

## **International Guidance and Transfer Conference in Panevėžys, Lithuania**

Only one final conference in September 2024 was planned in the project application. However, during the first year of the project, it became clear that several conferences were necessary because:

- The establishment and development of the project's 7 CoVEs require intensive exchanges and extensive consultations with regional institutions and other stakeholders.
- There is a great need among the project partners to exchange experiences with each other in addition to the workshops and to organise consultations with external experts.
- The wealth of project results requires several consultation and transfer events to be able to carry out detailed presentations, discussions and implementation planning.

The organisation of additional advisory and transfer conferences was listed, justified and approved in the annual interim reports. In connection with the budget reallocation, the organisation of four international advisory and transfer conferences was requested and finally approved:

- In 2021 in Panevėžys, Lithuania.
- In 2022 in Vienna, Austria.
- In 2023 in Budapest, Hungary.
- In 2024 in Riga, Latvia.

**In Panevėžys**, a 'Training for Centre Management & Personnel' train-the-trainer seminar and a project workshop with all project partners were held in on 6-8 October 2021 as part of the 3LoE project. In connection with this, a first half-day consulting and transfer conference was organised on 7 October 2021 with the focus on 'Entrepreneurial Success with strong Partners'. A total of 81 people took part in the conference and 35 in the workshop:

- ✓ VET, further and higher education institutions from Lithuania that have been integrated into CoVE Lithuania.
- ✓ Regional and innovation promoters as well as politics and administration at local, regional and international level.
- ✓ Owners and employees of companies.
- ✓ All project partners from 7 countries.

Detailed presentations and discussions were held at this conference:

- ✓ Objectives, concepts and key topics of the 7 CoVEs of the project in Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Austria, Poland and Spain.
- ✓ Challenges for SMEs and Fit for Future in the Green Economy.
- ✓ Future opportunities and support for SMEs in the Baltic Sea Region.
- ✓ Lithuania and Panevėžys Region - Industry towards the Green Economy: SMEs Role and Challenges.

## Conferences

Three-level Centres of Professional Excellence: Qualification, Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Green Economy (3LoE)

The participants and all project partners rated the organisation of this conference very positively. The project consortium therefore decided to organise an international consultation and transfer conference once a year during the project period, with the project consortium discussing and defining the respective key topics.



Project consortium