



In the third phase of the project, the partnership had to work in a pandemic situation

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

In the 3rd phase, the implementation of the project was affected by the pandemic of Covid 19. Economy lockdown, however, showed the role of digitization in strengthening the ability to work in these restrictive conditions. In business strategies, is now digitization connected to words like flexibility, resilience, and adaptability. Even small businesses, that have not yet digitized their processes, start with first steps in digital communication, e commerce, remote work etc.

In ECOS4IN project we are closing second technical package focused on development of "Knowledge ecosystem model for Industry 4.0". Final model will be discussed by expert and will be published during autumn on project website. Project partners have started to prepare pilot projects aimed at developing the missing parts of the ecosystem. There are mix of projects ideas, focused on action like Digital Innovation Hubs, InfoHubs, awareness actions, matchmaking, and various kind of training programs. We shall start with presentation above mentioned pilots also on project website and in this newsletter. The main challenge now will be to find ways, how to replace personal study tours experience with some online form. We are happy that our Italian partner UNIVE, start to seek ways to address this point. Stay tune, our experience with digitization of study tours will be present in next newsletter.

News and events

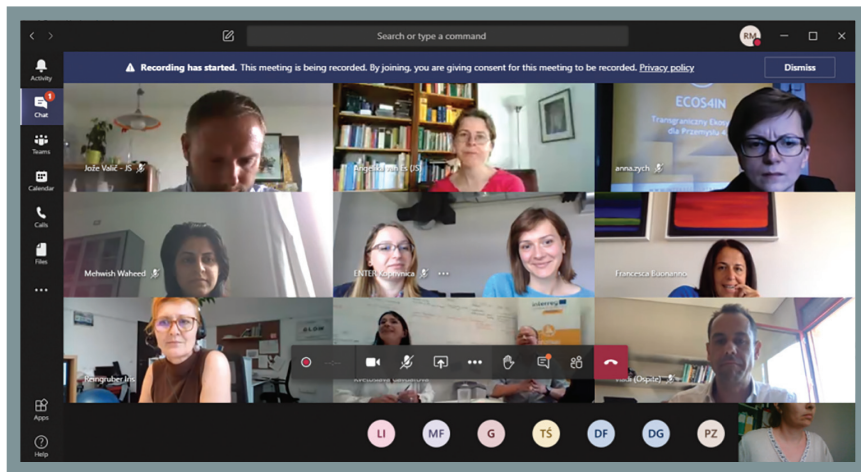
3rd Transnational Project Meeting online in June

Given the coronavirus situation, the 3rd Transnational Project Meeting took place virtually on 9 June.

The general overview was followed by the current tasks of thematic work packages. University of Venice Partner described the tasks performed in the WPT1 work package, the completed database will soon be available for download from the project website. In the WPT2 work package, each partner described the work they have done so far, focused on the tools they are going to use for Industry 4.0 implementation and what tools and processes they can offer to partners.

In WP T3 the Lead Partner introduced the methodology and talked about the digital information hubs, database of experts and the systems of financing.

The rest of the meeting focused on the timing of the planned study visits, possible forms of implementation, as well as reporting issues and communication tasks



Transnational Expert Meeting organized by Business Upper Austria in September

Partner Business Upper Austria prepared a very interesting expert meeting and study tour program in Linz on 22-24 September, to which industry 4.0 experts from the partner regions were also invited. Finally personal participation could not take place, but the partnership had a very useful meeting on 22 September. The planned professional program, the conference "International Forum Mechatronics" from 23 - 24 September in Linz was postponed to 2021 due to the current COVID-19 situation but project experts could register and participate in virtual B2B-Meetings.

The scheduled face-to-face meetings offered an ideal opportunity to identify potential cooperation partners and to establish interesting business contacts.



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