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Twin City Future Innovation Manufacturing Hub



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Twin City Hub

Policy-driven Innovation in Manufacturing
Through Digital Technologies

FFG Workshop
9 June, 2026

Why is it worth looking beyond the border?





Do you currently have
at least one
business or other
SK-AT cross-border contact?



The Project

Title: Twin City Future Innovation Manufacturing Hub

Mission: Development of **recommendations** for **cross-border** manufacturing innovation strategy

Vision: Enable multiregional cross-border collaboration and advance competitiveness

Duration: July 2024 – June 2027

Total INTERREG SK-AT Budget: 7.406 M€ (30% for 2CFIMH)

Project Budget 2CFIMH: 2.509 MEURO (AT 80% / SK 92%)

Implementation: 5 Work Packages

Partners





Project Partners



Wirtschaft, Arbeit und Statistik



Strategic Partners



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09 2025

Øresund Region
Denmark and Sweden

illsammans skapar vi en hållbar skånsk industri

ions

IUC SYD



06 2025

Basque Region
Spain



10 2025

the Netherlands

How does Twin City Hub influence the cross-border innovation strategy process?

• International aspect:
by learning from the best innovation ecosystems in Europe
= identifying transferable good practice

- Policy-led Innovation Region
- Industry-anchored Transformation Hub
- Research-driven Knowledge Ecosystem
- Maker- & Community-driven Experimental Region

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How does Twin City Hub influence the cross-border innovation strategy process?

- Local aspect:

by implementing pilot activities locally in SK-AT

- in real/local conditions

- with real/local people

= building up local knowledge

Development of toolkits for **SK-AT cross-border**

- Incubation of hardware startups in the manufacturing industry
- STEM education and future skills knowledge transfer. EdTech.
- Industry meets Makers corporate-startup collaboration format

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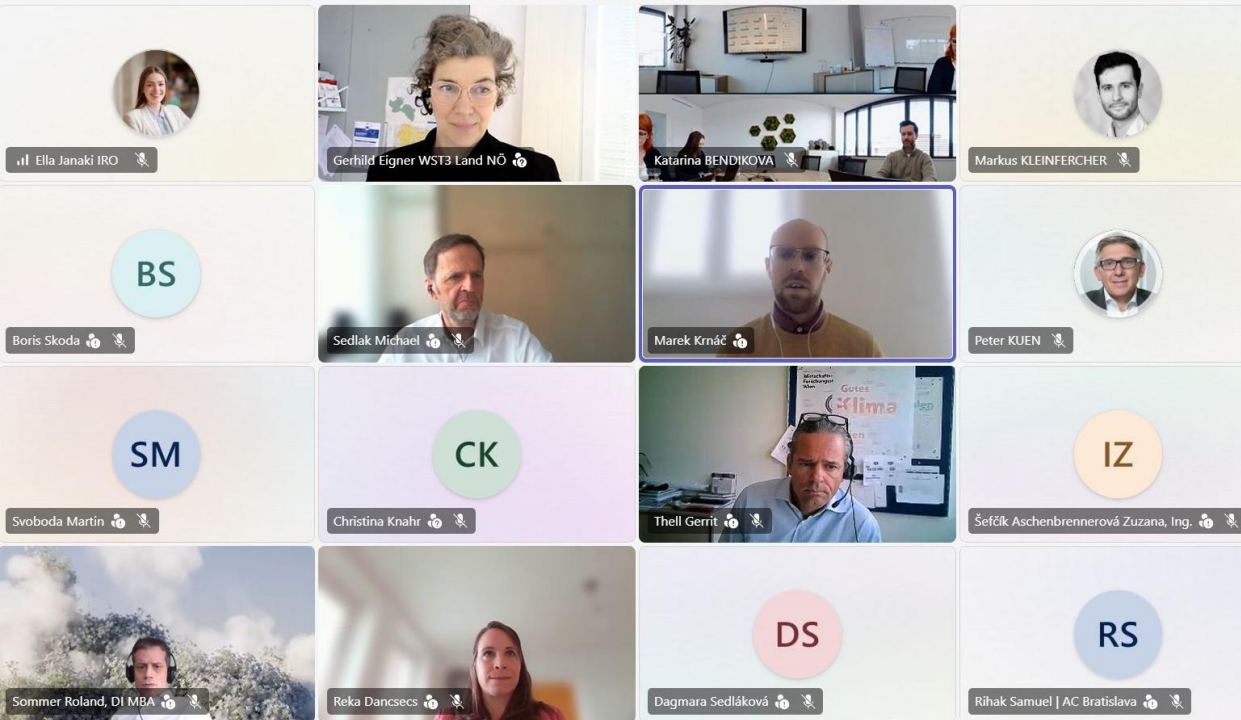
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How does Twin City Hub influence the cross-border innovation strategy process?

- Strategic aspect:
by formulating recommendations for a manufacturing innovation strategy

tailored to SK-AT cross-border regional needs

- Involvement of relevant stakeholders in the quadruple helix
- Work on methods to develop cross-border innovation strategies





How does Twin City Hub influence the cross-border innovation strategy process?

- **Community aspect:**
by connecting cities, regions, organisations and individuals
= trust building for future collaboration

- Engaging entities & individuals in an in-person and online community
- Building political will to continue with SK-AT cross-border regional dialogue

Pilot activities launched



12 2025

INDUSTRY MEETS MAKERS KICK-OFF

Corporations, organisations or industry partners have a unique opportunity to define a challenge...

...and startups, SMEs, student or hobby innovators have a unique opportunity to come up with a solution.

INDUSTRY MEETS MAKERS

CROSS-BORDER CO-CREATION IN AUSTRIA AND SLOVAKIA

From December 4, 2025
till May 7, 2026

BE PART OF IT!



IMM TWIN CITY FUTURE TECH BOOTCAMP MAY 4-7, 2026



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Pilot activities launched



05 2026

EDTECH TESTBED CALL & PROGRAMME KICK-OFF

EdTech startups have a unique opportunity to validate their solutions in Slovakia and Austria...

...and schools and training sites have a unique opportunity to be a testbed for edtech solutions STEM talent development.

11 2025

SPRINT & ROADSHOW SERIES KICK-OFF

Hardware startups have a unique opportunity to upgrade their prototypes and get feedback from industry.



2026

ENERGY WORKSHOP DESIGN & TRANSFER

Transfer of knowledge between Technical Museum Vienna and Aurelium-Scientific Centre at CVTI SR. A workshop focused on energy and hands-on STEM education for age 12+.

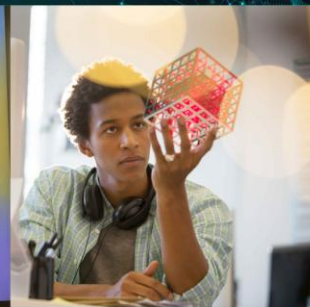
Apply by 15 May



PROTOTYPE TO INDUSTRY PROGRAMME

October 2026 - March 2027

helps you improve your prototype, connect with the right industry partners, and prepare for manufacturing and scaling.



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Outlook



-  Establish scalable cooperation models and toolboxes to be used by stakeholders.
-  Create a handbook of recommendations for policymakers that reflects insights and practical experience.
-  Post project synergies: transfer know-how to other cross-border regions and projects.
-  Create a pull effect for post-project funding instruments – more binational SK-AT funding instruments?

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Danke!
Ďakujeme!
Thank you!

