

# European SMEs got support for their smoother digital transformation

14  
mini-grants

## EIT Manufacturing Project: RIS Industry 4.0 Hubs (RIS I40H)

The Regional Innovation Scheme (RIS) is the EIT Community's outreach scheme that helps boost innovation capacity in European countries that have lower participation. The RIS scheme enables the transfer of good practices and know-how from EIT's unique approach to boost innovation in EIT RIS countries.

6  
countries

RIS I40H Project is dedicated to support digital transformation for manufacturing SMEs and start-ups in EIT RIS countries and help them to engage in networks for digitalised manufacturing as supply-chain partners.

7  
consultations

Thus 14 small- and medium-sized European enterprises took advantage of digitalised technologies and improved their skills and competencies thanks to 14 mini-grants provided by the RIS I40H Project. Within these mini-grants, they received individual expert consultations and digitalisation plans.

8  
digitalization plans

## Experience from Lithuania

5 supported companies in 2021 with digitalisation plans



JSC „Altechna Coatings“ is the largest producer of optical coatings in Lithuania. Since 20 years, Altechna develops and manufactures optical elements and components for lasers, laser systems, and optical devices.

Thanks to EIT Manufacturing, we could seek out digitization experts for an in-depth analysis of our existing operations, such as sales, procurement, manufacturing, quality control and assurance, digital resource management and digital safety. We received positive feedback, as well as valuable criticisms and extensive counsel, on how to further automate and transform our operations management. We also received a report including a comprehensive bullet point list with the whats, whys and hows for potential improvements. All this has resulted in a clearer pathway and much-appreciated external impetus towards digital transformation.



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In-depth analysis of digital maturity level of company's operations



Identification of possible technological solutions for Altechna's digital transformation



Digitalization plan with clear objectives and milestones for implementation