

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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Sustainable Practices



Mines transform into solar parks

In Northern Ostrobothnia, Finland, there is a project that aims to build Callio Solar Park, 100 MWp green energy refinery using 161 300 solar panels on closed mine tailings ponds.

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Showcase projects for successful brownfield re-use

The best and most sustainable ideas for the revitalisation of vacant buildings and derelict sites were once again honoured with the #upperREGION Award. The winning projects were selected from a total of 30 submissions.

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Fostering Business Growth



Switched On

Switched On is a fully-funded business development programme designed to support SMEs in the Green Technologies and Services sector to grow. [Read more](#)



Manufacturing Day 2022

We invite you to the Manufacturing Day powered by EIT Manufacturing on 01.06, as part of the ViennaUP'22. Join the event to network with international manufacturing startups, key industrial players, investors, and experts in global manufacturing! [Read more](#)

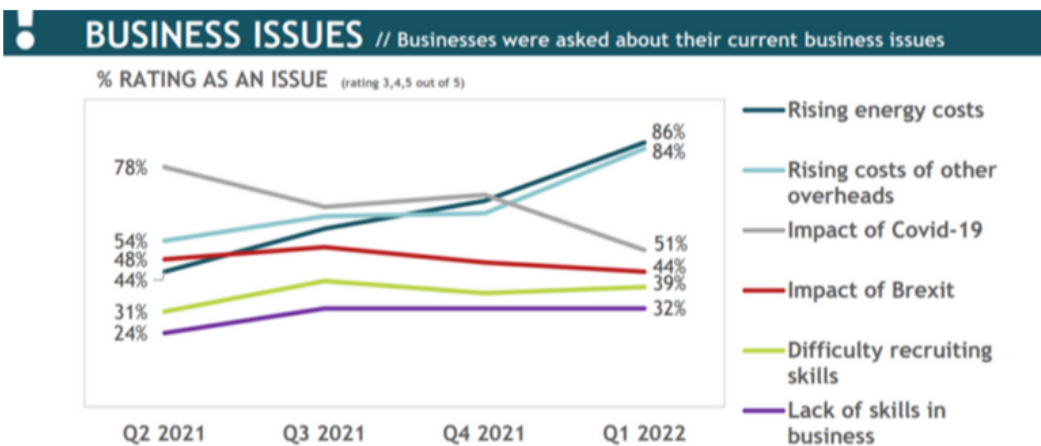
Promoting Digitalisation



'Industry 5.0' strategy makes more than 30 million available to companies to boost their digital transformation

'Industry 5.0 Region of Murcia' strategy will make available to the business fabric more than 30 million euros, between public and private investment, for six years. [Read more](#)

Business Resilience



High costs impacting business resilience

A new report from InterTradeIreland shows that businesses were resilient during Q1 of 2022 but inflation has started to threaten profitability. Energy bills are now the number one concern facing SMEs with 86 per cent citing it as an issue. [Read more](#)

Project Partners

