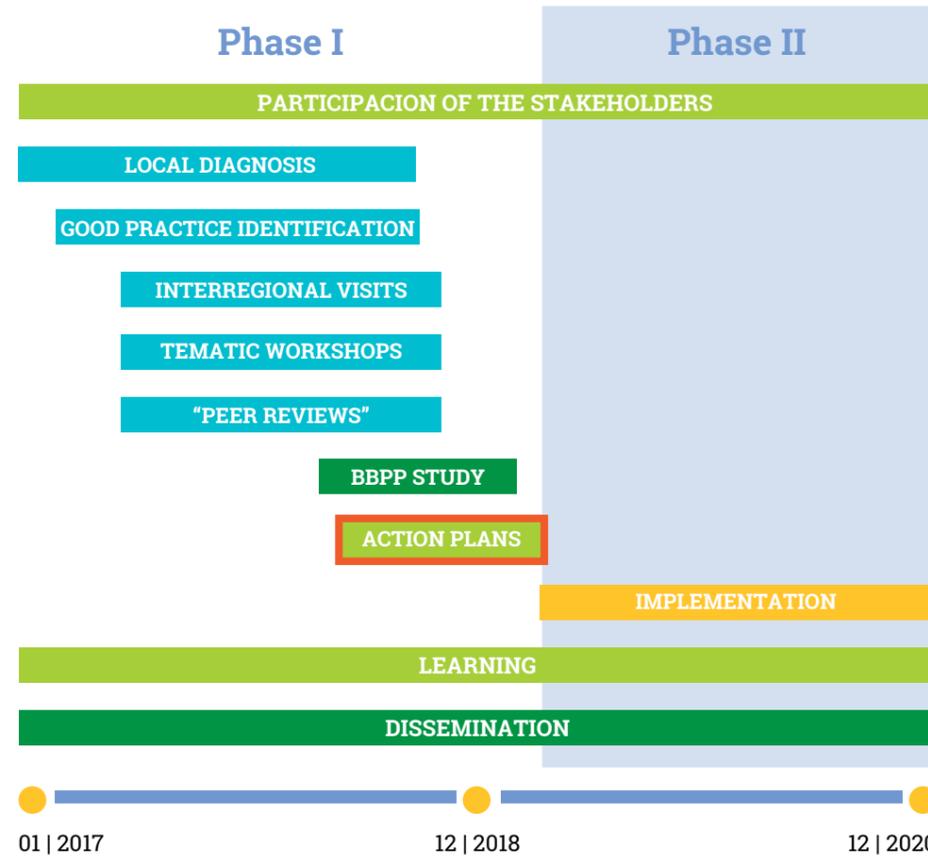


Innova Foster's Phases:

The project has started on 1st of January 2017 and will last until the end of 2020 – 31st 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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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.

Oldham Council



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Startup's ecosystem made simple in Oldham and Greater Manchester, UK

Best practices and achievements of Innova Foster project's

Phase I



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.

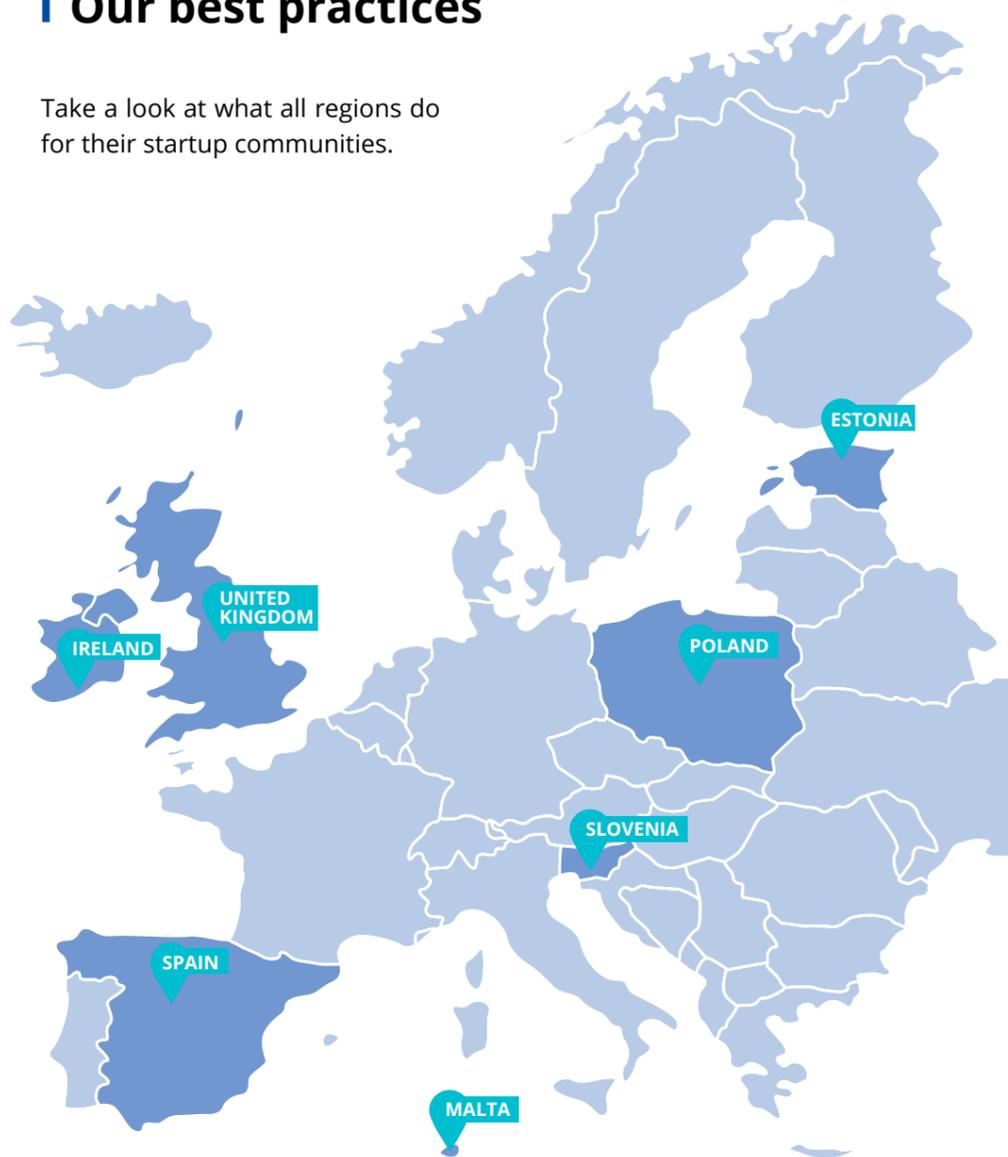


ESTONIA – Tartu City Government

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



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

sSTARTUp Day business festival

<https://startupday.ee>



Oldham and GM Start-up Ecosystem

There are 2 main programmes available in Oldham and GM to support business start-ups provided by the Business Growth Hub - livelihood and growth start-ups.

A livelihood support is delivered under the start-smart programme. This focuses on those economically inactive from priority neighbourhoods. The support includes:

- Pre-start support – understanding the key elements of running a business, whether self-employment is right for them and support to develop a robust business plan.
- Post start support - including workshops and 1-2-1 support, networking, peer mentoring and a warm handover to other Growth Hub services.

The growth start-up programme targets those that have the potential to turnover £250k or employ 5 staff within the first 3 years. The programme offers residents:

- Help to identify and new opportunities to start and grow their business.
- Access to experienced Business Mentors to help residents develop themselves and their business.
- Support to establish and grow start-up businesses.
- Access to expertise to identify workforce development needs to enable a business to start and grow.
- Access to specialist leadership development support and other relevant support services provision.
- Access to a range of other business support programmes.

Residents accessing both these programmes are able to receive a minimum of 12 hours of free support.