



# 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



### From Gin to sanitizers

A gin distillery backed by GC Business Growth Hub has switched production to sanitising liquid in support of efforts to keep key workers safe from COVID-19. [Read more...](#)



### Re-opening checklist

Greater Manchester Business Growth Hub have provided a comprehensive checklist that businesses are encouraged to adopt in order to re-open safely, protecting customers and employees. [Read more...](#)

## SME Resilience Responses

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**Digi-Cockpit for Corona-Management**

Upper Austria is a hotspot for digital health & AI in healthcare. The project CORA from Solgenium to the control and prevention of infections. [Read more...](#)



**Fit at Work with Exoskeletons**

Exoskeletons should be used now to support people to stay healthy in the working world. That is demonstrated within the project “EnableMe” from JKU Linz. [Read more...](#)

## Tourism solutions to COVID-19

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**Promoting innovations in tourism**

“Tourism innovations”, an investment measure allowing tourism businesses to reorient their usual activities to innovative ones, has attracted a great interest. [Read more...](#)



**AI helps venues to avoid crowds**

I Crowd Control solution helps leisure venues to keep on selling tickets and it ensures safety for employees and visitors by preventing overcrowded scenarios. [Read more...](#)



# Good Practices from FOUNDATION Partners



## How to become Intelligent City in Hungary

Szombathely has been included in the 100 intelligent cities of the EU where 4 main areas have been identified. Transforming industry toward sustainable green production in the health and automotive industry is one of the main goals. [Read more...](#)



## New ambulances in Podkarpackie

Foundation's Project Partner from Poland (RRDA) is running actions to limit the bad affect of the pandemic on the regional economy. One of this action is the project that is addressed to medical services from the Podkarpackie Voivodeship. [Read more...](#)



## DaPeC: capacity building programme

Integrated capacity building and training programme for labour and business support organizations including post-COVID-19 support instruments and training toolbox covering technologies, HR management, business model in a value chain perspective.. [Read more...](#)



## Free online services for entrepreneurs

The coronavirus epidemic has changed the immediate needs of companies using the support of the Enterprise Europe Network center at the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów. [Read more...](#)

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