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Virtual Education and Research and Development and Innovation Network in the Slovakian - Hungarian border region

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PRESS RELEASE

2nd Motivation & Career Day

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The Smart Communities Project - a virtual education, research, development and innovation network in the Slovak-Hungarian border area started in May 2017 and will continue until the end of April 2019. The main objective of the project is to contribute to the strengthening of intellectual property in the disadvantaged cross-border area in southern Slovakia and northern Hungary through the establishment and dissemination of innovative cooperation structures as a practical implementation of social and ethnic innovation. The project brings real, practical alternatives and motivation for the implementation of radical innovations in various areas of development at the local level - economic, educational, community, professional and environmental, to the marginalized part of the population in the cross-border area (Nitriansky, Banskobystrický, Košický region and Nogradska region).

Our concept assumes that the region can escape the unfavorable situation through implementing activities based on endogenous development and intelligent communities. The prioritized sectors of the project are education and research, development and innovation with a focus on sustainability and information and communication technologies. Throughout the project, we will build a network of civic partnerships, partnerships of educational and research institutions, and organize and implement within them joint professional programs, trainings and

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mentoring programs for the main target groups - residents of cross-border regions from children to retirees. The motivation and career day is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund as part of Smart Communities project, No. SKHU/1601/4.1/210. The content of this press release does not necessarily represent the official position of the European Union.

The project consortium brings together 8 partners: 4 Hungarian institutions (Interindustria Knowledge Center Foundation, Salgótarján - Consortium Leader, Szent István Gödöllő University, Center for Economic and Regional Studies - Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Association for Renewable Countryside, Legénd) and 4 Slovak Institutions (e-Talentum Filakovo, Technical University of Košice, ASTRA - Association for Innovation and Development, Gymnázium Filakovo).

One of the main activities of the project are Motivation and career days. They aim to extend and disseminate information about broad educational and working alternatives, as well as to provide various work and life examples and opportunities through real career models. The first out of 18 Motivation and career days was already successfully held at the Lunik IX Community centre Kosice, where we inspired the community via successful young students who have managed to achieve outstanding academic results despite difficult living conditions. Within the second Motivation and career day we will approach the students of age 17 to 19 via 2 real career models chosen carefully to suit this audience. The first is the employee of the Technical University of Kosice, young engaged man – Mgr. Ing. Tomas Malatinec, PhD., who has finished 2 universities and successfully continues in building his career, working on his scientific research and teaching. His entry will be followed by the presentation of Ing. Zofia Sincakova, PhD student of Technical University of Kosice.

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