

Press Release

SKILLBRIDGE

Technology Partners secures 1.8M Euros to Build the Bridge Between Skills, Foresight, and Innovation Across Europe.

The *Technology Partners Foundation (Poland)* is proud to announce the launch of **SKILLBRIDGE**, an Erasmus+ Alliances for Innovation (Lot 1) project designed to modernise skills development across Europe's higher education (HE), vocational education and training (VET), and industry sectors.

Bringing together 14 partners from Poland, Lithuania, Croatia, Spain, and Serbia, **SKILLBRIDGE** aims to embed deep tech competencies, sustainability principles, and strategic foresight into education and workforce development. By aligning learning systems with Europe's digital and green transitions, the project will help future-proof the European workforce for the industries of tomorrow.

Vision and Key Objectives

SKILLBRIDGE's vision is to close the gap between academia and industry through innovation-driven learning ecosystems. The project integrates AI, blockchain, IoT, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, and green technologies into curricula, ensuring that learners and educators gain real-world skills relevant to fast-evolving sectors.

Its industry-led learning model features co-creation labs, challenge-based learning, and work-based placements developed with SMEs, startups, and technology hubs. This hands-on approach ensures education evolves in step with market needs, strengthening employability, entrepreneurship, and innovation capacity.

Over the next three years, **SKILLBRIDGE** will:

- *Modernise curricula* in higher and vocational education by embedding digital, deep-tech, and sustainability-focused competencies.
- *Enhance cooperation between academia and industry* through innovation hubs, incubators, and transdisciplinary collaboration.
- *Apply strategic foresight to anticipate future workforce needs* and inform skills intelligence systems.
- *Cultivate entrepreneurial and innovation mindsets*, encouraging startup creation and sustainable business growth.
- *Establish Centres for Foresight and Innovation (CFIs)* within partner institutions to ensure long-term collaboration and policy engagement.

Partnership and Expertise

The project is coordinated by Dr. Rafael Popper, Director of CFI-Poland at *Technology Partners Foundation (TPF)* – a leading foresight and innovation organisation with extensive experience in EU research and education initiatives.

SKILLBRIDGE partners

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2. 🇵🇱 Białystok University of Technology (BUT) – PL
3. 🇵🇱 Programming Technical School (INFOTECH) – PL
4. 🇱🇹 Manufacturing Innovation Valley (MIV) – LT
5. 🇱🇹 Vilnius University (VU) – LT
6. 🇱🇹 Vilnius Vocational College of Technologies and Business (TECHIN) – LT
7. 🇭🇷 Zagreb Innovation Centre (ZICER) – HR
8. 🇭🇷 University of Zagreb (UNIZG) – HR
9. 🇭🇷 Učilište Studium (AEI Studium) – HR
10. 🇪🇸 La Salle Technova Barcelona (Technova) – ES
11. 🇪🇸 La Salle – Universitat Ramon Llull (URL) – ES
12. 🇷🇸 Business Technology Incubator of Technical Faculties Belgrade (BITF) – RS
13. 🇷🇸 Belgrade Metropolitan University (BMU) – RS
14. 🇷🇸 Petnica Science Center (PSC) – RS

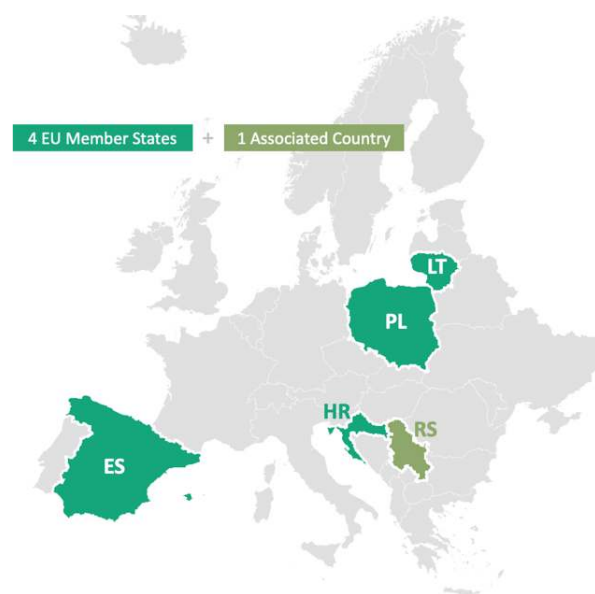
Building Long-Term Impact

To ensure sustainability beyond the project's duration, **SKILLBRIDGE** will establish Centres for Foresight and Innovation (CFIs) within partner universities. Based on successful models in Barcelona and Poland, these centres will serve as knowledge hubs for skills intelligence, curriculum foresight, and continuous industry–academia cooperation.

Aligning with European Priorities

SKILLBRIDGE supports the European Green Deal, Digital Education Action Plan, and European Skills Agenda, contributing directly to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs 4, 8, 9, 13, and 17).

By embedding foresight and sustainability into education systems, the project helps strengthen Europe's innovation capacity, resilience, and global competitiveness.



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