

# FOUNDATION

Interreg Europe

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**COVID-19 SPECIAL NEWSLETTER 6 - 11/06/2020**

## 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



## Developing Sustainable Supply Chains

Clustering has brought together Hager Job Fashion and Lenzing to collaborate & create independence from Asian imports along with regional added value when producing sustainable masks for industry & the community in Austria. [Read more...](#)



## Build More Resilience

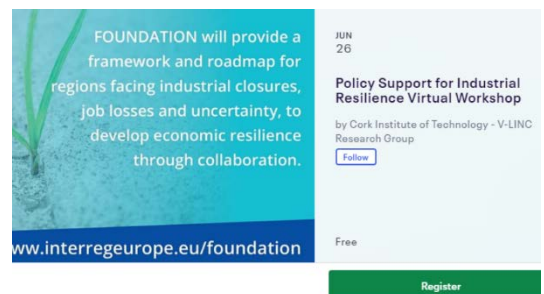
This article from union4digital.com summarises some key material developed by thought leaders such as Daniel Goleman on Resilience and is timely as the world is facing the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis. [Read more...](#)

# Resilience Training



## Free Entrepreneurial Training

University of Oulu are offering a "strong entrepreneur" course for micro-enterprises as part of a new training program for micro-enterprises. Join the 60 people registered to strengthen your entrepreneurial competencies and resources. [Read more..](#)



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Policy Support for Industrial Resilience Virtual Workshop

by Cork Institute of Technology - V-LINC Research Group

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## Join Industrial Resilience Webinar

FOUNDATION invites you to our webinar Policy Support for Industrial Resilience, 26-06-20 @10am CET. Learn about policies, initiatives or programmes which are supporting economic resilience to combat the economic effects of COVID-19. [Read more](#)

## Good Practices from FOUNDATION Partner Regions



### Oldham Business Update

Latest local, regional & national UK support initiatives for businesses combatting COVID-19. Info on re-opening businesses safely, PPE equipment requirements, posters and signage, grants available and the Creative Scale-Up initiative. [Read more.](#)



### Supporting Traders Increasing Smiles

With virus travel restrictions preventing summer holidays abroad, Lithuania's capital Vilnius is offering a low-cost alternative by mimicking the look and feel of different countries (e.g. Italy, USA, Ireland) at weekends to support the services sector. [Read more...](#)



### United We Stream GM

The Manchester hospitality sector is supporting their own. Each night DJ's, singers & performers join 'United We Stream GM' @ 7pm. Listeners purchase a virtual ticket to donate funds for supporting struggling local businesses. [Read more...](#)



### Supporting Regional Towns in County Cork

Cork County Council has unveiled Project "ACT", or Activating County Towns, will see teams working on individual plans for 23 towns in County Cork designed to stimulate and support the economy and in the face of COVID-19. [Read more...](#)

# Clusters & Industry Sector Responses



**RIS3 Clusters and Innovation**

The Interreg Europe COHES3ION project is hosting a webinar 18-6-20 – to discuss how regions can achieve economic transformation through smart specialisation, via targeted cluster policies especially against the background of Covid-19. [Read more...](#)



**New Innovative Normal**

We can't just go back to the old normal - reconstruction should be innovative. This is one of the key messages from the TCI Global Webinar on "How Economic Development Organisation are helping today and preparing for the New Normal." [Read more...](#)

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