



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.

### FORUM ON VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE 2024



The INVESTech partnership is proud to announce its participation in the 3rd Forum on Vocational Excellence, which took place in Lyon, France from September 10-12, 2024! This event brought together leaders and innovators from Centres of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) across Europe to exchange ideas, share best practices, and reshape the future of skills in a rapidly changing world. With a focus on sustainability, digital solutions, and inclusive transitions, the Forum is a hub for forging new partnerships and driving impactful change in vocational education and training.

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The project involves 18 partners and 13 associate partners from five countries (Slovakia, Greece, Cyprus, Bulgaria and Lithuania). INVESTech project will run for 4 years and the Technical University of Košice (Slovakia) is the project coordinator. The implementation of the project is carried out in cooperation between the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Informatics.

## THE NATIONAL WORKSHOPS IN THE PARTNER COUNTRIES



The INVESTech project has recently hosted national workshops in Cyprus, Greece, Slovakia, Lithuania, and Bulgaria, driving the future of ICT vocational education. These events brought together stakeholders from education, business, NGOs, and government to collaborate on developing Centers of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs). The workshops focused on key trends such as the green transition, advanced ICT skills, and stronger education-industry ties. Across partner countries, strategies were mapped out to modernize vocational education, emphasizing digital skills, sustainability, and alignment with job market demands.

## FOCUS GROUPS

Between October and November 2024, focus groups across partner countries addressed skill gaps in advanced technologies (ATIs) to shape the future of ICT. In Cyprus, discussions focused on AI & Ethics, Big Data, and ICT & Sustainability. Slovakia highlighted gaps in AI, blockchain, and Industry 5.0, emphasising cross-sector collaboration. Bulgaria examined trends in advanced technologies and their impact on education and industry, while Lithuania stressed bridging technical and soft skill gaps. Greece's focus group explored AI & Ethics, Big Data, Blockchain, IoT, ICT for Sustainability, Industry 5.0, and Quantum Computing.



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The INVESTech consortium is actively progressing on multiple work packages, with preparations underway to launch the next phase of the project. Partners are currently finalizing national and European-level findings from desktop research, focus groups, and expert interviews across various Advanced Technology Industries (ATIs).

By February 2025, the second round of national workshops will be held to establish Centers of Vocational Excellence (CoVEs) in partner countries.

In March 2025, a project meeting will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria, where partners will participate in a transnational workshop to define the INVESTech CoVE platform and conduct a study visit focused on academia-industry collaborations.



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