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VIADUCT **Newsletter III**

The third VIADUCT* Interreg Europe project explores the activities and updates undertaken by all project partners in its third semester (March 2024 - Aug 2024). From the VIADUCT Interregional Analysis Report 2024, to reporting activities and the third Interregional Meeting and Study Visit, the project partners have been busy with local and international developments which carry the project along.

**The VIADUCT (Valorising public research to drive technology transfer and commercialisation through creation of spin-off) project aims at promoting the creation and development of technology-based spin-offs based. The project tackles the main barriers related to spin-off creation and consolidation through the improvement of Policy Instruments.*

Project meeting in Tampere, Finland



On 11th and 12th June 2024, the VIADUCT project partners and numerous stakeholders met in Tampere, Finland for the third Interregional Meeting and Study Visit.

Welcomed by Director of Strategy at the Council of Tampere Region, Jari Kolehmainen, on the first day, the project partners and stakeholders got to network and exchange good practices and visit Platform 6, the home of Tampere Start-ups. The fruitful exchange of good practices and the first Study Visit inspired further discussion and potential future collaborations.

The second day of the event was dedicated to the second Study Visit at the Tampere University Campus, where partners and stakeholders learnt about the many activities the university organises and supports, and explored cutting-edge technologies. On the same day, partners engaged in insightful discussions on regional challenges that are affecting activities back in their regions.

A special thanks to all partners and stakeholders for their enthusiastic participation, and to the Council of Tampere Region for their warm hospitality and excellent hosting.

[Read more!](#)

Learn more about VIADUCT project partners and the beautiful city of Tampere.



Updates

Participating regions held events and organised endeavours within the focus and theme of the VIADUCT project.

- **The VIADUCT Interregional Analysis Report 2024** demonstrates how European regions can collaborate to enhance entrepreneurial culture and drive innovation both locally and across Europe. Mutual learning and the sharing of best practices are essential for accelerating progress and fostering a more dynamic and supportive environment for the creation and consolidation of spin-offs. [Read more about the key highlights of the report here.](#)
- Following up on the **2024 VIADUCT Interregional Analysis report**, project partners and guests met online to discuss the findings and refine support measures for spin-off companies. Over **45 representatives from seven diverse European regions** attended the meeting to examine the report's findings. The methodology included a **thematic survey with 277 participants** from various institutions, revealing valuable comparative summaries by region. [Learn more here.](#)

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European Forum for Science, Technology and Innovation. During the event, from March 20-22, the University of Zaragoza was prominently highlighted at the sponsored stand of the Directorate General for Science and Research of the Department of Education, Science, and Universities of the Government of Aragon. This partnership demonstrated the university's commitment to interacting with the larger R&D&I ecosystem on a national and worldwide scale. [Learn more here.](#)

knowledge transfer conference in Europe, took place in Seville, Spain. Laura MacDonald, Chief Executive of ASTP, updated the audience on the goals, objectives, and expected outcomes of the VIADUCT project. During the 3 days of the conference, ASTP sponsored a dedicated European Projects booth and participated in enlightening discussions about VIADUCT initiatives with conference attendees. [Read more about ASTP Annual Conference here.](#)

Looking forward to...

Our 4th Inter-Regional Meeting and Site Visit place in Strasbourg, France in early 2025, hosted by one of the VIADUCT partners: SATT CONECTUS.

Make sure to keep an eye on the project website and social media for all updates. You can find all the links below!

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