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INNOVATION VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TECH

INVESTech aims to establish a transnational platform for Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in five European regions: Košice in Slovakia, Attica in Greece, Sofia in Bulgaria, Nicosia in Cyprus and Klaipeda in Lithuania.

ABOUT INVESTECH PROJECT

The INVESTech project aims to support the innovation potential of VET in partner countries by applying the Quintuple Helix framework - strengthening partnerships between academia, industry, public sector, civil society and natural environment. The project aims to:

- Create CoVEs in five European regions by incorporating the Quintuple Innovation Helix (Q2IH) Framework
- Facilitate skills development and the use of innovative technology.
- Promote green transition and social inclusion.
- Provide opportunities for international collaboration and the exchange of best practices.

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The project involves 18 partners and 13 associate partners from five countries (Slovakia, Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria and Lithuania). INVESTech project will run for 4 years and the Technical University of Košice (Slovakia) is the project coordinator. The implementation of the project is carried out in cooperation between the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics.

THE KICK-OFF MEETING IN KOŠICE, SLOVAKIA

On April 24 and 25, 2024 the Technical University of Košice hosted the kick-off meeting in Košice, Slovakia. Over forty experts from five partner countries came together to set the stage for this groundbreaking initiative, poised to transform vocational education and training in the field of ICT. This unique collaboration aims to build a transnational platform that fosters cooperation between CoVEs. By bridging the gap between the business sector and educational institutions, the project seeks to ignite innovation, create dynamic skills ecosystems, and drive forward green transformation and social inclusion.

STUDY VISIT IN IT VALLEY

The goal of the INVESTech project study visits is to exchange best practices and enhance the skills of the participating staff. The first study visit, organized by IT VALLEY, took place on April 26, 2024, in Košice, Slovakia. This visit aimed to provide participants with new insights, opportunities to share their experiences, and to contribute to the development of more effective educational strategies. Participants were introduced to the activities and collaboration methods of Košice IT Valley within the Eastern Slovak region. They also had the chance to familiarize themselves with regional educational initiatives and compare them with their experiences in their own countries. The program included networking activities designed to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among partners.

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FIRST NATIONAL WORKSHOPS

The aim of the national workshops is to present the project and its objectives to the stakeholders from the Quintuple Helix, to gather their feedback and insights on their needs, challenges, and expectations regarding VET excellence in the ICT sector and to pique their interest in national CoVE establishment. These workshops will take place in each project country.

On May 24, 2025, the Technical University of Košice hosted the first national workshop in Slovakia. This event gathered project partners and stakeholders to discuss the future direction and focus areas of the Slovak CoVE. This meeting marked the initial step for successful collaboration between the business sector and educational institutions within the Košice region.

Other national workshops will follow:

- Bulgaria - July 2024
- Lithuania - August 2024
- Greece - September 2024
- Cyprus - Oct 2024

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