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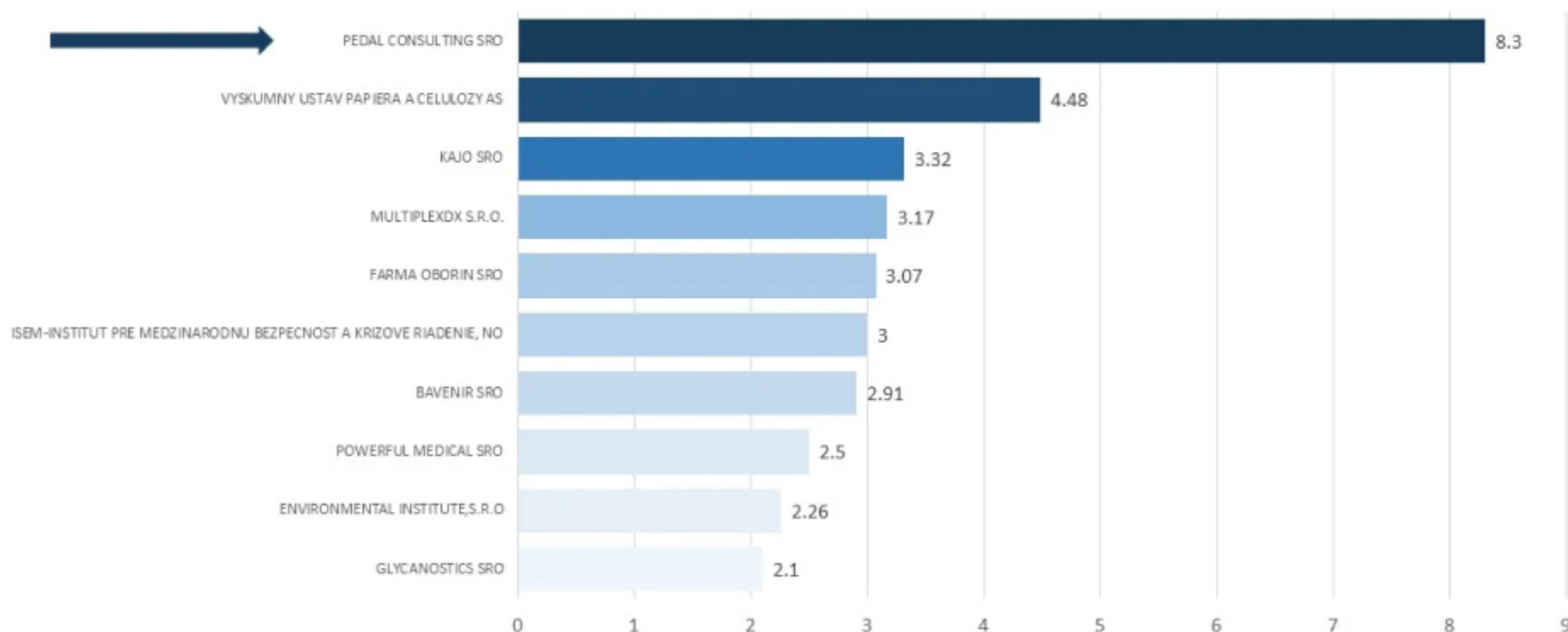
2025 HIGHLIGHTS



In 2025, the strength and sustainability of our business model as well as our portfolio of European projects **continued to grow.**

We re-confirmed our position as a **leading small and medium-sized enterprise** in the region in the number of implemented projects under the **Horizon Europe programme.**

Best performing SME in Slovakia under H2020 & HE
Top 10 SMEs based on Net EU Contribution (Millions EUR)



Source: [Qlik Sense \(europa.eu\)](https://qlik.sense.europa.eu) as of 20. January 2026.



2025 IN NUMBERS

*From a bird's-eye view, the past year comes down to a few **key numbers**:*

PROJECTS

New

5

2,429,187 €

Ongoing

25

6,773,941 €

TEAM MEMBERS

Total

26

Men

31%

Women

69%

COMMUNICATION

48

Web articles

210

Social media posts (LinkedIn)

21%

Increase of followers at LI

EVENTS

26

Organised/
Co-organised by
PEDAL

1,174

Participants



NEW PROJECTS

2025 saw us bring several new initiatives to life:

Open Horizons

Supporting women-led deep-tech startups.
March, Bratislava (Slovakia)



EastGateH2V

Groundbreaking project to build a fully integrated Hydrogen Valley in the eastern Slovakia.
April, Košice (Slovakia)



NEW PROJECTS

Citrusbusters

The fight to protect Europe's citrus has officially begun.
April, Valencia (Spain)



AdaptationHubs

Designing the way how to strengthen the work on climate resilience.
December, Zagreb (Croatia)



SUCCESSFUL WRAP-UPS

Our team celebrated the closing of long-term projects:

GenB

Empowering young people to make sustainable choices through bioeconomy education.

April, Brussels (Belgium)

BioGovNet

Co-creating bioeconomy governance solutions.

May, Brussels (Belgium)

ROBIN

Celebrating innovation in circular bio-based economies with other key EU initiatives.

May, Brussels (Belgium)



SUCCESSFUL WRAP-UPS

SKILLBILL

Shaping the future of skills, sustainability, and innovation in renewable energy.
June, Brussels (Belgium)



ALFA

Powerful finale for clean energy solutions in agriculture.
September, Brussels (Belgium)



SUCCESSFUL WRAP-UPS



SUSTRACK

Presenting SUSTRACK's key results & tools on designing a track to circular systems. October, Online

ITHACA

Shaping digital participation across Europe. December, Brussels (Belgium)



TIME TO CELEBRATE

*Data by the Slovak Liaison Office for Research and Development proved that PEDAL Consulting continued to lead all Slovak participants in **the Horizon Europe programme**. We secured the **highest number of approved projects** among every type of institutions.*

Institution	Type of institution	No. of participations	As a coordinator	EU contribution (EUR)
PEDAL Consulting	PRC	25	3	6,234,913.29
Comenius University Bratislava	HES	24	8	7,998,906.85
CVTI SR	PUB	25	0	2,632,507.67
Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava	HES	19	2	4,664,308.79
University of Žilina	HES	14	0	3,095,705.00

Table 1: Top 5 Slovak institutions with the highest participation in HE projects, October 2025, CVTI: <https://eraportal.sk/aktualita/styri-a-pol-roka-implementacie-horizontu-europa-v-cislach-ako-je-na-tom-slovensko/>



TIME TO CELEBRATE

Bioeconomy competition winners

92 submissions, 11 countries, 1 competition - The GenB Bioeconomy Art Competition presented winners showcasing how art can drive awareness of bioeconomy.



SKILLBILL Green Contest

The SKILLBILL announced the most inspiring student projects that stood out for their originality and impact for a greener future: a video “Yes, I can” from Slovakia and a city model “The power of wind, the light of the community” from Italy.



TRAVELS AND EVENTS

Throughout 2025, our team remained active across Europe. We organised and participated in major events meeting partners, innovators, policymakers, experts and students.

BioFUTURE Mutual Learning Workshop

Co-organised by the ROBIN project, the event connected experts tackling barriers of bioeconomy growth. Grateful for the participation from the DG Environment and DG Research from the European Commission.



TRAVELS AND EVENTS

International matchmaking

Hosted by the NCBR Office in Brussels, we joined key players discussing the future of food and soil research in Europe and presented our services in securing EU grants.



EU Sustainable Energy Week 2025

During the EU's flagship event on renewables and energy efficiency, we showcased RURALITIES project empowering rural regions.



TRAVELS AND EVENTS

SUSTRACK Conference on circularity

Our team organised a successful conference showcasing innovations and circularity in the construction and textile industries in Slovakia.



Agrokomplex – Slovak national exhibition

With a stand at the biggest agricultural event in Slovakia, we presented several projects from our portfolio to a larger audience.



TRAVELS AND EVENTS

Agri-tech Innovation Summit 2025

In London, we succeeded in promoting a microbial fuel cell battery with the Soil2Power project.



National conference H2SK FORUM

With EastGateH2V project, our colleagues joined European discussions on the future of hydrogen in Bratislava (Slovakia).



TRAVELS AND EVENTS

Agritechnica 2025, Hannover

During one of the world's largest AgTech fairs, we were looking for partners interested in a microbial fuel cell battery developed under the Soil2Power initiative.



INSPIRE Smart Village Lab
We started building the foundations for the Smart Village Lab in Košice (Slovakia) to support young people with disabilities.



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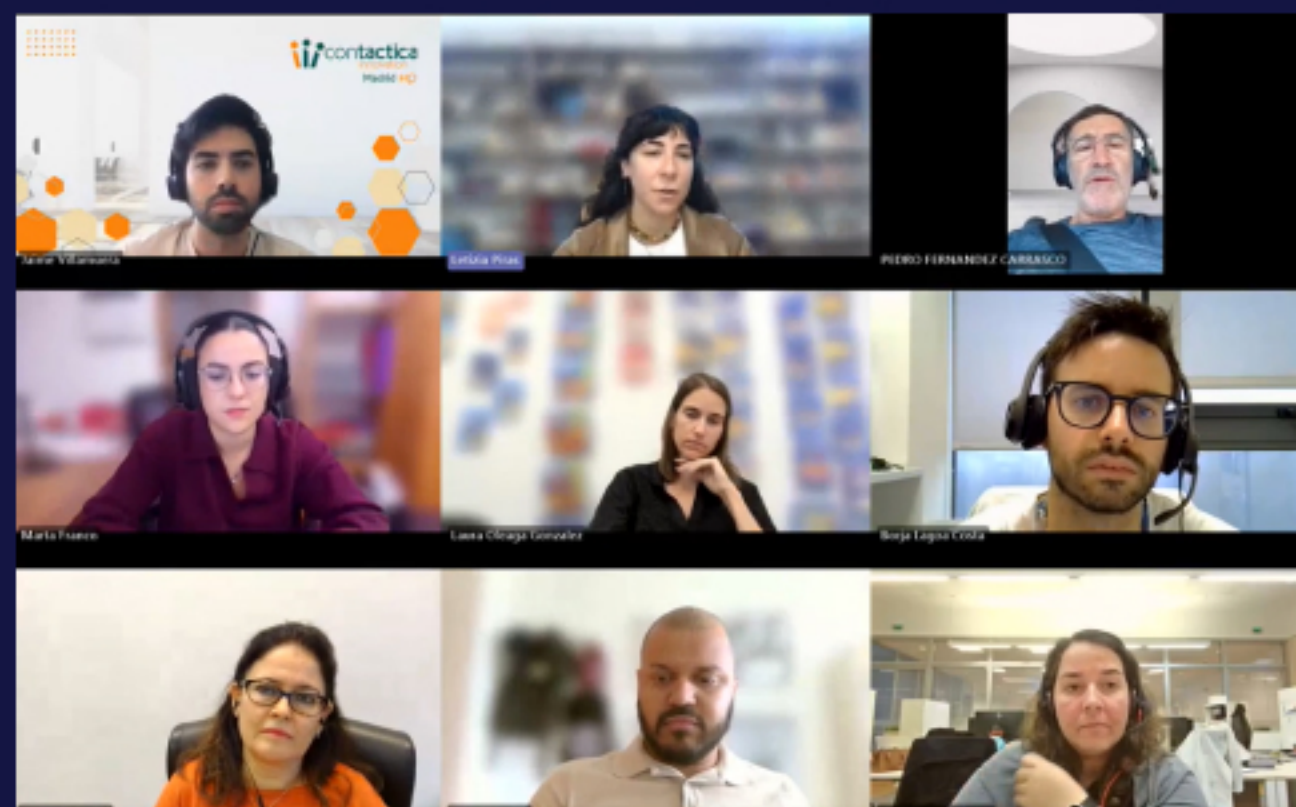


STEAM UP! Student science festival

The youth at the Gymnasium in Kráľovský Chlmec (Slovakia) learned more about the GreenVOCnet project and its activities interconnecting vocational education with digital tools. As well as other initiatives from our portfolio motivating them to opt for technical fields of their future studies.

One Earth cluster webinar

Our colleagues prepared an online presentation of the first research results in valorising animal byproducts for circular bioeconomy of the ONE EARTH, VALORISH, PROMISEANG projects.



TRAVELS AND EVENTS

GreenVOCnet series on hydrogen and heat pumps

Our team organised free online courses Train the Trainer on green technologies for teachers, lecturers, entrepreneurs and experts aspiring to innovate the technical education in Slovakia.



Strong end to INPROCAP trainings on innovation procurement

The first series of tailor-made trainings organised by PEDAL team brought 166 participants and covered the fundamentals of innovation procurement, needs assessment, and market analysis in the Big Science field.



OPEN CALLS

In 2025, we helped turn promising ideas into real opportunities through funding access, expert support, and new partnerships.

Biogas projects

During the Open call #2 of the ALFA project, 27 applicants were successful and were provided with the business, financial and technical support services. 14 Slovak and 1 Ukrainian case received support under the Slovak hub.



**ALFA Open Call for biogas projects
in the livestock sector:
Opportunity for Support and Collaboration**



OPEN CALLS

Women-led start-ups

Open Horizons project received 256 applications from 32 countries under the Open call #1. Innovative deep tech and digital start-ups applied for funding and support. Five start-ups entered the Piloting phase bringing their solution to the market.



MEET THE 7 WINNERS OF THE FIRST OPEN CALL

Visionary women leading the most innovative
deep-tech and digital start-ups



WeavAir (Poland)



NEGATONN (Greece)



Tendertec (Greece / UK)



DIMERA (Spain)



Furity Systems (Spain)



Re-Fresh Global (Germany)



DoctorIA (Romania)



PUBLICATIONS

Our work also resulted in key publications.

ROBIN Policy Briefs

A practical set of four policy briefs helping regions design, implement, and scale circular bioeconomy solutions: step-by-step guidance, tools, case studies, and targeted policy recommendations.



ROBIN White Paper

A strategic guide on major barriers slowing circular bioeconomy adoption. It provides concrete solutions and an action roadmap for stronger, more inclusive regional governance.



PUBLICATIONS

ALFA Policy Briefs

A set of policy insights and recommendations to drive the sustainable growth of biogas and biomethane across Europe.



ALFA Replication Guide

An overview of practical tools to accelerate manure-based biogas. The publication demonstrates how flexible and efficient energy solutions can be scaled up and replicated in diverse contexts.



TEAM TIME

Summer: Mountains, moments & milestones

Our gathering in the Slovak countryside gave us space to slow down, reflect, and reconnect. We reminded ourselves that every success is built on teamwork and trust.

Winter: Strategy, cake & team spirit

In Bratislava, we mixed planning and project wrap-ups with laughter, homemade treats, and well-deserved appreciation for the Dream Team.





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2025
Completed.
Saved.
Backed up.

Opening a brand-new file: **2026.**
Let's build it together.