

# 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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## Enhancing Education



### Learning Factories Network Development

Learning Factories represent a realistic manufacturing environment suitable for education, training, and research. They are a physical learning environment containing educational instruments and equipment, effectively creating the working conditions of a real industrial site for didactic and training purposes. [Read more](#)



### Centers of excellence in Upper Austria

COMET competence centers conduct application-oriented cutting-edge research at the highest level. Three K1 competence centers funded from the nationwide COMET program and headquartered in Upper Austria were successful in the highly competitive sixth funding call and secured funding of around €23 million per center for the first four, of a total of eight years. [Read more](#)

## Supporting Innovative Start-Ups



### MATCHER- Human Centric Innovation

Matchmaking program between innovative companies in Emilia-Romagna and promising startups/scaleups to co-develop concrete solutions/projects focused on "human-centric" innovation, that is, targeting users, their needs and requirements. [Read more](#)



### 2nd Edition of Carpathian Startup Fest

August 12 marks the end of the call for applications for the Carpathian Startup Fest 2022. More than 100 businesses have already applied. In autumn, the best of them will present themselves in Rzeszow on the startup stage in front of investors. This international event is hosted by Rzeszow Regional Development Agency together with Podkarpackie Science and Technology Park Aeropolis. [Read more](#)

## Fostering Digitalisation



### LUMI supercomputer in Kajaani

LUMI, Europe's most powerful supercomputer was inaugurated on Monday 13 June 2022 in Kajaani, Finland. It is a unique endeavour thanks to its scale, sustainability and pan-European nature, hosted by a consortium of ten countries. [Read more](#)



### 9.3m EUR in funding for online retail

Over 210 retailers are to receive €9.3m in grants through the latest round of a Government scheme designed to help businesses boost their online presence. The Online Retail Scheme is administered by Enterprise Ireland. [Read more](#)

## FOUNDATION in the Media



### FOUNDATION interview on Irish radio

Dr Hobbs and Dr Hennebry were interviewed about the FOUNDATION project for the local radio. This was on 'Europe in my Backyard', a project which aims to share information regarding the impact of the European cohesion policy. [Read more](#)

## Project Partners

