



## International co-operation project ECOS4IN started to strengthen regional innovation capacity in Central Europe

Implementation of the ECOS4IN international project (Cross-border Ecosystem for Industry 4.0) with 7 partners started in April 2019 and will be completed in March 2022.

### The project

The 4th industrial revolution is inevitable and will affect all industrial sectors. The Impact of Industry 4.0 depends on readiness of regions to respond, accept and adopt the changes.

The main objective of the ECOS4IN project is the improvement of regional innovation capacity by close transnational cooperation among RIS3 stakeholders on Industry 4.0 implementation. This contributes to the overall programme goal by using transnational cooperation in Central Europe for implementing smart solutions answering the regional challenges in the field of innovation. Improved regional innovation system will positively influence the quality of living and working in CE regions and boosts the competitiveness.



*Projectteam in the kick-off meeting in Usti*

The project will start with a detailed **analysis of the current situation of Industry 4.0** implementation and creating **a tool "ECOS4IN knowledge base"**, which will be used in pilot testing at information hubs to provide the knowledge to the target groups to raise awareness about Industry 4.0. The information gained by analysis will be used in the process of describing the **ecosystem model** according to the regional conditions and context. The last phase of project represents the **development of action plans** in all partner regions. This will ensure the sustainability of project results by providing the relevant material for forthcoming revisions of regional innovation strategies.

### Kick-off meeting in Usti

The opening event of the project took place from 27 to 29 May 2019 in Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic, organized by the Lead Partner. In addition to the first in-person meeting, the opening conference provided an opportunity to set up a 3-year timetable for the project, schedule the first project activities and distribute tasks between the partners.

### Project Partners

Seven partners from six Central European countries are working together to achieve the objectives of the project.

Usti Region- Lead Partner - Czech Republic  
Cà Foscari University of Venice - Italy  
Pannon Novum Innovation Agency - Hungary  
Business Upper Austria - Austria  
Koprivnički poduzetnik Ltd. - Croatia  
GIACOMO BRODOLINI FOUNDATION - Italy  
Małopolska Regional Development Agency - Poland



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