

# 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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## Developing Resilience in your Firm

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### Future of Work is Here

Genpact share their thoughts on the impact COVID-19 is having on countries, communities, and individuals at an increasing rate and is teaching us lessons in humanity, prediction, action, and collaboration. [Read more:](#)

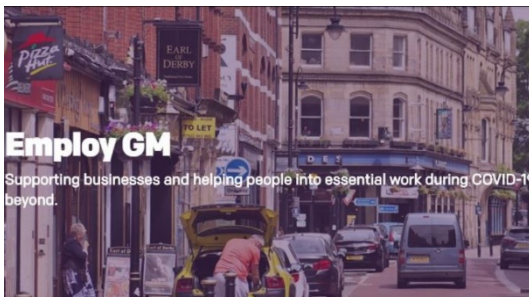


### Industry Resilience in Finland

The coronavirus has significant effects on business. The government is taking various measures to ensure that firms of all sizes can continue to operate profitably after the crisis. [Read more:](#)

## Resilience Training

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### Dating for Employers and Employees

Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub have established an online tool that matches people that have lost employment with businesses seeking workers in response to increasing demand due to the COVID-19 crisis. [Read more:](#)



### Austria: Resisting the Corona Crisis

Tanja Spennlingwimmer, Head of Investors Location Management at Business Upper Austria introduces the training webinar Start, Invent, Implement: Making ideas work, to showcase opportunities in the face of COVID-19 [Read more:](#)

## Clusters & Industry Sector Responses

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**Robots fighting COVID-19**

Rubedo Sistemas, a Kaunas-based Lithuanian robotics firm is developing a disinfectant-spraying robot that could help limit the spread of Covid-19. The prototype is to be tested in Hong Kong at present. [Read more:](#)



**BioWin Tackling COVID-19**

BioWin and its health cluster members in Wallonie are collaborating to address the challenges of COVID-19. Cluster members are using their knowledge and expertise to help combat the worldwide pandemic. [Read more:](#)

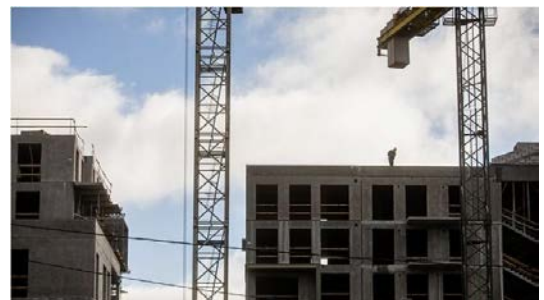
## Good Practices from Partners Regions

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**COVID-19 Supports Manchester**

The Manchester Growth Company have produced a simple webinar to explain the range of support measures on offer to businesses and the self-employed during the COVID19 crisis. [Read more:](#)



**Lithuania Extends Finance Supports**

The Lithuanian parliament, Seimas, has approved key economic measures to help businesses and workers to mitigate negative consequences of the coronavirus crisis. [Read more:](#)



### Single Industry COVID-19 POC

Oldham businesses can now search a single point of information on government support that is being coordinated by the Council. A coordinated virtual 'one stop shop' for businesses and self-employed in the face of COVID-19. [Read more:](#)



### Haidmair helps produce protection

Corona crisis has a tight grip on the world. Necessary safety equipment (masks) in hospitals are becoming scarce. Lots of companies adjust their production and produce protective gear to aid frontline workers battling the virus. [Read more:](#)

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## Foundation Project partners

