



UPJS IS A PARTNER OF NEW EIT-FUNDED PROJECT FOR BOOSTING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We would like to share with you the news that the project **InnoChange: Driving Change and Capacity Building Towards Innovative, Entrepreneurial Universities and Entrepreneurial Universities**, of which UPJŠ is a partner, received support of EUR 400,000

On behalf of [UPJŠ](#), [Institute of Computer Science](#), [Faculty of Public Administration](#), [Lifelong Learning Center and Project Support](#), [Technology and Innovation Park](#) and [University Counselling Centre](#) will be involved in the project.

As part of this project, we will be working together with the following partners:

- [Eötvös Loránd University, HU - project leader](#)
- [Babeş-Bolyai University, RO](#)
- [Heriot-Watt University, UK](#)
- [Plovdiv University Paisii Hilendarski, BG](#)
- [Startup Wise Guys Foundation, EE](#)
- [GE Healthcare Hungary, HU](#)
- [Campden BRI Hungary, HU](#)

The project aims to increase the entrepreneurial and innovation capacity and attitude of higher education institutes (HEIs) and to strengthen and better integrate into, and engage with, innovation ecosystems in Central and Eastern Europe. The partners' complementary expertise creates a solid foundation for the implementation of the Knowledge Triangle based innovation education. InnoChange Consortium is strongly linked with EIT Digital and aims to expand this network further to enhance digital transformation. The strengths of the project stem from the defined academic scope (informatics, digital transformation) and the large diversity since university environments, industrial ecosystems and private organizations.

InnoChange will develop and improve the entrepreneurial education curriculum and associated teacher training at partner HEIs, soak up and nurture innovation from all corners of student, faculty, and research activities at university by introducing new innovation model. Furthermore, will provide effective support to deserving early-stage innovation projects and build a pragmatic, yet comprehensive network of multi-faceted industry partnerships and enable support structures for entrepreneurship communities at HEIs through mutual learning.



The project will receive funding from the [EIT's HEI Initiative: Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education](#). This new initiative of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) aims to boost the entrepreneurial and innovation capacity of higher education institutions (HEIs).

Under the EIT's HEI Initiative, the project will receive funding of € 400,000, and it will run until December 2021, with the possibility of getting extended for 18 more months.

Stay tuned for more information about this project in the coming months!

ABOUT THE EIT'S HEI INITIATIVE

The EIT's HEI Initiative is a key objective for the EIT as part of its new strategy, the [EIT Strategic Innovation Agenda 2021-2027](#). The initiative aims to support higher education institutions with expertise and coaching, access to the EIT innovation ecosystem, and funding, enabling them to develop innovation action plans complementing the needs of individual higher education institutions. As part of its Pilot Phase, the initiative has provided funding to 23 projects, with the next call for proposals expected towards the end of 2021.

ABOUT THE EIT

The [European Institute of Innovation and Technology](#) (EIT) strengthens Europe's ability to innovate by powering solutions to pressing global challenges and by nurturing entrepreneurial talent to create sustainable growth and skilled jobs in Europe. The EIT is an EU body and an integral part of Horizon Europe, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The Institute supports dynamic pan-European partnerships, EIT Knowledge and Innovation Communities, among leading companies, research labs and universities.