



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.

PROJECT MEETING



The second project meeting was held on **18-21 March, 2025 in Sofia, Bulgaria**. The meeting included a workshop and a study visit. The transnational workshop aims to develop a strategic development plan for the INVESTech CoVE platform, fostering international collaboration among Centers of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) and their stakeholders. The platform will serve as a framework for joint activities such as mobility programs, educational and research initiatives, joint projects, international competitions. The study visit was dedicated to a meeting with Bulgarian organizations for exchanging experiences and good practices in **Sofia Tech Park**.

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MICRO-CREDENTIALS



Micro-credentials (MCs) are as small additional educational experiences that enable the acquisition of skills and competences to respond to rapid changes in society and the labor market, looking forward to their recognition by employers and educational institutions.

MCs offer a flexible and focused way for individuals to develop the knowledge, skills, and competencies needed for personal and professional advancement.

They certify learning outcomes from brief educational experiences, such as short courses or training sessions. These courses are tailored to meet specific social, personal, cultural, or professional needs.

As part of the INVESTech project, we will also create a set of short-term training courses, each of which will end with a micro-credential. By obtaining the prescribed micro-credentials, the applicant will be able to increase their qualification at EQF levels 4, 5 and 6.

DEVELOPMENT OF COURSES

Using research methods, we identified skills gaps in advanced industrial technologies (ATI) in seven key areas:

- **Artificial Intelligence and Ethics,**
- **Big Data,**
- **Blockchain,**
- **The Internet of Things (IoT),**
- **ICT for Sustainability,**
- **Industry 5.0,**
- **Quantum Computing**

The upcoming period will also be dedicated to the development of course content. These will be pilot vocational training courses at EQF levels 4, 5 and 6 for key areas that we identified during the research into missing or insufficient ICT skills.





INNOVATION LABORATORIES



In each country (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Lithuania and Slovakia) will be created one innovation lab (i-lab), providing an environment for experimentation, innovation and collaboration between people, focusing on the generation of new ideas.

The i-labs will be spaces where students, researchers, teachers and other stakeholders can collaborate on different challenges and collaboratively propose solutions that are innovative and feasible.

I-lab concept is based on three elements:

- Space, usually consisting of a room equipped with computers and whiteboards and a second breakout room.
- Specialised software.
- A trained facilitator.

INVESTECH SKILLS COMPETITION

The INVESTech project aims to enhance the quality and relevance of vocational education and training (VET) by organizing and preparing student teams for participation in national and European skills competitions. These competitions provide an opportunity to showcase excellence in VET, foster innovation, and strengthen industry connections.

INVESTech skills competitions are an excellent way to simulate real-world collaboration and ensure a diversity of skills and perspectives of competitors from different countries.

Two types of INVESTech Skills will be held:

- INVESTech Skills for secondary schools' students
- INVESTech Skills for university students





THE UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Forum on Vocational Excellence

- 8 - 10 September, 2025, Kolding, Denmark

1st INVESTech Skills competition for secondary schools' students

- 21 - 23 October, 2025, Sofia, Bulgaria

COFUN Lab and international conference

- 18 - 20 November, 2025, Athens, Greece

1st INVESTech Skills competition for university students

- 3 - 5 February, 2026, Kosice, Slovakia

Project meeting and study visit

- 10 - 12 February, 2026, Pireas, Greece



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