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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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Fostering Resilience



Cork Fishery Harbours to receive €11m investment

As part of a €35m government investment into Fishery Harbours, two West Cork Fishery Harbours are set to receive €11m. This investment will modernise the Harbours and help to build resilience from the ongoing effects of Brexit and Covid19. [Read more](#)



Microenterprises resilient in Finland

According to statistics overview created by University of Oulu, microenterprises proved to be resilient during the first year with COVID-19 with raising number of jobs and start-ups. [Read more](#)

Healthcare Industry



Additional turbo as medical technology location

The results of the Upper Austrian 'Digital Health' funding call impressively show how much innovative power, creativity and know-how Upper Austrian companies and research institutions can score with. [Read more](#)



Western Hungarian Digital Health Ecosystem

The main objective of Szombathely2030 is to facilitate job creation in the healthcare sector via reinforcing R&D and education activities in the care domain, which contributes to the diversification of the economy that is dominantly automotive driven. [Read more](#)

Promoting Business Growth



30,000 New Digitalization Specialists

Companies in the Region of Murcia will be able to count on 30,000 new digitalization specialists. The aim is for 90% of companies to have basic digital skills within the next eight years. [Read more](#)



Vilnius Recognised for Best FDI Strategy in EU

Vilnius has placed second among the top Mid-Sized European Cities of the Future by the fDi Intelligence ranking. The city's strategy to attract foreign investments was also recognised as the best in the category, reflecting consistent efforts in fostering a business-conducive environment. [Read more](#)

Sustainable Practices



Climate Change Forum

The Emilia-Romagna Regional Forum for Climate Change, along with ART-ER, has launched a survey to investigate the strategies and management practices adopted by regional companies to face energy transition and climate change. [Read more](#)

Other news of interest



US Army planes land at the Rzeszów airport

Due to the risk of Russia invading Ukraine, additional groups of US soldiers appeared in Poland. US Army planes land at the Rzeszów airport. [Read more](#)

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