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# 1. Executive Summary

Roundtables with regional policy + relevant stakeholders were implemented by all project partners.

The MAIN GOAL of the event was targeted transfer of project insights to personell at regional policymakers and funding experts with a role in defining framework conditions in the regional innovation system.

During the discussion, in the apropos of the KETGATE lessos learned we talked about:

- In frame of the KETs (project KETGATE) practical experiences with the S3 strategy in Hungary on the national and also regional level,
- The experiences of EEN with industrial innovation and industry associations
- R&D projects and their supporting system, S3 (TIP)platform and transnational projects
- Grant policy with outlook to Eu framework programmes, recent and in the period 2021+

9 persons from 3 institutions participated- all of their professional personal experience on the topic was exceeding 10 years. There were professionals as 4 of them with experience as European H2020 (and previous) Programme commity member and National Contact points in: NMBP, Mobility, Bioeconomy and sustainable agriculture, Energy, Security and space. The representative of the EEN was the national coordinator of the Hungarian EEN network.

# 2. Target Group and Objectives

Representatives of research institutions, R&D funding support institutions, stakeholder cluster relationship and strategy experts and other relevant partners were invited to the workshop.

The aim of the meeting is to share information among the workshop participants with an emphasis on the presentation of the experiences and recommendations of the KETGATE project in connections to the RIS3 strategy and funding system of Hungary, with outlook promoting on support for international cooperation in the area of KET development provisions for SME activities.





# 3. Roundtable with regional policy + relevant stakeholders

Date: 15.07. 2020

Location: NRDIO, 1077 Budapest, Kéthly Anna tér 1., room 230.

### 3.1. Participant list and description of participated organisations

Name	Position	Organisation	Country
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ZSUZSANNA KOVÁCS	Secretariat for Vice President of Corporate Innovation	National Research, Development and Innovation Office.	HU

10 participants from 3 institutions.

#### The National Research, Development and Innovation Office

(NRDI Office) https://nkfih.gov.hu/about-the-office

- The National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NRDI Office) was established in 2014. to create a stable institutional framework for the Government coordination and funding of research, development and innovation (RDI) in Hungary, ensuring the efficient and transparent and value-creating use of available resources.
- The mission of the NRDI Office is to establish a coordinated, predictable and sustainable system for research funding in which, through supporting excellent scientific research and promoting innovation, Hungary can ensure its RDI resources to be utilised not only in a legitimate but also an expedient manner, to increase Hungary's global competitiveness and foster its most fruitful integration in the European Research Area (ERA).





- The NRDI Office aims to reinforce the national innovation system, to foster a dynamic cooperation between scientific centres and enterprises, to create an inspiring environment for innovation. Is responsible for renewing the national RDI strategy, which determines the domestic RDI vision, the National Research, Development and Innovation Office collaborates with the competent ministries and the stakeholders of the domestic RDI system to assess, in compliance with the provisions of the relevant Government Decision, the domestic and international trends that are emerging and establishing further instruments that could help to improve the competitiveness of RDI activities.
- The Office develops our nation's strategy for scientific research, development and innovation as a policy-maker, manages the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund as a funding agency and represents the Government of Hungary as well as the Hungarian researcher community in international and European RDI organisations. Strategic documents as
  - National RDI strategy
  - National Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3)
  - o Research Infrastructures in Hungary

#### HEPA Hungarian Export Promotion Agency Nonprofit, Inc.

#### (HEPA) <a href="https://hepa.hu/en">https://hepa.hu/en</a>

(HEPA) is the agency of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade aims to provide professional services and incentives to Hungarian companies and industrial associations to launch their products and services abroad. Following the appointment by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, HEPA has issued a call for proposals for Hungarian companies in order to stimulate economic relations between Hungary and the Republic of Serbia, Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Through its network of regional partner offices, economic attachés and coordinating the national Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), HEPA can help the foreign market expansion plans of Hungarian companies with export potential. Our regional partner offices identify potential customers of the Hungarian goods and services and promote the exportable domestic products and services with their tools.

Also its free service is to offer innovation consultation to small, medium and large companies which aim to improve their competitiveness by improving their innovation capabilities. The results of the survey will determine the degree of innovation orientation of the company and the areas for improvement.

# 3.2. Summary

Kinga Lorencz , the KETGATE project manager of BZN moderated the events, welcomed and explained the objectives of the meeting. The participants had a few introducing words about themselves, their organisation and efforts. Then Dr. Gyöngyvér Biró, the professional leader and facilitator of the KETGATE project has shown a presentation about the project, the experiences and findings and about the working mode of the KETGATE network. Then came the list and discussion about the project recommendations (D.T4.3.1) of the regional actions to improve the service provisions for SMEs. The participants shared their very practical and crutial experiences and expectations, and also had discussions how to collaborate to improve the funding effectivity in the future. The meeting proved to be a good initiative with a long and very in depth discussion and resulted good understanding of the colleagues.

Dr. Ferenc Petrás (Head of the Funding Planning and Decision Preparation Department) informed the participants about the progression of the newly established territorial Innovation Platforms and the preparation of the new supporting programs for innovation in SMEs (<a href="https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/press-releases/territorial-innovation-platforms">https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/press-releases/territorial-innovation-platforms</a>).





# 4. Conclusions and Recommendations

The workshop was very ispiring. All the participants were sharing enthusiastic way their points, experiences and further plans, expectation.

They have requested (and received) the copy of presentation of the KETGATE-BZN recommendations, based on D.T4.3.1.

The NCPs has considered the ways of participating in the suggestedERA net activities:

Participate in the forming Horizon Europe era-nets PPs as funding organizations, as listed in Candidates for European Partnerships webpage

https://www.era-learn.eu/partnerships-in-a-nutshell/r-i-partnerships/european-partnerships-under-horizon-europe/partnerships-under-preparation

European Partnership on Photonics (Working title: PHOE - Photonics Europe - Light technologies for Europe)

https://www.era-learn.eu/partnerships-in-a-nutshell/r-i-partnerships/european-partnerships-under-horizon-europe/partnerships-under-preparation/candidates-for-european-partnerships/12\_photonics.pdf

and European Partnership on Innovative SMEs

https://www.era-learn.eu/partnerships-in-a-nutshell/r-i-partnerships/european-partnerships-under-horizon-europe/partnerships-under-preparation/candidates-for-european-partnerships/35-european-partnership-on-innovative-smes





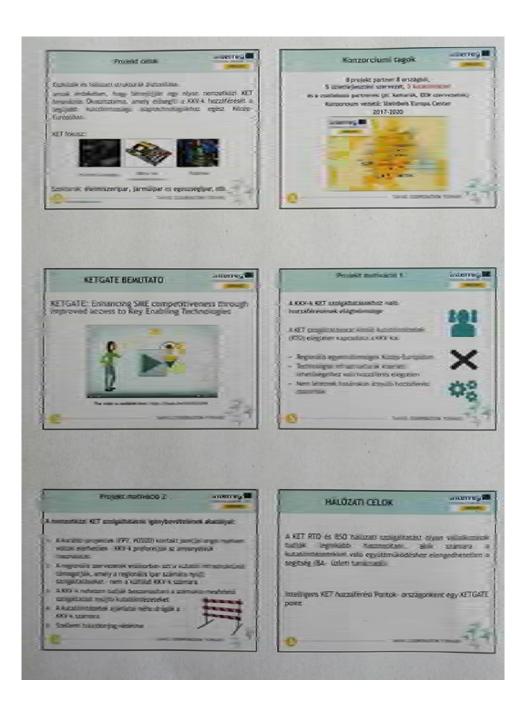
# 5. Annex

## 5.1. Annex I - Presentation of the workshop









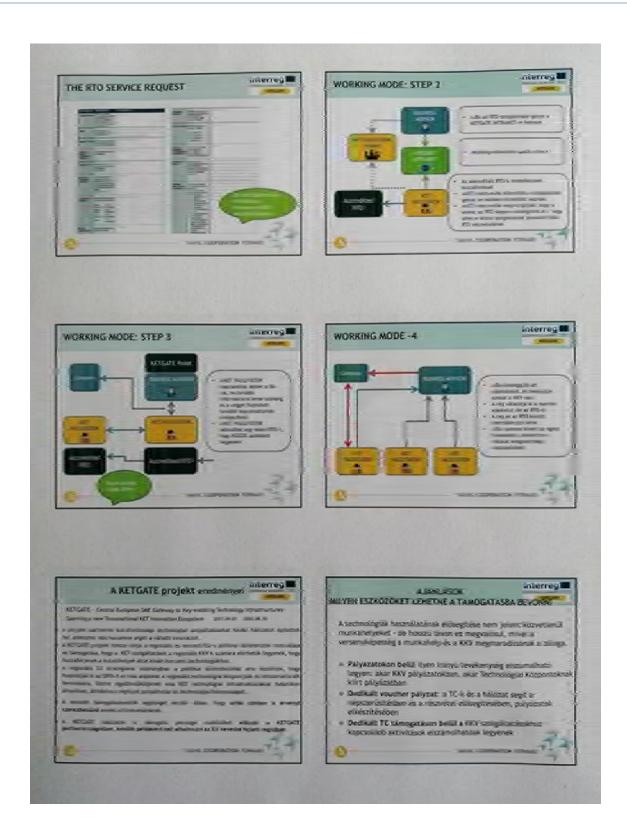






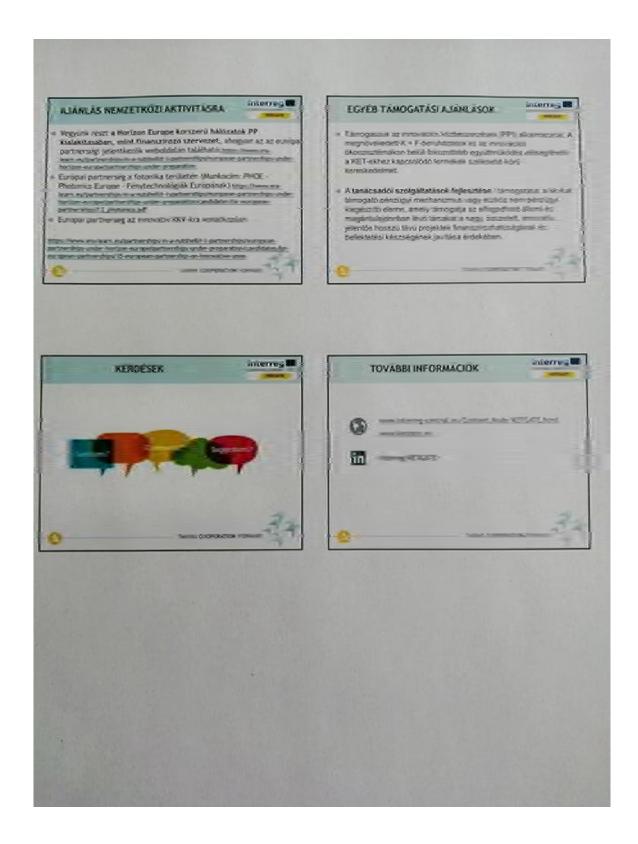
















## 5.2. Annex II - Attendance list with signatures

