INSIGHTS TO THE INNOCHANGE PROJECT

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“The InnoChange vision for 2030 is to enable a next generation of networked partner universities, which have a strong local network and they are the co(driver) of their local ecosystems, where innovation is not done in isolation, but in cooperation with customer participation, within an open innovation space.”

- InnoChange aims to increase the entrepreneurial and innovation capacity and attitude of HEIs and to strengthen and to better integrate into and engage with innovation ecosystems in the CEE region.

- InnoChange partnership activities will serve the EIT KICs’ objectives with complementary and enriching benefits (in the 1st phase with a specific focus on EIT Digital KIC, as well as EIT Food and EIT Health).
INNOCHANGE CONSORTIUM

**Heriot Watt University** (UK, Edinburgh)
- Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
- Enterprise Department

**Wise Guys** (Estonia, Tallinn)

**Campden BRI** (Hungary)

**GE Healthcare** (Hungary)

**Regional Innovation Scoreboard 2019**

**Plovdiv University ‘Paisii Hilendarski’** (Bulgaria, Plovdiv)
- Faculty of Mathematics and Informatics
- Physico-Technological Faculty

**Eötvös Loránd University** (Hungary, Budapest) - LEADER
- Institute of Computer Science
- Institute of Industry-Academia Innovation

**Babes-Bolyai University** (Romania, Cluj-Napoca)
- Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Faculty of Economics and Business Administration

**Pavol Jozef Šafárik University** (Slovakia, Kosice)
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Public Administration
- Life Long Learning Centre & Project Support of UPJS

https://interactivetool.eu/RIS/rIS_2.html#a
Develop and improve the entrepreneurial education curriculum and associated teacher training

Enabling the provision of continuing entrepreneurial education and equipping HEI staff and students to commence the innovation and entrepreneurship pathway

-> Significantly advance the capacities of partner HEIs in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship
Support HEIs **internal innovation efforts** & introduce **new innovation management model** (*Innovation Task Force*), support early-stage innovation projects.

**Involvement of students with entrepreneurial knowledge & skills in innovation management processes** -> Institutional change in partner HEIs & bridging the gap of the theoretical and practical results by bringing technology to the market.
INNOCHANGE APPROACH & VISION (3/3)

Nurture technical digital innovation, support entrepreneurship communities at HEIs (Student Entrepreneurship Digital Hub, Digital Practitioners’ Hub) and build out industry partnerships

Enabling a mature innovation culture in transforming ideas to products -> Empowering InnoChange HEIs to become engines of impact and reinforcing the knowledge triangle
✓ Regional outreach of the project to the **Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) modest innovation regions and enhance their access to the EIT KICs (Digital, Food, Health etc.)** and support the entrepreneurial transformation of HEIs in the CEE region

✓ Involving faculties from the **Computer Science domains** - The consortium has a strong basis/grounding/roots in Computer Science and Information Technologies. Digital technologies and digital transformation could serve as a common driving and supporting tool to build collaboration with other KICs and industrial partners

✓ The partners’ complementary expertise creates a solid foundation for the implementation of the **Knowledge triangle-based innovation education**, already **during the first 6 months**. *InnoChange* will:
  – impact 130 students, 12 academic-, 12 non-academic staff and 2 start-ups
  – create Innovation Task Force, Student Entrepreneurship Digital Hub