



Welcome to the first “**InnoBridge**” project Newsletter! InnoBridge aims at increasing SMEs competitiveness by improving the Innovation Bridge and related policy instruments for SMEs: “**Bridging the innovation gap through converting R&D results into commercial success in a more effective and efficient way**”. This enables SMEs to better realize their innovation potential and to act as a catalyst for creating more high qualified jobs and regional growth. The partnership consists of 9 partners from 8 regions in 8 countries spread over Europe with a balance of advanced and less advanced regions.

Hope you will enjoy reading our Newsletter and learning about us, have a nice reading!

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“Bridging the innovation gap through converting R&D results into commercial success in a more effective and efficient way”.

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Introduction of InnoBridge approach with evolution model and Peer Review Concept.

InnoBridge is a project aiming to bridge the innovation gap through converting R&D results into commercial success in a more effective and efficient way.

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Launch meeting in Sankt Pölten (Austria).

The Launch Workshop of InnoBridge Project took place in 26th, 27th and 28th April 2016 at the Technology and Design Centre of Lower Austria in Sankt Pölten.

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Partners



First Interregional Learning Workshop in Sofia (Bulgaria).

The 2nd Interregional Learning Workshop took place in 14th, 15th and 16th September in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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Peer Review Lower Austria

Subject of analysis within the first InnoBridge Peer Review workshop was the policy instrument chosen by Lower Austria.

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Peer Review Sofia (Bulgaria).

The Peer Review workshop for Sofia was dealing with the policy instrument “Sofia Public-Private Fund for Innovations” (SFI)

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Sofia study visit: Muzeiko and Sofia Tech Park

During the InnoBridge 2nd International Learning Workshop partners participated in an interesting study visit in Sofia: Muzeiko & Sofia Tech Park.

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Outlook on next activities.

During the 2nd semester of the InnoBridge Project, more two Interregional Learning Workshops are being organized.

The 3rd InnoBridge Interregional Learning Workshop has taken place in Évora on 12th, 13th and 14th of December, hosted by the Partner ADRAL – Alentejo Regional Development Agency, in which the two Peer Review Workshops for the policy instruments of Alentejo and Malopolska have been introduced. During ILW 3, the process and methodology for development of Regional Action Plans have also been presented by Lead Partner Lower Austria and discussed with all partners.

The 4th Interregional Learning Workshop will be hosted by Tampere Region in month 11 with the Peer Reviews of the host region and Castilla y León project partner.

In both ILW's, on-site study visits with connection with the policy instrument of the reviewed Regions will take place.



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