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**Chambers of commerce and Industry have developed a new cross-border service for Slovak and Hungarian companies**

Slovak and Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, within implementation of cross-border project, have developed a new unique on-line service **Cross-border Innovation Service Portfolio** to serve for Slovak and Hungarian companies. Through a web application companies will have at their disposal information about R&D infrastructure and services in the area of South-East Slovakia and North-East Hungary at one place 24 hours a day. In this way, the chambers would stimulate innovation-oriented cross-border cooperation among entrepreneurs and providers of R&D services.

Another activity focused on starting new cooperation initiatives among Slovak and Hungarian companies and providers of innovation services is a set of B2B (business to business) meetings that start on 18th September 2018 in Zvolen and will continue until the end of the year in Slovak and Hungarian partners regions. Each of B2B meetings is focused on different sector: forestry and wood processing, information technologies, metal-working industry, machinery and IT systems for machinery and automotive industry.

The meeting in Zvolen is focused on forestry and wood processing as these sectors have long tradition in the region and important R&D institutions are located here as for example National Forest Centre and Technical University in Zvolen. Any Slovak and Hungarian company as well as provider of R&D services can take part at this event but their activities should be related to these sectors. Participation is free of charge but registration is required via an [on-line form](https://goo.gl/forms/CmuV5fY0mbJldHu23).

The project with the same name Cross-border Innovation Service Portfolio (acronym InnoService) is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation programme. The project is implemented by the Banská Bystrica Regional Chamber of the Slovak Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCI) in cooperation with Košice Regional Chamber of SCCI and Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Hungarian Counties Nógrád, Heves and Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén. Duration of the project is 16 months (1st October 2017 – 31st January 2019) with the total budget of 162 174,60 EUR out of which 137 848,41 EUR is the ERDF contribution.

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