility, through the Slovene partner's website, of having a link with a Venetian body that already conducts research and offers professional skills will work towards direct and immediate results from Venetian/Slovene relations, bringing the two areas that have been studied even nearer together.