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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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Promoting Digitalisation



Funding opportunities for digital transformation

Cascade funding is a source for development and learning in the domain of innovation actions. Over 110 million euros will be distributed to businesses and technology providers in the coming two years. Get information from resource. [Read more](#)



Disruptive Technology Forum

The Disruptive Technologies Forum aims to promote knowledge about the latest disruptive technologies and promote the commitment of companies to adapt to the requirements of Industry 5.0. [Read more](#)

Fostering Business Growth



Fintech in Lithuania: solid, mature, and focused on quality

2021 was a record year for the Fintech sector in Lithuania: The growth in the number of companies is complemented by a growth in revenue and employees across the sector, this serves as proof that Lithuania attracts active, growing fintech companies with tangible value. [Read more](#)



Finnish start-ups hit a new record in VC

Finnish start-ups received 1,2 billion euros venture capital fund last year (2021) which was a new record. The growth is mainly coming from foreign investments which was doubled last year. [Read more](#)



Cork Chamber
Advancing business together

Survey Finds Business Confidence is High

Despite inflation and rising energy costs, a new survey of businesses in Cork shows that business confidence is high among the majority of those surveyed with half of respondents expecting an increase in employee numbers over the next year. [Read more](#)

Sustainable Practices



Roadmap to 2030: How Upper Austria is becoming a sustainable plastics region

The ambitious goal: Upper Austria is to be perceived as a model region for plastics recycling in 2030. Around 80 experts from companies and research institutions have worked out the way there and equipped it with a vision. [Read more](#)

Post Pandemic Recovery



End of pandemic restrictions in Poland related to COVID-19

From March 28, i.e. from Monday, you no longer need to wear masks in restaurants, shops or hotels in Poland. Earlier, since March 1, the government abolished the limits and restrictions on the number of people participating in meetings. This means that the last limitations related to the pandemic are disappearing. [Read more](#)

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