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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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Seminar 1 – Regional Resilience in Europe

FOUNDATION project kindly invites you to the event "Regional Resilience in EU: The Role of the Industry Structure in Determining Resilience" to be held on the 21 January at 10:00 CET. To access this free seminar you need to register [here](#).

Labour Market & Social Scene during COVID



50,000 jobs targeted for COVID recovery

The IDA has pledged to create a minimum of 50,000 new jobs across Ireland in the coming years, including a significant focus on the South-West, Mid-East, and South-East



Baltic start-up funding rebounds despite COVID

Funding for startups in the Baltics has increased in 2020, despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The reason why the Baltics are thriving despite the pandemic is the region's world-leading connectivity. [Read more'](#)

regions, as it seeks recovery beyond the Covid-19 crisis. ['Read more'](#)

National Support Programmes



Financial support for Polish SMEs

On 23 December 2020, the European Commission approved programme for supporting Polish SMEs that meet financial problems because of Covid-19 pandemic. ['Read more'](#)



PERAI-20 Strategic Plan

Programme aimed at companies in the Region of Murcia to mitigate the effects on economic activity and employment caused by the Covid pandemic or other similar contingencies that may occur in the future. ['Read more'](#)

Innovation & Investment Alliances



Invest Project: Italy-USA Alliance

The Invest project, promoted by the US Government, aims to support the Italian private sector involved in the fight against the pandemic. 25 Italian companies, 9 of which from Emilia-Romagna Region, have been selected for the project. ['Read more'](#)



Anywhere anytime co-innovation platform

Patiolla.fi brings together product or service developers and potential users for co-creation. Patiolla.fi service enables to collect user experiences and needs as well as to test or co-innovate with users anywhere and anytime. ['Read more'](#)

Special Support for SMEs



Digicall to implement digital solutions

PBN draws attention to the possibility of a call for innovative solutions within the IMPROVE! project. IMPROVE! provides services free of charge for pilot projects implemented by SMEs and start-ups registered in Hungary or Austria. ['Read more'](#)



FSB provides mental health support

Your mental health and wellbeing is always important, especially during these challenging times. The Federation of Small Businesses Care shares tips for how business leaders can look after their own mental health. ['Read more'](#)

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