



## Newsletter

2<sup>nd</sup> semester – December 2018-May 2019

### Implementation status of our Inno Provovement project

The aim of our INNOPROVEMENT project is to improve SME policy instruments targeting innovation activities and adapting them to requirements set by I4.0. **This overall objective will increase the share and number of SMEs successfully implementing I4.0 related innovation projects in the partners' regions and countries.**

The project based on 7 thematic issues from which two had been discussed but five more is yet to come. These issues are waiting to be explored by partners through intense experience exchange:

- Effectiveness of public money used to support industrial R&D under I4.0; (Czech Republic – March 2019)
- Introducing I4.0 to traditional industries; (Kainuu Region, Finland - June 2019)
- Innovation in software development;
- Definition of I4.0 public policy initiatives;
- Adjusting calls to I4.0 requirements;
- Market price assessment methodologies;
- Definition of an I4.0 maturity evaluation matrix.

If you are interested more in the implementation process, take a look at our [website](#) or follow us on [LinkedIn](#) or [Twitter](#)!

The project is implemented with financial support from the European Union.

### 1st Inno Provovement transnational thematic meeting in Prague, Czech Republic

After the kick-off event in Budapest the time has arrived to start the work in the Inno Provovement project. The first transnational thematic meeting was held in Prague on 12-14 March 2019 where the project partners got a deeper insight to the Czech topic which was about how we can spend the public money used to support industrial R&D under I4.0 more effectively.

The agenda predicted a very interesting meeting in Prague around a topic which is useful to discuss among the project partners. As in the Inno Provovement project all the partners are Managing Authorities and Intermediary Bodies all the partners looked forward to the meeting and workshop with a high interest. The event was organized by the Czech project partner, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. The first day started with an afternoon session of Steering Committee meeting where the lead partner held a presentation about the report of the project



management and the main tasks in the following period. In the second half of the first day the topic was the Regional Assessments of the project partners. By this meeting all the partners have analysed their Policy Instruments supporting Industry 4.0 in their country or region. The partners introduced the state of art to other partners which made the basis for the joint work in the project.

The second day started with the presentation of the Czech topic, the Effectiveness of public money used to support industrial R&D under

I4.0. In this topic the keynote speech was held by Mr Petr Ocko, the Deputy Minister of the organizer partner. After the speech Mr Petr Porák expounded their thematic issue. Managing Authorities are always working on better and better effectiveness of their programme so it is a big challenge how we can support SMEs on the way of digitalization the most effective way. The Czech partner presented their existing system and their new multicriterial system to evaluate R&D projects. At the end of the presentation they asked the other partners to share experiences and good practices about resolving support to I4 projects, implemented evaluation criteria and assessment and measurements of each projects. The afternoon followed with the good practices of the project partners in the thematic issue.

The third day was dedicated to site visit. The partnership had the opportunity to visit the Czech Institute of Informatics, Robotics and Cybernetics. Visiting the CIIRC was an interesting experience for all the partners. The National Centre for I4.0 is a good initiative which shows the commitment to digitalization. Their ongoing projects were very various and complex. It was a good opportunity to gather examples for the implementation of successful projects.



The meeting in Prague was a very good organized and fruitful opening of the cooperation in the thematic issues. The next meeting in Inno Provement project is going to be in Finland in the summer of 2019 where the partnership will learn how SMEs operating in traditional sectors can use the



achievements of the digitalized world. Industry 4.0 solutions can be useful in renewing tradition industries and markets. The partnership is looking forward to the meeting in Kainuu.

## **Stakeholder groups are set up and started the work in every partner region**

The local stakeholder groups of each and every project partner are key actors to make the Interreg Europe project successful. In the case of Inno Provement it is even more crucial because all of the partners are from the government sector and every partner is a Managing Authority or an Intermediary body at the region or the country. This situation has a lot of benefits like we are closer to the policy instruments and we are the ones who can really influence it. So on one hand this situation of the partnership is an advance but from the other hand it is also a challenge to distribute the achievements of the project to all interested organization. That is the reason why the stakeholder groups are so important for this project to accomplish our task.

We are proud to say that each and every region have set up their stakeholder groups with the cooperation of universities, other ministries, development agencies, clusters and of course businesses to reach the most comprehensive result as we can with this project.

The 2nd Hungarian stakeholder group meeting was organized in the building of the Ministry of Finance on 23 May 2019. The Ministry of Finance as the lead partner of the project and the ICT Association of Hungary as the project's advisory partner invited different actors of the digitalization world in Hungary to the group. Our stakeholder group includes the following organizations:

- Ministry of Innovation and Technology
- Programme of Modern Businesses, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- College of ICT, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Industry 4.0 Technology Centre, Budapest University of Technology and Economics
- Pannon Business Network Association
- Innoskart ICT Cluster
- NOHAC North Hungarian Automotive Cluster
- Pannon Wood and Furniture Industry Accredited Innovation Cluster
- Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Sopron
- IQ Kecskemét Ltd, (Active member of the Industry 4.0 Technology Platform, innovation centre)
- Vesz-Mont 2000 Ltd.



Representatives of the members of the stakeholder group arrived to the building of the Ministry to present their organization and their connection to the Industry 4.0. The Ministry of Finance presented the Inno Provement project and highlighted those questions in which we would like to involve our stakeholders. Our aim with these meetings is to disseminate the results of the project and also to give the floor to all members from time to



time in the following 2,5 year to listen to their goals on the way of digitalization. This time IQ Kecskemét Ltd. got the floor for a longer session to introduce their work. It was interesting to see how easy and cheap solutions can solve big questions and brings more results and profit for companies. We are really looking forward to the next meeting where we can share the outcome of the Finnish meeting with our stakeholders and we can hear another success story from another member.