


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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Business Festivals



Carpathian Startup Fest 2021 - The first Podkarpackie startup festival

Rzeszow Regional Development Agency S.A. invite this fall to the first Podkarpackie festival for startups and investors - Carpathian Startup Fest 2021 (CSF21). [Read more](#)



Oldham Festival for Business

The festival for business is a month long series of events designed to support business and develop networks and clusters. It is coordinated by the Oldham Enterprise Trust. [Read more](#)

Business Support



Digital Game Changers-project in Finland

The joint project was launched during the coronavirus crisis with the aim of finding the tools and resources to help Finnish companies come out as clear winners in the redistribution of the market. [Read more](#)



CEEIC focuses its activities on promoting entrepreneurship related to Industry 4.0

Programmes such as Cocreación Inversa 4.0 or Demo Tech 4.0 reinforce the business projects of Cartagena's manufacturing sector. The powerful industrial and manufacturing pole of Cartagena and its region is being promoted by the European Business and Innovation Centre (CEEIC). [Read more](#)



An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán
 Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Lithuania is becoming a startup hub

There are plenty of reasons why Vilnius, has an increasingly visible startup sector. The country's startup-friendly regulatory environment, over 20 business hubs and accelerators are most obvious at a high level. But what are the locals excited about on the ground? [Read more](#)

Night-time food scene to improve in Cork

The 'Night-time Economy' taskforce published recommendations relating to how the night-time economy can recover from the COVID-19 recession. This includes the creation of a pilot project in Cork city to promote the night-time food scene. [Read more](#)



MATCHER: Green Deal Edition

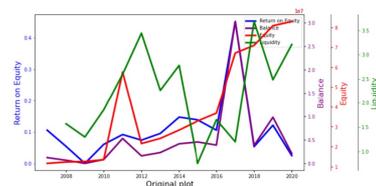
The MATCHER is a program that connects the most innovative companies of the Emilia-Romagna region with the most promising startups/scaleups worldwide to co-develop concrete solutions and projects in the environmental sustainability field. [Read more](#)

Business Analysis



Crisis management in a European regional comparison

The study, commissioned by Business Upper Austria, examined the possible consequences of the exceptional situation on the regional economy and society - and compared it with similar European regions. [Read more](#)



Business resilience analysis in Hungary

PBN starts to analyse the Hungarian companies on the base of a database with over 26.000 elements to define what are the key aspects to be resilient. The research aims to elaborate a methodology to classify the SMEs for future support systems. [Read more](#)

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