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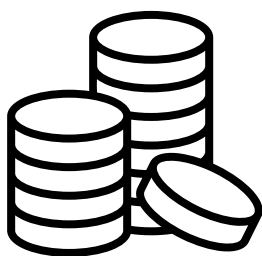
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Building Skills for a Greener and Smarter Central Europe



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The green and digital transition is bringing significant changes to labour markets across Europe. The growing emphasis on sustainability, digitalisation and emerging technologies is creating demand for new knowledge and skills, requiring regions, employers and education providers to adapt rapidly. The TWINUP4CE project was established to help Central European regions address these challenges and ensure that the workforce is equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing economic environment.

Many regions across Central Europe are facing growing challenges caused by the green and digital transition. Labour markets are changing rapidly, employers increasingly require new skills, while education and training systems need to adapt to these evolving demands. TWINUP4CE addresses these challenges by supporting cooperation between public authorities, education providers, employers and other stakeholders to build a workforce prepared for the twin transition.



TWINUP4CE – Improving workforce skills for the twin transition in peripheral and rural Central Europe is co-funded by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme and brings together partners from Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Croatia and Hungary. The partnership includes regional authorities, development and innovation agencies, and other expert organisations working together to strengthen the skills needed for the green and digital transition. An important part of the project is the cooperation with 22 Associated Partners, ensuring strong links with local communities, employers, education providers and policy makers.

The main objective of the project is to support regions in developing a skilled workforce and improving the alignment between labour market needs and education systems. The project focuses on identifying future skills requirements, strengthening cooperation among key stakeholders and developing practical tools that will help regions respond more effectively to economic, technological and societal changes.



A Successful Project Launch



The project officially started with a kick-off meeting held in Slovenia in February 2026. The meeting provided an opportunity for project partners to get to know each other, establish common working procedures and discuss the planned project activities. It also served as a platform to present the project's objectives, expected outputs and implementation timeline.

During the first months of implementation, partners focused on gathering information and analysing the current situation in their respective regions. As part of this process, two stakeholder surveys were conducted to identify labour market needs, existing skills gaps and key challenges related to the green and digital transition. The results of these surveys will serve as an important basis for future project activities and will help ensure that the proposed solutions respond to the actual needs of participating regions.



Developing a Common Methodological Framework

One of the key activities currently underway is the preparation of a joint methodological manual. This document will serve as a practical guide for all project partners and provide a common approach to addressing skills development challenges linked to the green and digital transition.

The manual will include recommendations, methodologies and practical tools that will support partners in analysing regional needs, engaging relevant stakeholders and designing measures that contribute to effective workforce development. It will also create a shared framework that facilitates knowledge exchange and the transfer of good practices among participating regions.

What Comes Next?

- In the next phase of the project, Regional Upskilling Multi-Actor Alliances (RUMAs) will be established in all partner regions. These alliances will bring together public authorities, education providers, employers, expert organisations and other relevant stakeholders. Their role will be to identify skills gaps, facilitate knowledge exchange and jointly develop solutions tailored to the specific needs of each region.
- The project will also develop a Joint Strategy, Regional Action Plans and a shared Knowledge Platform providing access to good practices, methodologies, tools and other resources that will remain available beyond the project's lifetime.
- Through cooperation across Central Europe, TWINUP4CE will contribute to the development of future-ready skills, strengthen regional competitiveness and improve the preparedness of the workforce for the challenges and opportunities created by the green and digital transition.

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