



Project factsheet - Assessment grid

PROJECT OVERVIEW	
Project Ref. No.	DRP0200277
Project title	Danube Region Programme
Acronym	SpinIT
Priority axis	1. - A more competitive and smarter Danube Region
SO	1.2 - IndustrialTransition
Lead partner	Zenica Development Agency ZEDA ltd
Lead partner country	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
Lead partner legal status	Public
Project duration	30
Total Interreg Funds	1950639.99
Total Eligible Budget	2438299.99

Project Summary

The common challenge addressed by the SpinIT project is the significant territorial disparities within the Danube Region (DR). This includes disparities in terms of innovation capacity, knowledge and technological development, as well as isolation of ecosystems in Eastern and Southeastern Europe. The project's impact is threefold: 1. directly impacting supported innovation intermediaries, start-ups, SMEs, and advanced ecosystems; 2. reaching, promoting, and involving a wide range of stakeholders in the program; and 3. raising awareness of the benefits of ecosystem linkages and promoting skills development aligned with Smart Specialization Strategies (S3) through effective communication and the organization of events and workshops. The overall objective of SpinIT is to address the common challenges identified in the DR: 1. Connect less developed hubs with the most advanced ones and build links within the participating regions, ensuring greater interconnectivity of DR 2. Create and engage businesses, academia, policy makers, the public sector and SMEs to connect them with start-ups 3. Network and peer-learning of the participating stakeholders (start-ups, academia, policy makers) 4. Stimulate and connect local public and private stakeholders (regulators, policy makers, governments, innovation agencies). The SpinIT project incorporates several outputs to address the challenges and achieve its objectives in the Danube Region. These outputs include: 1. Enhanced cross-border cooperation among organizations: The project promotes cooperation among 30 organizations across borders. It facilitates knowledge exchange, benchmarking, and capacity building through reports, frameworks, and training programs. 2. Local Action Plans: The project facilitates the joint development of strategies and action plans through stakeholder identification and analysis, activation of Local Discovery Groups, MoU development, workshops, and creation of Local Action Plans. This collaborative approach ensures the active involvement of stakeholders in formulating comprehensive and effective strategies to drive innovation and achieve the project's objectives. 3. Pilot Projects: The project facilitates the joint development and implementation of pilot actions in smart specialization (S3) and the IT sector. This includes defining project requirements, selecting pilot projects based on local action plans and best practices, developing appropriate methodologies, and executing 10 pilot projects focused on ICT, Industry 4.0, and cross-sector collaboration. 4. Validation of Pilot Projects: The project facilitates the joint development and validation of pilot projects as a key output indicator. Implemented projects are replicated across diverse locations, allowing partners to collectively determine the most effective approach. Reports are submitted for analysis by scientific partners, ensuring scalability and identifying best practices. The project takes a transnational approach by operating in 10 locations across 8 countries in the Danube Region. This approach is necessary because the challenges

faced by the region are not confined to a single country or locality. By promoting knowledge exchange and transnational implementation of pilot projects, the project aims to support digitalization, smart specialization, and sustainable development in the region as a whole. What is new and original about the SpinIT project is its focus on special niches of three pre-defined clusters: IT, I4.0 (Industry 4.0), and IT cross-sectoral collaboration. By concentrating on these areas and targeting less developed geographies where the distance to global best practices is greatest (Southern and Eastern Europe), the project aims to maximize its impact. Additionally, the project emphasizes the importance of diversity and transnational cooperation as catalysts for innovation, market growth, resilience, sustainability, and financial performance. Synergies with other relevant projects and initiatives is the decisive key to success, thus key element in SpinIT project: i) Work with results of completed projects to draw information and best practices (DIH4CPS (Horizon 2020), InNOW (Interreg CE), DANUBEPeerChains (Interreg DTP), STARTUP3 (Horizon 2020); ii) Collaborate with ongoing projects to incorporate results, organize common webinars (ESDGs! (Erasmus) MOOC educational program); iii) Utilize existing networks as channels for the dissemination of project material (ARISE network of Digital Innovation Hubs); iv) Avoid the duplication of effort. SpinIT pays special attention to ensure the durability and transferability of its outputs. Through financial sustainability, institutional structures, and political impact, the project aims to have a lasting effect on the territories and population. On boarded ASPs will enhance durability and transferability of the project's outcomes.

LIST OF PROJECT PARTNERS

No.	Institution name	Country	Total Interreg funds	Total eligible budget
ZEDA	Zenica Development Agency ZEDA Ltd	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	190360.00	237950.00
DEX IC	DEX Innovation centre	#esko (CZ)	136080.00	170100.00
FEB-EFZG	Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb	Hrvatska (HR)	114439.99	143049.99
INM DIH	innomine Digital Innovation Hub Nonprofit Ltd.	Magyarország (HU)	106040.00	132550.00
OPTIM	Optimization Ltd.	Hrvatska (HR)	116680.00	145850.00
UoM	University of Montenegro	Crna Gora (ME)	111960.00	139950.00
INOVACIJA	Institution for development of competences, innovation and specialization	Hrvatska (HR)	103280.00	129100.00
MCN	Municipality of Cluj-Napoca	România (RO)	106840.00	133550.00
EUDA	European Development Agency	#esko (CZ)	111960.00	139950.00
INOSENS	INOSENS Ltd Novi Sad	Serbia (RS)	92120.00	115150.00
ASPECT	ASPECT-Management and Intercultural Relations	Bulgaria (BG)	113200.00	141500.00
FITT	Foundation for Innovation, Technology and Transfer of Knowledge	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)	89640.00	112050.00
VERA	Association for responsible urban development and communication	Österreich (AT)	115760.00	144700.00
BEF	Bulgaria Economic Forum	Bulgaria (BG)	105520.00	131900.00
PBN	Pannon Business Network Association	Magyarország (HU)	115680.00	144600.00

UP	University of Pannonia	Magyarország (HU)	114440.00	143050.00
ZRS Bistra Ptuj	Scientific Reseach Centre Bistra Ptuj	Slovenija (SI)	106640.00	133300.00
TOTAL (EUR)			1950639.99	2438299.99

LIST OF ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

No.	Institution name	Country
MCN	Transilvania IT Cluster	România (RO)
ZEDA	Polythecnic faculty in Zenica, department for Software engineering	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
UoM	Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (IEC) Tehnopolis	Crna Gora (ME)
INM DIH	Southwest Hungarian Engineering Cluster	Magyarország (HU)
INOVACIJA	Zadar County	Hrvatska (HR)
FITT	DKR ltd	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
ZEDA	City of Zenica	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
BEF	Bulgarian Association of Software Companies (BASSCOM)	Bulgaria (BG)
DEX IC	District chamber of commerce Liberec	#esko (CZ)
ZEDA	Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Zenica-Doboj Canton	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
FITT	Ministry of Economy of Tuzla Canton	Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA)
INM DIH	National, Research, Development and Innovation Office	Magyarország (HU)
INOSENS	Vojvodina ICT Cluster	Serbia (RS)