

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Pilot actions (including investment, if applicable)

Version 3

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Summary description of the pilot action (including investment, if applicable) explaining its experimental nature, demonstration character and transnational added value

Pilot action addresses main challenges on how to successfully implement a continuous process of usage technologies of Industry 4.0 and digital transformation in SMEs that are lagging or companies that do not possess proper knowledge or pool of experts that could help in transition to future proof business performance. Objectives of workshops that are included in pilot action are to disseminate latest information on topic of I4.0, access to finances and to help companies guide through processes and challenges on path to digitalization. With digital assessment that is carried by DIH experts, companies gain insight how successful they are and where they need to raise funds and personnel. Final result of action for each company is a detailed assessment of current state, which areas need improvement and a recommendation how to start needed processes and which experts can help them achieve end goal.

NUTS region(s) concerned by the pilot action (relevant NUTS level)

The pilot action was implemented in SMEs from both NUTS 2 regions - SI04 (Zahodna Slovenija) and SI03 (Vzhodna Slovenija).

Investment costs (EUR), if applicable

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia did not use any investment costs in this output.

Expected impact and benefits of the pilot action for the concerned territory and target groups and leverage of additional funds (if applicable)

Target group of the pilot were small and medium sized enterprises in the concerned territory. Pilot action helped this companies to identify how ready they are for the growing challenges that are present because of increasing digitalization in connection with tool and technologies of Industry 4.0. With results of TML companies gained in depth look into the areas in which they are behind in comparison with other SMEs on Slovenian and European level. Companies can than with help of DIH experts decide how to acquire digitalization funding to improve areas in which they are lagging. From action results its expected that SMEs will start more actively improving its business processes which will improve companies' productivity, profits, lower negative environmental effect due to manufacturing, etc.

Sustainability of the pilot action results and transferability to other territories and stakeholders

Pilot action will continue its use to further improve business models of other SMEs and also large companies that were not included in the original project plan. Workshops could be further prioritized for companies in regions that are not as developed or for companies that are from sectors in which I4.0 is not a main priority. With growing number of finished actions, DIH will gain larger database of results that will help stakeholders and DIH experts improve its general knowledge on how to improve workshops with additional services that could help SMEs and large companies.

If applicable, contribution to/ compliance with:

- relevant regulatory requirements
- sustainable development - environmental effects. In case of risk of negative effects, mitigation measures introduced
- horizontal principles such as equal opportunities and non-discrimination

All horizontal principles have been respected and integrated into this output (project). The pilot action was in compliance with relevant regulatory requirements, sustainable development, equal opportunities and non-discrimination.

References to relevant deliverables (e.g. pilot action report, studies), investment factsheet and web-links
If applicable, additional documentation, pictures or images to be provided as annex

This output is directly linked to:

- D.T3.5.1. Venture Capital Connector
- D.T 3.5.2 Regional stakeholder group with relevant innovation actors
- D.T3.5.3 Pilot_Report