FabLabNet, a new project funded by the European Community, will be launched in Budapest the March 28th, 2017. This will be a practical project starting phase, which will metaphorically begins with the launching of a 3D printed toy-rocket jointly made by the Project Partners.

The one day event will set in motion the FabLabNet project, which aims to improve sustainable linkages for strengthening the innovation capacity of the Central Europe Region Fabrication Laboratories (FabLabs).

During the three Thematic Sessions of the Event there will be keynote speeches and panel discussions on three main topics: how FabLabs can train people for Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0), what is the role FabLabs can play as Business accelerators and how Fablabs contribute to positively solve Societal Challenges.

An introduction of the day will be done by the host organization (David Pap - FabLab Budapest) together with the Project Lead Partner coordinator (Antonia Caola - MUSE) and with the extraordinary participation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Neil Gerschenfeld - CBA MIT).

There will be fun, hands-on, interactive exhibition on FabLab's capabilities with robots, 3D printed devices and other cutting-edge innovations exhibited by the 9 Project Partners and their associated industrial Partners.

This event will boost the FabLabNet Project in its more practical implementation, with its foreseen outcomes in increasing innovation and competitiveness across the Central Europe region, impacting on policy makers and benefitting enterprises, schools, universities and FabLabs.

The Complete programme is attached.

Some other info on the FabLabNet project:

FabLabNet is funded by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme that encourages cooperation on shared challenges in central Europe. With 246 million Euro of funding from the European Regional Development Fund, the programme supports institutions to work together beyond borders to improve cities and regions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The project aims to contribute to the new manufacturing model, more distributed and at hand, through a set of transnational actions to build-up, support and strengthen the local innovation ecosystems. Therefore, FabLab agenda will match with the small and medium size technological enterprises, connecting at the same time with strategies of education and knowledge institutions, like schools, universities, and research centres.

FabLabNet main outcomes include several new format activities (the Pilot Actions), developed at transnational level to help community building, business development and advanced training.

The overall desired long lasting effect of the project is to increase competitiveness across the Central Europe region by supporting digital transformation and impacting on local policy making.

What are FabLabs?

FabLabs – 'fabrication laboratories' – are small and innovative workspaces that make personal digital fabrication tools and know-how available to the larger public. Here the prototyping and production means are made accessible to the larger public and their non-standard needs becoming a real fabrication facility devoted to bottom-up research and open innovation.

What does FabLabNet do?

FabLabNet's main objective is to bring the FabLab concept to new, existing and future innovators across Central Europe and connect them on a transnational level. Through the network, FabLabNet connects with organisations and individuals from business, education, society and policy making for smarter innovation and creating local and transnational impact.

Through FabLabNet pilot actions, the consortium co-develops new innovative services demonstrating the potential of fablabs within their local innovation ecosystem. Designed transnationally, these services will be implemented and tested locally.

Where: TESLA LOFT , Budapest, Hungary

Project logo:

FabLabNet website

http://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/FabLabNet.html

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