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## Implementing the activities of InfoHubs

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The ECOS4IN project is getting to its final point. After defining the ecosystem development model for Industry 4.0, we tested pilot actions to strengthen links and knowledge in each region. Most partners were focused on the activities of InfoHubs and looked for possibilities to communicate with stakeholders and target group from firms, academic and the public sphere in pandemic and post-pandemic situation.

We will transform this experience into action plans which define how each of the involved organizations can contribute to the development of the knowledge ecosystem in its region. For some partners, it will be mainly the development of training and communication activities, but there are also ambitions to develop digital hubs, software tools for testing the "digital maturity" or tools for finding a balance between online and offline communication. As a certain "gap", we found the need to link digital maturity tools with testing the real recoverability of digital tools. So not only what to digitize but especially to model what will be the impact on the efficiency of processes and the creation of a value. In the action plan, each of the partners is looking for a mix of services that corresponds to the state of development of the innovation ecosystem, which we measure according to the "Innovation scoreboard" of this region.

The last task which awaits us is to find the intersections in our activities as well as the activities of other regions and to propose recommendations how to cooperate in the development of the entire Central European innovation ecosystem for Industry 4.0. These will include connecting digital and information hubs, tools and good practice for business support organizations (BSO), sharing testbeds, networking, connecting suppliers of digital services and products with users in other regions.



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## We still held our partner meetings online

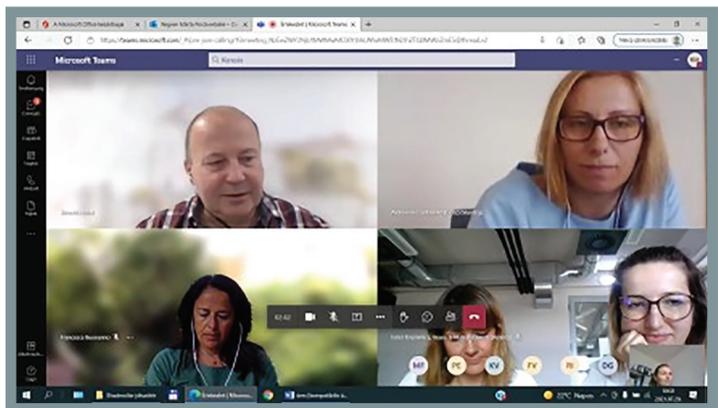
When the ECOS4IN project was launched, no one thought that a pandemic would break out during the project and hinder the partnership's face-to-face meetings.

Unfortunately, our project meetings held this period were organized online again, although all partners are very much in need of personal meetings and exchanges of experience. Once again, we discussed the current issues and tasks of the project, trusting that personal consultations could take place again soon.

## First test proved attractiveness, functionality and customer benefit of the "Digital Check - Starter.Kit" package in Austria

The "DIGITAL CHECK - STARTER.KIT" is intended to serve as an attractive offer for a first-time consulting at companies and to increase the application of the I4.0 maturity model at companies

As part of the ECOS4IN project's pilot phase, six test applications of the "Digital Check – Starter.Kit" shall prove this new service for attractiveness, functionality and customer benefits. The experiences, findings and conclusions will be used to improve and finalize the service package.



In May 2021 Innos Ltd. (Company for innovation and sustainable development) and Plankensteiner Holzbau (Timber constructions) took the opportunity for a test application of the "Digital Check – Starter.Kit" supported by ECOS4IN.

The companies' vision is to bring a resource-optimised product to the market by expanding digital production technologies. With a view to the customer and the environment (raw material prices & availability), new answers to changing framework conditions are required. Thus, the digital check was applied for the preparational "pre-production" process and the core process "production".

The results of the Digital Check were to be used as the basis for a funding application in the field of digitization.

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