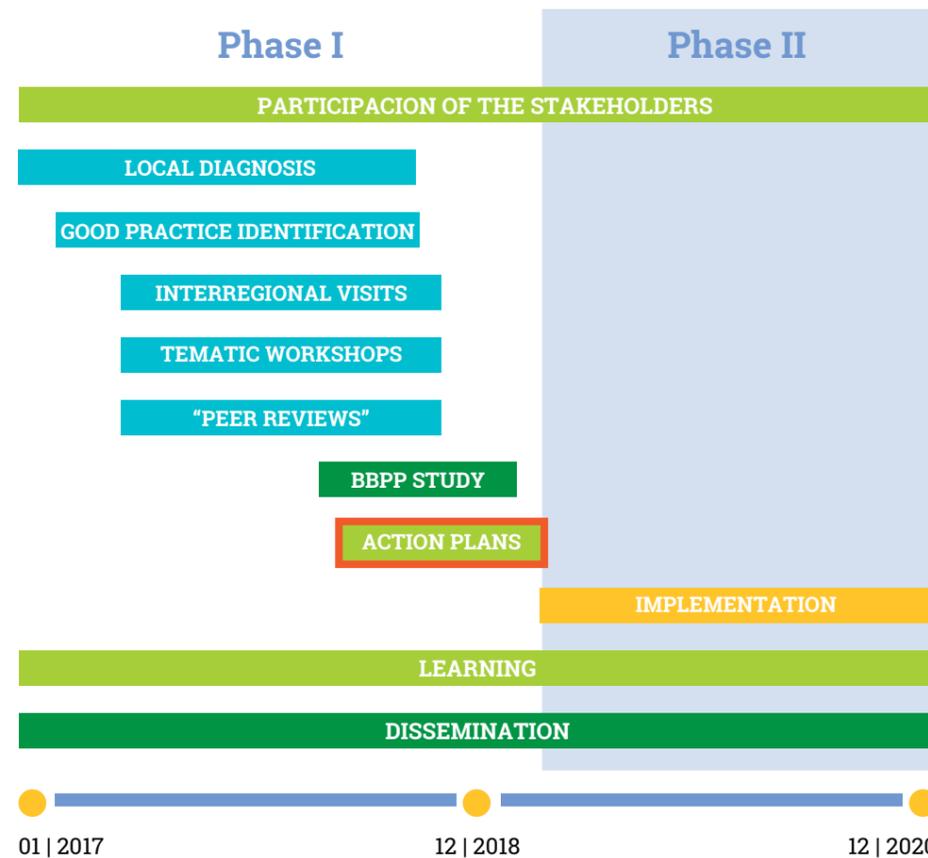


## Innova Foster's Phases:

The project has started on 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 and will last until the end of 2020 – 31<sup>st</sup> of December. Divided into two phases, it is now at its halfway stage. Within the Phase I all partners has focused on the interregional learning process in order to create the action plans based on exchanged knowledge and indicated good practices. The aim of Phase II is to monitor delivered plans.



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Startup's ecosystem made simple in  
Cork City Council, Ireland

Best practices and achievements  
of Innova Foster project's Phase I



## About Innova Foster:

The Innova Foster project, being a part of Interreg Europe programme, is an initiative coming from the European Union need of improving the startups and SME ecosystems in European countries. Hence, the **seven European** regions gathered for:

Leveraging startups growth through their engagement into the innovation processes at local or regional level and improving their role as regional and industry innovation providers

Through interregional visits, pointing out possible improvements of regional or local policies and programmes, along with engaging local stakeholders, Innova Foster want to support the growth of SMEs ecosystem in all seven regions, to enable startup to grow, ramp-up and hopefully go global.

*We encourage you to read more about what we have already done and what possibilities for startups, and examples to follow we have found in our region.*

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## Partners of Innova Foster



### SPAIN - Incyde Foundation

INCYDE (Chamber of Commerce Institute for Creation and Enterprise Development) is a Spanish Foundation, located in Madrid, created in 1999 at the initiative of the Chamber of Commerce. The organization promotes entrepreneurial mindset, and encourages the creation and growth of new businesses.



### IRELAND - Cork City Council

The City Council of Cork plays a key role in supporting economic development and enterprises in Ireland. It is also a cofounder of the Cork Innovates Partnership, which aims at supporting and fueling the Entrepreneurial Reputation of the Region.



### GREAT BRITAIN - Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council

Oldham is committed to achieving a balanced local economy, supporting businesses and increasing investment to develop strong position in Greater Manchester.



### SLOVENIA - Scientific Research Centre Bistra Ptuj

SRC Bistra Ptuj is a regional development agency and a research center promoting entrepreneurship and innovations. Main tasks of the Centre is planning and managing of developmental activities in municipalities of the Spodnje Podravje region.



### POLAND - Torun Regional Development Agency

TRDA provides a wide range of SME support and advisory services linked to building a new regional startup community and ecosystem in the region. Agency also promotes new technological initiatives and encourage young entrepreneurs to create new businesses.



### MALTA - Malta Enterprise

Malta Enterprise is the country's economic development agency, responsible for the promotion of foreign direct investment as well as facilitating the growth of existing operations. It acts as an adviser to government on economic policy due to its close and constant interaction with the main economic players in the country.



### ESTONIA - Tartu City Government

The City of Tartu is a local municipality for promoting innovation, competitive entrepreneurship and knowledge-based production and services.

## Our best practices

Take a look at what all regions do for their startup communities.



### SPAIN | Incyde Foundation

#### Aerospace Incubator of technological transfer

<https://camaradesevilla.com/.../vivero-aeronautico-incubadora-transferencia-tecnologia-aeronautica/>



### IRELAND | Cork City Council

#### Innovation Vouchers Programme

[www.innovationvouchers.ie](http://www.innovationvouchers.ie)



### GREAT BRITAIN | Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council

#### GC Mentoring Programme

<https://www.businessgrowthhub.com/services/leadership-mentoring>



### SLOVENIA | Scientific Research Centre Bistra Ptuj

#### Tkalka / Weawer

<http://www.novimaribor.com/tkalka/>



### POLAND | Torun Regional Development Agency

#### Startup Weekend Torun

<http://communities.techstars.com/poland/torun/startup-weekend/events>



### MALTA | Malta Enterprise

#### Setting up a Life Sciences Centre

<https://www.maltalifesciencespark.com/>



### ESTONIA | Tartu City Government

#### sTARTUp Day business festival

<https://startupday.ee>



## MNCs, Corporates and Startups in Cork

In a strong pro-business environment, where innovation is a key source of competitive advantage, Ireland demonstrates the highest percentage of high-growth firms across the EU. The nature of Ireland's ecosystem makes it easy for key stakeholders involved in innovation to interact with Ireland now cited as the most R&D effective country in the EU.

Cork is the Republic of Ireland's second largest city region and also Ireland's second largest economic engine, supporting a highly productive economy which contributes 19% of Ireland's national GDP.

While indigenous industry is widely spread, each region across Ireland demonstrates particular industry strengths. The southern regions economic productivity is very much in line with the national average and is home to a particularly strong regional industry base of EMEA business services, industrial products and services, and pharmaceuticals.

Over the last 25 years, Cork has consistently attracted many of the world's largest companies and the region is now home to global market leaders, with over 150 international companies in Cork, employing close to 34,000 people and including eight of 10 top global pharma companies and 61 overseas tech companies (which alone employ close to 15,000 people), Cork holds a unique position over other Irish region in terms of its MNC and large corporate base.

In Cork, the startup community is widely supported and the success of the region is characterised by the strong inter-agency partnerships and cross-community collaboration, all contributing to world class educational standards, good connectivity, strength in global business sectors, a thriving startup and SME sector and ability to attract talent and overseas investment. Nevertheless, there is still insufficient investment in key enabling infrastructure and technology.