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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> phase with a specific focus on EIT Digital KIC, as well as EIT Food and EIT Health*)

# INNOCHANGE CONSORTIUM



**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



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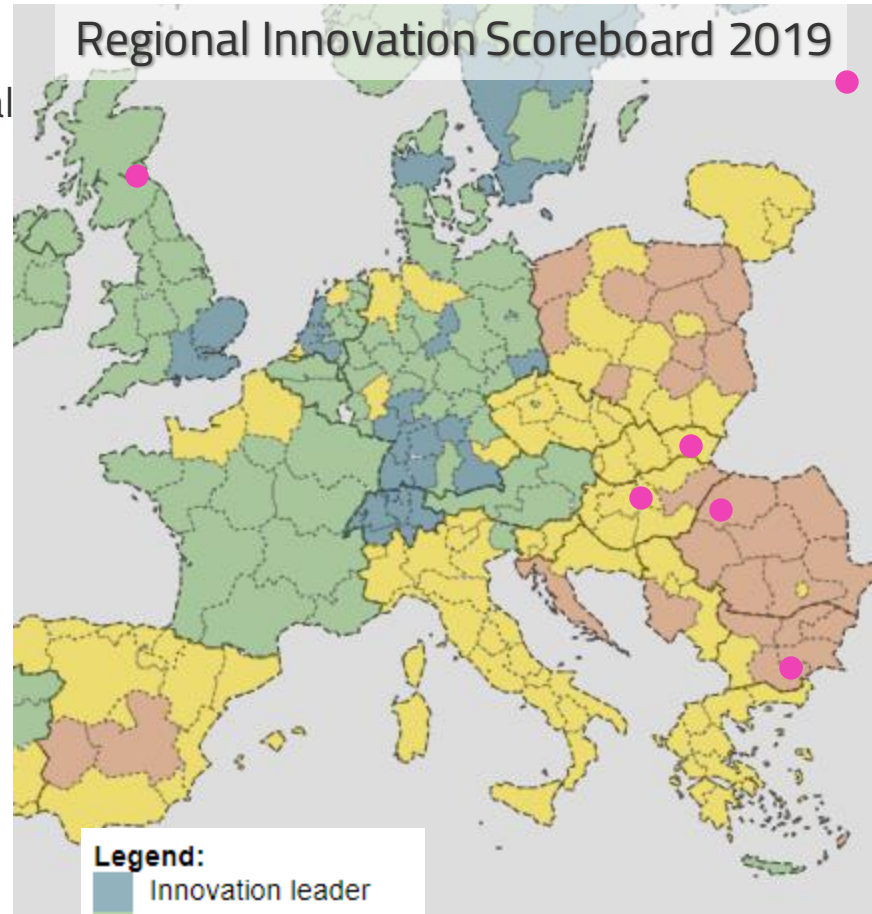
**Babes-Bolyai University** (Romania, Cluj-Napoca)

- 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



**Legend:**  
■ Innovation leader  
■ Strong innovator  
■ Moderate innovator  
■ Modest innovator

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**Heriot Watt University** (UK, Edinburgh)

- Department of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
- Enterprise Department



**Wise Guys** (Estonia, Tallinn)



food and drink innovation  
(Hungary)



GE Healthcare



(Hungary)

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**

**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



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