

# O.T4.1 SET OF GUIDELINES OF STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR POLICY MAKERS

## WP4- POLICY ANALYSIS AT REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL

was focusing on demands and needs of SME's. This WP exposed some of the most relevant conclusions of the project from the side of SME's companies, who are actually seen as main target group for many regional and national incentives toward FoF. Last but not least, we should stress the following message of the BIFOCAlps project; that most of the incentives are technology oriented, but main challenge of the FoF in future knowledge and skills connected with the FoF.

### Activity 1. Analysis and harmonisation of policies and strategies for FoF

#### Aim

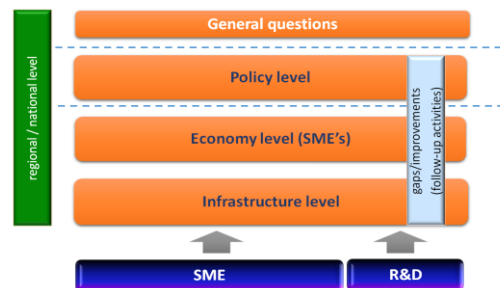
This activity was aimed to provide the expert base for development of concrete guidelines addressing FoF challenges. We critically revised strategies (especially smart specialisation) and policies activated at national, regional and transnational level in order to set up the first steps for future policy development.

#### Deliverables

- Policy analysis at regional and national level
- Harmonisation of policies and strategies for FoF in AS

#### Crucial results

We systematically addressed challenges at Policy, Economy and Infrastructure level. The findings represent valuable references and starting point for development of future EU policies. For the illustration let us mention just two of them: High speed internet is one of the prerequisites. Also, in most developed partner countries, it represents a bottleneck in faster FoF development. And the other finding; Even though knowledge and skills are crucial factors related for FoF development, technology still has the priority in EU policies. Therefore, these aspects are not appropriately addressed in existing policies. In other words: Technology itself will not change the world - it will be human - educated, innovative, brave, and cooperative.



### Activity 2. Institutional event at international level

#### Aim

Its focus was maximising long-term effectiveness and significance of guidelines relating to policy development cycle. Project partners and observers involved all relevant stakeholders, especially decision makers, in order to reach complete results that count the point of views of all key actors that want to enhance a synergic and systematic growth of manufacturing sector in AS.



## Deliverables

- Thematic event on policy development
- Report on actions for policy development
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## Crucial results

A successful international conference was organised at Bled, Slovenia in cooperation with University of Primorska. Interesting invited speakers illustrated the importance of BIFOCAlps in relation with FoF development. In addition, a study tour to France and Swiss for crucial stakeholders and opinion leaders funded an important contribution to efficient and long-term FoF development. Last but not least, interesting social network were established. It is worth mentioning, that it already resulted in new Alpine space project proposal within a new partnership.



## Activity 3. Definition of project's follow-up activities

### Aim

The aim was to identify specific actions and means required to transfer project results to a wider public beyond the Consortium, the manufacturing sector and the Alpine Space region boundaries. This specific action was fundamental to ensure a successful project finalisation and long-term sustainability and impact of its results

## Deliverables

- Transferability scenarios guidelines
- Follow-up activities plan

## Crucial results

Partners have identified many possibilities of how to raise awareness of BIFOCAlps project and its main deliverables. The model consists of well specified project results, structured target audience and concrete activities proposal. Therefore, it has a strong potential to mobilize stakeholders in the process of implementation of Industry 4.0. In addition, concrete channels, deadlines and monitoring indicators were identified. It is important to stress, that some of the planned activities were already implemented; e.g. expert paper presentation at international scientific conference in Bilbao, Spain. In addition, an article was published in eminent expert journals - IRT 3000. Moreover, FoF topics has been incorporated in University educational programmes etc. And what is probably most important – social and expert networks at international level have been established. In combination with high quality project results they represent an excellent base for achieving fruitful sustainable effects.

