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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



Liquidity Loans to Stay Afloat

To fight COVID-19, the EC has agreed to ringfence €50 million to support industry via liquidity loans within the ROP of Podkarpackie. Loans will be made available on favourable, preferential terms, with deferred repayments. [Read more...](#)



HEIMISCHE FIRMEN

Maskenproduktion als Tugend in der Not

Adapt to Survive & Support

Many Austrian companies have had to stop or at least cut back production due to the corona virus, but some have made a virtue of necessity and switched to face masks or even much-needed protective clothing and masks for medical personnel. [Read more...](#)

SME Funding



Clear Instructions for SMEs

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland offers collated and simplified information about financial aid, where you can check on a company level the type, kind, how much and where to apply. [Read more...](#)



Temporary Co-Creation Funding Service

Business Finland responds to the new societal needs and a demand for solution caused by the corona crisis by offering research organisations an opportunity to apply for temporary Co-Creation funding. [Read more...](#)

Good Practices from FOUNDATION Partner Regions



Polish Produce Protective Equipment

Companies in the Science and Technology Park in Jasionka are fighting the pandemic. Cervi Robotics started to print helmets on 3D printers, others are sewing masks, provide headbands for remote monitoring of elderly and sick people. [Read more...](#)



Employment Centers Mobilised

Employment centers mobilised to guarantee food supplies in Italy by overcoming difficulties in finding workers due to restrictive measures of COVID-19 which have blocked the borders and the mobility of the seasonal workers. [Read more...](#)

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Solidarity Against COVID-19

The Regional Development Agency of Murcia has launched a campaign to attract "Solidarity Companies". To create and coordinate a network of 100+ companies to provide donations, health protection materials and services. [Read more...](#)



Love Local Industry

In Reggio Emilia a web-platform "place of the heart" is dedicated to supporting restaurants, beauty salons, hairdressers to whom customers love to buy vouchers that can be used at reopening, while providing immediate economic support. [Read more...](#)

Clusters & Industry Sector Responses



Life-Saving Respirators

With the aim of enhancing the production capacities of the Spanish respirator industry, the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism has led an important project to ensure that the Madrid company Hersill can supply Spanish hospitals. [Read more...](#)



Cooperatives Team up to Fight

A cooperation, responsibility and innovation initiative undertaken by a group of twelve cooperatives in Emilia-Romagna is co-producing masks for the contrast and containment of the spread of the virus COVID-19. [Read more...](#)

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