Some Aspects of International Economic Cooperation



- Every successfully exporting company should have a minimum of 25 employees
- Important is to have at least one competitive advantage (or usp) like
 - cost leadership
 - niche products
 - excellent marketing
 - financial resources



- Every market development can be done like a recipe for making a cake with a checklist.
 - every branch has its own rules
 - special distribution systems
 - target groups

But

- a checklist can really help
- systematical approach is necessary
- intuitive decisions (+/-)



- 3. The low labor costs are the primary competitive advantage of companies from BiH
 - What do you think is the labour cost for an engineer working for the automotive industry in BiH?
 - With which countries is BiH competing

Examples?



- 4. Human relationships don't play a big role in making business with highly developed markets such as Germany or Austria.
 - Price, quality, reliability
 - Big companies vs. SME's, Buying Center
 - Intercultural communications



Success Factors

- 1. Gathering all relevant information available on the market, from partners, suppliers etc.
- Knowing what your potential partner is exspecting
- Sustainable contact via fair, letter, telefone and meetings >> personal contact
- 4. Professional presentation
- 5. Realistic pricing



Attracting Investors to BiH

- 1. Awareness of BiH abroad
- 2. Lack of motivated and skilled industry workers (improving VET-system / dual education)
- 3. High energy prices
- 4. Administrative obstacles (BEAR)
- 5. Inspections







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