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**“**ESCP S3 for speeding up industrial modernization of Agrofood packaging sectors towards Industry 4.0 and digital transformation by Cluster-Facilitated X-Industry Hackathons —DIGICLUSTERS**”**

PROJECT No. 822095

The Grand Agreement was signed on 01/10/2018 by Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) under the powers delegated by the European Commission and Latvian IT Cluster (LITC), and the following other beneficiaries: AgroBioCluster represented by Foundation UNIMOS (UNIMOS/ABC), Food Products Quality Cluster represented by Latvian Federation of Food Companies (LFFC/FPQC), OnGranada Tech City (ON GRANADA), SMART food cluster represented by Lithuanian Food exporters association (LITMEA/SFC), Association of Lithuanian Printing Industries (LISPA), Lithuanian Innovation Center (LIC). The grant is awarded for the action entitled ‘ESCP S3 for speeding up industrial modernization of agrofood packaging sectors towards Industry 4.0 and digital transformation by Cluster-Facilitated X-Industry Hackathons — DIGICLUSTERS’.

The **main objectives** of the DIGICLUSTERs project are:

* To support setting-up the **European Strategic Cluster Partnership for smart specialization investments (ESCP-S3)**
* To **foster the collaboration between enterprises**, especially SMEs and their interactions with technology centers within the cluster and across regional and sectoral silos towards generating **joint actions and investment projects** in common smart specialisation priority areas linked to industrial modernisation and to help improving their business environment
* To **speed up industrial modernization** by bringing **together clusters, regional authorities and technology centers** and facilitate the generation of a pipeline of joint collaboration and innovation projects
* To **implement joint activities** with a view to **mobilise interregional collaboration** and investments of industry actors, notably SMEs, and provide related business, technology and growth support services
* To strengthenand **facilitate linkages between clusters, technology centers and regional authorities** in order to link specialized ecosystem and create favorable environment for innovations to accelerate industrial modernization
* To entrepreneurially discover **new and strategic forms of interregional cooperation between and B2B** with European partners to help SMEs incorporate new technologies and digital innovations and trigger **collaboration aimed at joint investments**
* To **improve the visibility** of the consortium, its partners and affiliates at European level, building and shaping positive image of involved clusters, SMEs, technology centers and regional governments

***Project duration:*** The duration of the action will be 18 months as of 01/10/2018

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