


FOUNDATION

Interreg Europe



FOUNDATION will provide a framework and roadmap for regions facing industrial closures, job losses and uncertainty, to develop economic resilience through collaboration.

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About the FOUNDATION Project

FOUNDATION is an Interreg Europe funded SME Competitiveness project that brings together nine partners in a consortium led by Cork Institute of Technology. The project is focused on supporting regions pre and post shocks and closures of anchor tenants in their industrial ecosystems. The impacts of a closure of course go beyond direct employees and ripple, wave like throughout the regional services sector and economy. Management of such anticipated structural change requires proactive renewal of business approaches and policy supports.

In the wake of COVID-19 the FOUNDATION partnership wishes to share information, training opportunities and good practices with external stakeholders to support them in accessing information to plan for the future. Whilst our medical professionals fight this pandemic on the front line, collaborative sharing by regional stakeholders can support resilience of all regions across Europe and further afield in enabling them to adapt to what is unprecedented change.



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Fostering Recovery with New Initiatives



Best Practices of Tourism Companies

Tourism is an important service sector as well as a growing export industry for Finland. The SEUTU4 project on business networks in regional cities aims to bring attention to hidden gems and promote networking in tourism. [Read more](#)



40 New Jobs to be Created in Cork

There are signs of recovery with news that Aspira, a consulting business, is creating 40 jobs at its new headquarters in Cork. The positions will include opportunities for project managers, business analysts and technology professionals. [Read more](#)

Innovation Support Projects



Record number of grant applications from the Podkarpackie Innovation Center

The PCI grant program is an undertaking that evaluates. Before its launch in 2019, there was no similar grant instrument in Podkarpackie, which would effectively distribute funds for research and development by university research teams. [Read more](#)



Info Murcia seeks companies with innovative solutions to Covid's challenges

Info Murcia is leading the Indemand-RCT project, an initiative funded by the European Union that seeks the incorporation of innovative SMEs to offer solutions for R&D, digitalisation and the problems generated by COVID-19. [Read more](#)

Sustainable Business Practices



Roadmap for sustainable plastics solutions

Upper Austria's roadmap for sustainable plastics solutions. Upper Austria's location agency Business Upper Austria has launched an initiative to show that sustainable plastics solutions are possible. [Read more](#)



Start Cup Emilia-Romagna

Resoh+, a start-up of the Hardware Acceleration Coaching of Reggio Emilia Digital District, won second place in the business plan competition Start Cup with its reversible batteries that produce energy from hydrogen and hydrogen from water. [Read more](#)

Dissemination Events



Future in design conference

More than 200 people attending to hear the interface between design, AI and healthcare industry. Universities, companies and business support institutions presented the role of design in relation to legal protection, education, manufacturing and arts. [Read more](#)



A reflection on the changing world of work post-pandemic and its lasting legacy

GM Progress21 Global focused on the Future of Work for businesses, not just in Greater Manchester, but internationally. Centring on the changing world of work post-pandemic, and the lasting legacy COVID will have, the panellists came from a diverse mix of employers, and were led by Professor Julia Rouse of Manchester Metropolitan University Decent Work Centre. [Read more](#)

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