

## **Bridging European Regions Through Best Practices**

### ***Best practices, policies, and strategic initiatives of more innovative partner regions***

In an ambitious endeavor to harmonize innovation capabilities across Europe, this project activity illuminates a structured methodology for identifying and sharing best practices and policies on innovation systems.

Through detailed research done by the whole consortium, focusing on specific regions of partner countries- Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Poland and Slovakia, the project gathered a collection of 24 best practices and policies. This endeavor was not just about gathering data but fostering a vibrant ecosystem where all partner regions could contribute and benefit. The research methodology emphasized desk research to uncover existing, successful local initiatives and policies regarding innovation systems, which were then evaluated for their potential transferability.

A pivotal moment of this activity was the workshop organized by project partner Biz-Up (AT), where partners had the opportunity to present and vote on the strategies and practices, they believed held the most promise for adaptation in their regions. This collaborative exercise underscored the project's commitment to not only enhancing innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation among SMEs and local authorities but also promoting knowledge and resource sharing across European regions.

The outcome of this workshop, along with the collected best practices, will serve as a foundational resource for upcoming cross-regional workshops aimed at policymakers. This marks a significant step toward creating a more integrated, innovative, and sustainable European region, showcasing the power of collaboration and shared vision in overcoming disparities in innovation capabilities across different areas.