

#### **Industry 4: transforming innovation ecosystem through better capacity of public enablers (InnoCAPE)**

InnoCAPE project addresses the competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region through Industry 4.0 and Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) as digital innovation enablers. The project tackles **three key problems** related to European ambitions of digitalisation: lagging digitalisation of SMEs in traditional industry sectors, underdeveloped ecosystem for efficient functioning of DIHs, and underrepresented BSR on the global arena of Digital Innovation Hubs.

The aim of the project is to increase the capacity of DIHs by reinforcing the ecosystem of innovation around BSR. InnoCAPE will provide DIHs with knowledge, visibility and efficient tools for interacting with their target group (SMEs). Altogether the project is set up to develop and pilot a collaboration model of DIHs in the BSR enabling them to increase their role and influence on the competitiveness and continuous growth of the BSR.

#### **Partners**

InnoCAPE consortium consists of 9 Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs) and 3 public authorities (LT, LV, EE) around the Baltic Sea Region. DIHs taking part in InnoCAPE project are mainly in the phase of preparation, therefore all partners are in high need for learning experience and building their visibility in the market through success stories. Public authorities play an important role by strengthening their capacity through bottom up learning approach as well as providing input on strategic development of DIHs and ensuring it corresponds to national and BSR priorities in policy making.

#### **Activities and results**

The consortium will increase the competencies of DIH staff via study visits in Norway, Sweden, and Finland, thematic workshops and webinars. The media publications deriving from this activity will be complemented with open workshops for SMEs and InnoCAPE conference to increase awareness on digitalisation, its economic and social aspects as well as the role of Digital Innovation Hubs. Consortium members will develop tools necessary for efficient functioning and collaboration of DIHs around BSR: 1) identified training programmes for continuous professional development of DIH staff, 2) digital maturity assessment tool for interaction with SMEs and benchmarking of BSR countries, 3) industry hackathon model for finding solutions to digitalisation challenges, 4) BSR competence map for enabling digitalisation of SMEs in different industry sectors, and 5) a local and BSR-level network of DIHs, public authorities and relevant stakeholders for sustainable further development. Public authorities involved in the project will strengthen their capacity through bottom up learning approach, networking and shaping strategic development of DIHs to address national Industry 4.0 and BSR priorities through policy making.

#### **Other projects**

InnoCAPE will contribute to already existing initiatives. Horizon 2020 project I4MS was the starting point of digital innovation hubs in Europe who now are partners of the InnoCAPE, investing in their further development and growth. DIHs from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, *and Poland* take part in the Horizon 2020 project „Smart Factories in the new EU member states“. They were selected as winning DIHs for training and mentoring services aimed at developing DIHs in under-represented regions.

InnoCAPE contributes to an ongoing Interreg BSR project DIGINNO. While DIGINNO tackles issues of policy making and developing financial measures to fund digitalisation of SMEs, InnoCAPE focuses on strengthening the capacity of Digital Innovation Hubs – enablers of the Industry 4.0, intermediaries who will use the results of DIGINNO and put them into practice in their everyday work.

#### **Associated partner**

Public authorities are invited to support InnoCAPE as associated partners with their insights, networking, and recommendations. Associated partners need to sign a letter of support (template enclosed).

**InnoCAPE consortium**

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