



INNOVATION VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TECH



INVESTech aims to establish a transnational platform for Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) across Slovakia, Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Lithuania.

**STUDY VISIT IN ATHENS**

On 12 February 2026, the partnership visited NCSR Demokritos in Athens, Greece's largest multidisciplinary research centre. They learned about its institutes, research workforce, and key innovation initiatives. The visit included presentations from the Digital Technologies Hub, the Education Office, Aetherion project and the Science for You project. It concluded with a tour showcasing cutting-edge projects on water treatment, hydrogen-based fuel, and CO₂-derived protein production.

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INVESTTECH SKILLS COMPETITION IN KOŠICE

From February 2–6, 2026, the Institute of Artificial Intelligence FEEI (TUKE) and Košice IT Valley organised the 1st INVESTech Skills Competition, welcoming visiting teachers and students from Frederick University (Cyprus) and Klaipėdos valstybinė kolegija (Lithuania). Throughout the week, participants worked in international teams, focusing on AI, UI design, presentation skills, and Live IT projects, while learning from experts and exchanging experiences across borders. A major highlight was the final competition, where teams presented their innovative solutions. The event also included hands-on workshops, expert seminars, company, and networking activities, all aimed at strengthening future-ready, labour market-relevant skills and connecting education with real industry needs.





INNOVATION LABS (I-LABS)

The partners are developing Innovation Labs across all countries in 2026 to promote creativity, experimentation, and entrepreneurial thinking for students and professionals. These i-labs, equipped with digital and tech tools, will support activities such as workshops, hackathons, capacity-building sessions, and the piloting of entrepreneurial courses. Each country designs its own lab, but all share common goals: enhancing employability, strengthening links with the labour market, and promoting advanced digital and AI skills. The labs will prepare learners for future job markets, encourage innovation, and create inclusive, collaborative learning environments.

3RD TRANSNATIONAL MEETING IN GREECE

The INVESTech project partners held a two-day meeting on February 10–11, 2026. The meeting focused on reviewing progress across all Work Packages, refining upcoming deliverables, and coordinating the next phases of the project. Participants worked on strengthening Centres of Vocational Excellence in ICT, advancing the international collaboration platform, and developing training, tools, and pilot activities in advanced technologies. The meeting also covered progress in green transition initiatives, innovation and entrepreneurship in VET, quality assurance, dissemination, and ethics. Across two days, partners presented results, aligned tasks, set deadlines, and discussed equipment needs, stakeholder engagement, and risk management, ensuring smooth implementation for the upcoming project year.



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THE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Forum on Vocational Excellence

- 7-10 September 2026, Graz, Austria

2nd COFUN Lab and international conference

- November 2026, Lithuania

Project meeting and study visit

- March-April 2026, Nicosia, Cyprus



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