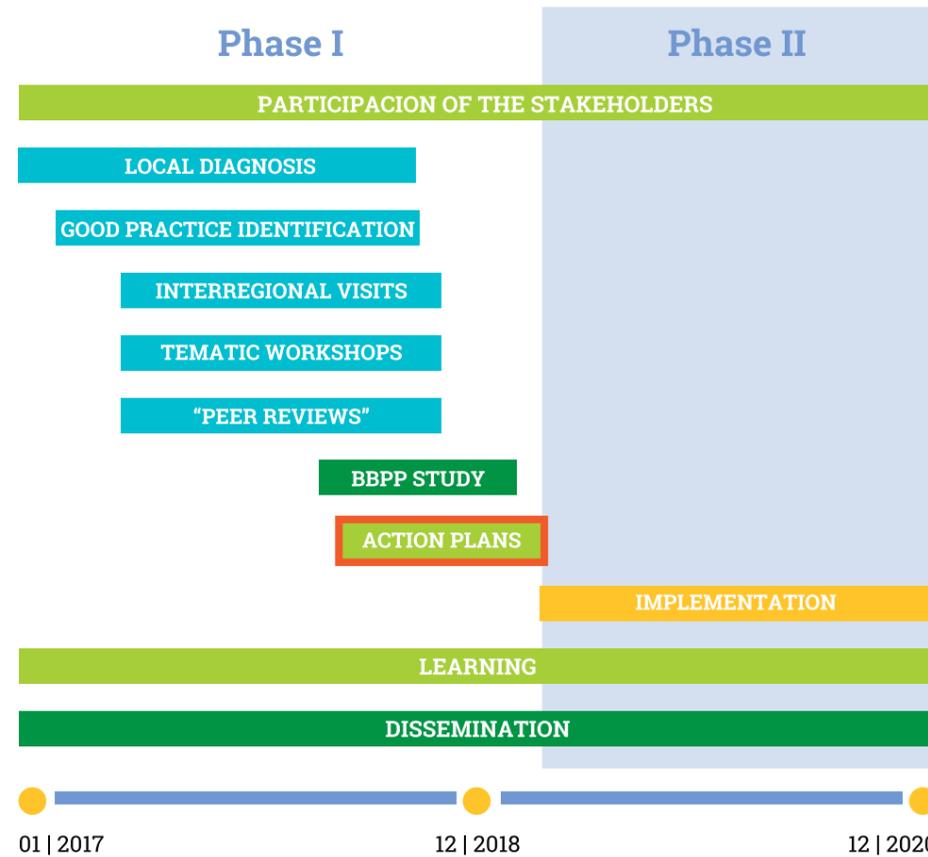


## Innova Foster's Phases:

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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## Innova Foster

Interreg Europe



## 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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Startup's ecosystem made simple in Tartu, Estonia

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.

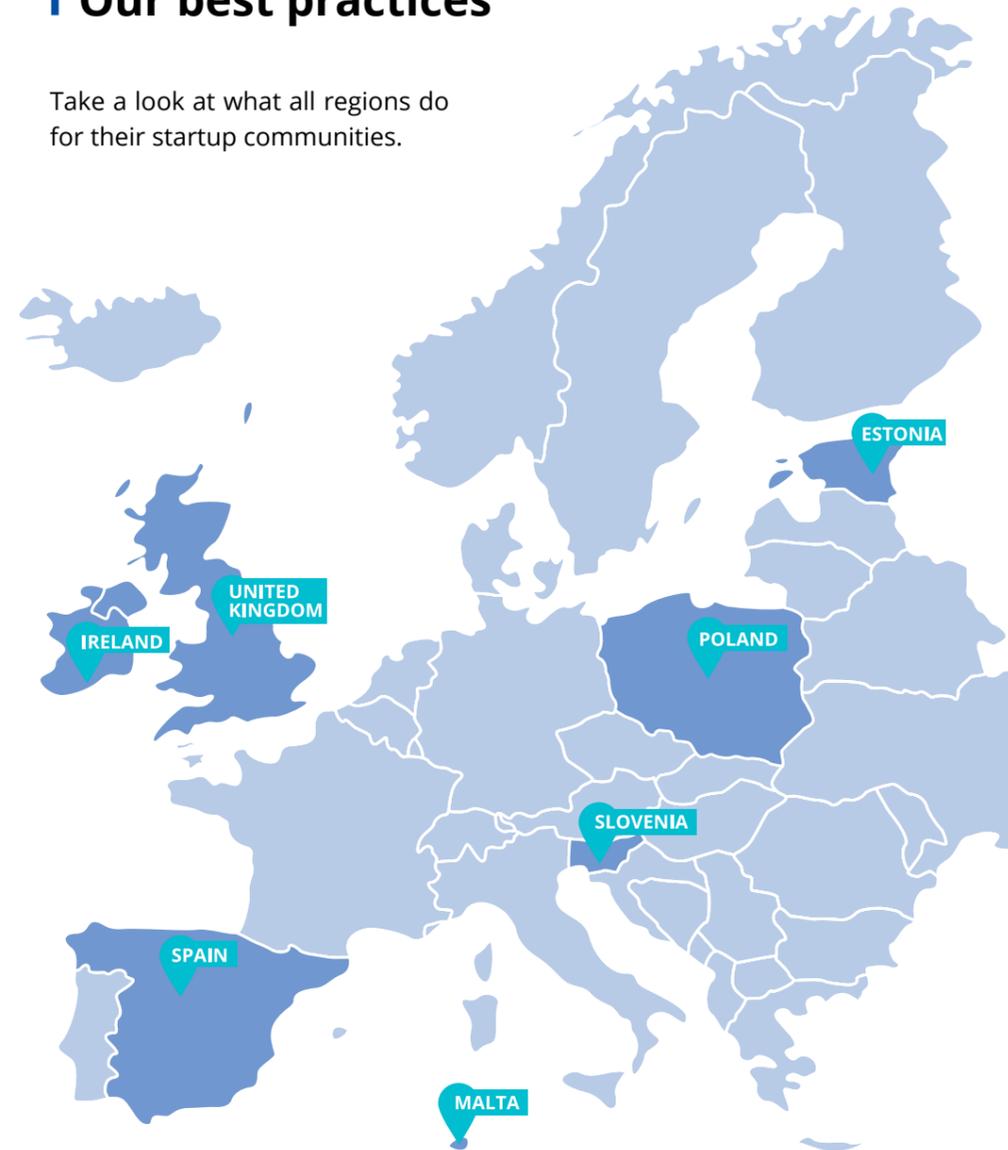


### ESTONIA - Tartu City Government

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](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

#### sSTARTUp Day business festival

<https://startupday.ee>



## Startup Ecosystem in Tartu

Tartu has always been a trendsetter when it comes to ICT developments – talented minds and ambitious entrepreneurs have led to a rapidly growing ICT ecosystem which has attracted the attention of venture capitalists as well as foreign ICT companies. The startup scene in Tartu is characterized by many startups, who have partially grown out of the large ICT companies and who supplement each other and form a well-working cluster. The city hosts more than 60 startup events per year from hackathons to Mobile Monday to sSTARTUp Day, with more than 5000 people from the tech industry getting involved.

The ecosystem is not only being supported by the companies, but also by several technological institutions and other institutions of business support ecosystem in Tartu.

The startup community's prosperity can be largely attributed to the beneficial relationships that have developed among key players in Tartu. This has produced a nurturing and supportive ecosystem. And it is in working to make Tartu a truly attractive city for startup founders (from Tartu and beyond), strong and active cooperation has started to unfold among these key players (i.e sSTARTUp Day). This entails developing partnerships among startup founders, the city government, University of Tartu and others, that create win-win situations for all parties involved, while keeping an eye on the primary goal of continuing to improve the local startup ecosystem.

