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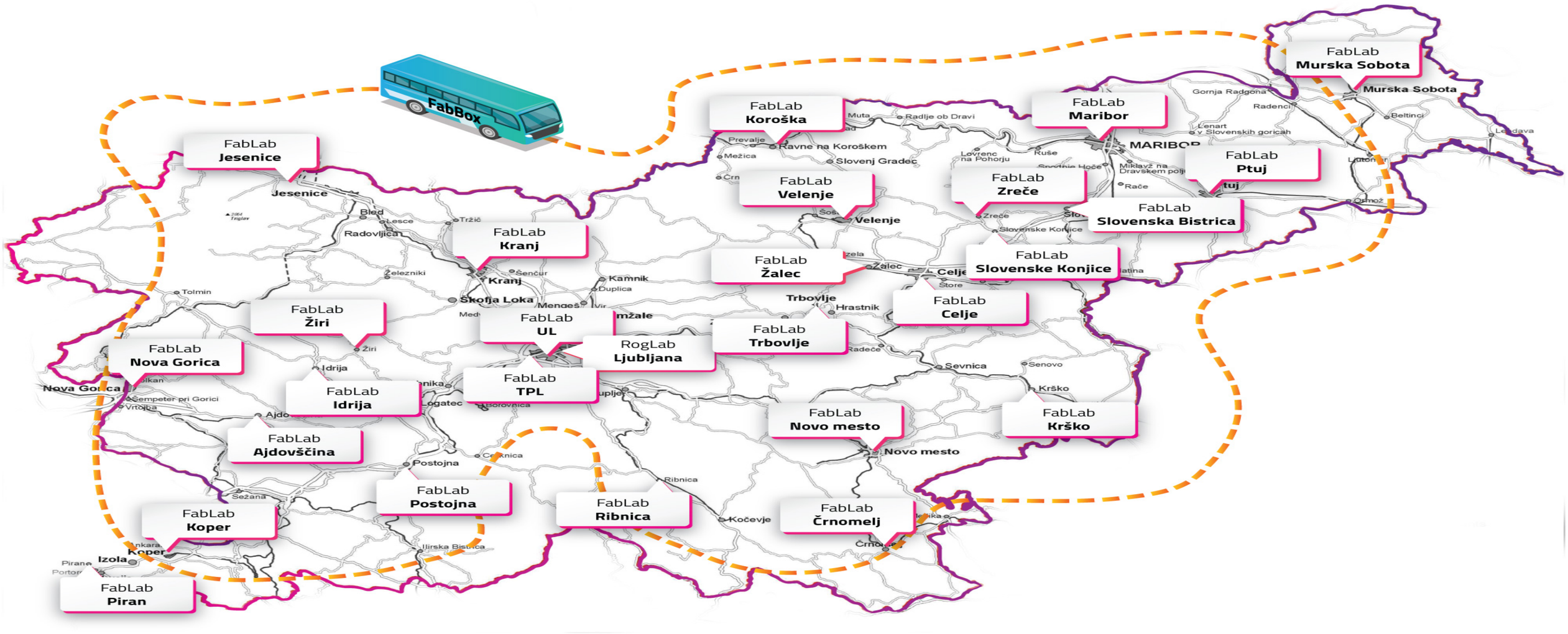

Fablab Network Slovenia

Fablab Network Slovenia (FSN) aggregates stakeholders that act as providers, enablers, supporters or potential users of creative environments across Slovenia. Creative environments are any creative physical space with arbitrary equipment and personnel, providing innovation, design, prototyping and other services. FSN acts as a hub, that provides sharing of the equipment or mentors.

Issues Faced

*identifying and clarifying their rationales, challenges, stakeholders, indicators related to their role in this field by all partners involved in the FNS was necessary
*identification of providing different kinds of support to new creative hubs, during establishment process and exchanging mentorship and
existing hubs was crucial

Key Objectives

*to foster new product and services
* to reduce migrations of young people from migrations into rural communities
*to support local economies of the rural communities
*to increase knowledge exchange and level of skills in to main domains of local economies

Main Results

*27 creative hubs around the country connected in a network resulting in creation of new jobs in the rural communities (focusing on youth, women, third age generation), new SMEs and enabling improvement of the operation of existing ones
*keeping rural regions in Slovenia alive by addressing their specific problematics (also) in relation to digital tools to provide contextual and sustainable solutions
*fostering new locally-based digital solutions

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