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SMEs are a crucial part of the economy

SMEs are independent companies with fewer than 250 employees and which have an annual turnover not exceeding EUR 50 million, and/or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding EUR 43 million. They provide two out of three private sector jobs, and account for more than half of value added. SMEs continue to form the bedrock of the European economy, with some 26 million companies employing more than 88 million people; and accounting for slightly more than 99% of all enterprises. 9 out of 10 enterprises are micro companies with fewer than 10 employees. Despite the challenging economic circumstances, SMEs remain the engines behind economic growth in Europe. Micro-SMEs with less than 10 employees have outperformed all other SME size classes and in the last three years alone, micro-enterprises have created nearly 4 million jobs.

EU SME Policy

At the centre of the Commission's action for small businesses is the 2020 SME Strategy for a sustainable and digital Europe and the 2023 SME Relief package. Ultimately, the goal of the SME strategy is that Europe becomes the most attractive place to start a small business, make it grow and scale-up in the single market and beyond. With the SME Relief Package, the Commission aims to provide short-term relief, boost long-term

SME competitiveness and resilience, and foster a fair and SME-friendly business environment. The package includes a set of measures to make things easier for SMEs, improve SMEs' access to finance and skilled workforce support SMEs throughout their business lifecycle.

These key areas continue to be priorities for the coming years.

A Spin-Off: The European Enterprise Promotion Awards

The European Enterprise Promotion Awards support the aims of the SME Relief package and the SME Strategy by recognising innovation and rewarding the success of public bodies and public-private partnerships in promoting enterprise and entrepreneurship at a national, regional, and local level.

SME Envoys

The SME Envoys are a network of high-level public officials appointed by their national government; the network also features observers from European business organisations.

The SME Envoy network provides guidance to implement European SME policy in line with the strategic objectives of the Commission such as the twin transition to sustainability and digitalisation and the promotion of economic resilience. The network ensures that EU SME policy reaches SMEs at national level, and contributes to communicating SMEs' interests and concerns back to EU policy makers. The SME Envoy network is an important tool to ensure the smooth functioning of the partnership between the EU and Member States' levels.

For more information regarding SME policy of the European Commission, please visit:

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes_en

The European Enterprise Promotion Awards are in their 18th year, and this year, once again, was a cause for celebration with an increase in the number of national entries in relation to last year. The entries continue to demonstrate the many forms innovation and entrepreneurship take in Europe and the ability of Europeans to create and develop new ideas and ventures.

There were 442 national projects in 2024 which resulted in a shortlist of 54 projects representing the strongest ideas from across Europe. During the SME Assembly, six projects were awarded as winners (including the Grand Jury Prize, 'Just Go Zero Tilos' from the Municipality of Tilos). There were many interesting runners-up and two special mentions, all of whom you can find more information about in this compendium.

I congratulate all of the projects that have been awarded. I believe that the projects that won at national level all deserve to be recognised for their efforts because of their high standard.

The awards themselves would not be possible without the hard work of many, especially the EEPA National Coordinators. Despite the increased level of participation, the National Coordinators managed to run well attended and perfectly organised national competitions and ensure a continued high standard of projects and competition.

I extend my thanks to every one of you for supporting these projects and making a real difference for SMEs and entrepreneurship across Europe and through that, creating a greater awareness of the role entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs play in society. I would also like to thank the members of the EEPA Jury whose task is never easy in awarding winners from among so many deserving applicants.

I kindly invite you all to learn more about the projects awarded in 2024 and hope you will be inspired by their pioneering examples of innovation and entrepreneurship.



A stylized, handwritten signature in a light blue color, representing Outi Slotboom.

Outi Slotboom

Director, European Commission

2024

Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit

Recognises initiatives at national, regional or local level that promote an entrepreneurial mindset especially among young people and women.

WINNER | Silicon Vilstal, Silicon Vilstal gUG, Germany



SiliconVilstal

Silicon Vilstal is a social economy cluster connecting social enterprises with local businesses to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation in rural areas. Creative workshops and real-world testing of innovative products help develop social innovations and bring them to the market together with local businesses. In 2023, the annual Silicon Vilstal Experience Festival - Germany's largest rural innovation event - attracted over 20,000 people, giving entrepreneurs a large platform to showcase and refine their products.

“Winning a European Enterprise Promotion Award is a great recognition of our team's performance in the last years and an encouragement for even more European efforts in the future.”

WEB SITE

<https://siliconvilstal.de/en/>

RUNNER UP

Pépité,
Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche, France

épité



WEB SITE

<https://www.pepite-france.fr>

“We were very grateful to be included on the EEPA shortlist. It is a unique opportunity to highlight the university community for its unwavering support for student entrepreneurs. It is also a chance for us to raise awareness of the incredible positive energy of young talents to meet the challenges of our world in a creative and responsible way.”

Pépité, a student – entrepreneur network, connects students and aspiring entrepreneurs with businesses and experts to help them establish their business. Since launching in 2014, the programme has provided support to over 40,000 students giving them the crucial tools to enable their business ideas come to life, such as access to educational resources, coworking spaces, and one-on-one mentorship. The project has seen measurable benefits such as female participation in the project rising and 30% of participants launching a startup of their own.

RUNNER UP

NIDI – Nuove Iniziative D'Impresa,
REGIONE PUGLIA, Italy



WEB SITE

<https://por.regione.puglia.it/~nidi-fondo-nuove-iniziativa-impresa>

“Being shortlisted for such a prestigious award filled us with pride and testifies that we are going in the right direction to promote new businesses; in particular in the interest of young people, women and the categories which mostly need assistance (not only financially) to set up and strengthen themselves on the market.”

NIDI, the Nuove Iniziative D'Impresa of the Regione Puglia, supports new businesses by providing non-repayable grants, zero interest loans, and bonuses to energise the local start-up ecosystem. The initiative is targeted at young and female entrepreneurs, tourism sector enterprises, new businesses and those hiring 50% of their staff from disadvantaged backgrounds. Through face-to-face meetings and an online helpdesk, entrepreneurs are supported throughout the process. The project has supported the creation of over 3000 businesses, and boasts an impressive survival rate of 89% of these businesses.

2024

Investing in Entrepreneurial Skills

Recognises initiatives at national, regional or local level to improve entrepreneurial and managerial skills.

WINNER | GençBizz Company Program, Junior Achievement Türkiye / Genç Başarı Eğitim Vakfı, Turkey



Through experience-based learning, GençBizz shapes the entrepreneurial skillset of high school students aged 14 to 18 with the goal of improving employability. The project brings together students, teachers, companies, and mentors and provides them with online and offline training to boost knowledge in areas such as sustainability, financial literacy, and company management. Since 1999, GençBizz has expanded across Turkey, reaching over 300,000 high school students and helping to establish around 5000 start-ups.

“
We were delighted and proud to win the European Enterprise Promotion Award with the GençBizz Company Program, which we describe as an inspiring program that focuses on high school students and develops their entrepreneurial mindset through experiential learning.
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WEB SITE

gencbasari.org

RUNNER UP

Gentpreneur Awards,
Arteveldehogeschool VZW (promotor project
Gentpreneur), Belgium



WEB SITE

www.gentpreneur.gent

“
We're thrilled to celebrate 10 amazing years of the Gentpreneur Awards this year! Being nominated for the EEPA shortlist gives us an incredible boost to aim even higher for the next decade—and beyond! Let's keep this momentum going!
”

The Gentpreneur Awards are an annual ceremony hosted by Arteveldehogeschool VZW in Ghent, which recognise and celebrate the achievements of entrepreneurial students whilst increasing the visibility of their company. The event utilises the skillsets of young people to run the event, such as providing catering and photography services. The awards' alumni include CEOs, inventors, and the leaders of NGOs, all recognising the importance of equipping young people with an entrepreneurial skillset.

RUNNER UP

National Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program,
Foundation for Small Enterprise Economic Development
(SEED Foundation), Hungary



WEB SITE

<https://seed.hu/>

“
It was extremely exciting to be amongst the shortlist. This is one of our most beloved projects and we are so happy that the jury felt the same way. It is a huge honour and recognition of our work, we are beyond thrilled!
”

The National Entrepreneurship Mentoring programme fosters a strong, supportive teaching environment where entrepreneurs can receive advice and expert knowledge from experienced mentors to help them stabilise and grow their business. Supported by a dedicated supervision team, mentors assist entrepreneurs to overcome challenges they may be facing by sharing knowledge and advice in fields ranging from law to marketing. Since launching 60 mentors have supported 220 businesses - including female and family-owned businesses and young entrepreneurs.

2024

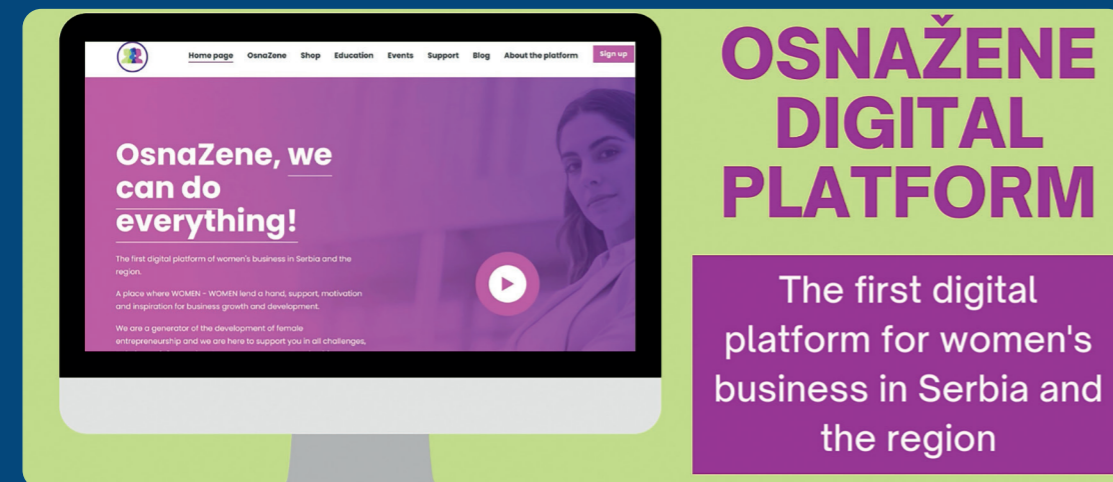
Supporting the Digital Transition

Supporting the digital transition of enterprises enabling them to develop, market and use digital technologies, products and services of any kind.

WINNER

OsnaŽene

Core International Centre for Business Education and Consulting, Serbia



**OSNAŽENE
DIGITAL
PLATFORM**

The first digital platform for women's business in Serbia and the region



Connecting over 1500 female entrepreneurs across 9 countries, the OsnaŽene project is the first digital platform dedicated to improving the business environment and the digitalisation of women-owned businesses in Serbia and beyond. The project takes a multi-pronged approach, which includes mentoring services, access to business training schemes and a web-shop that allows entrepreneurs to sell their products online. So far, OsnaŽene has supported over 400 women establish their businesses, increased members' turnover by almost 40%, and boosted confidence among the programme's beneficiaries.

"*This recognition further confirms the significance of our project, OsnaŽene (Empowered), and its mission to educate, digitalize, support, and promote entrepreneurship in the digital era, while respecting and supporting inclusivity.***"**

WEB SITE

<https://osnazene.com>

RUNNER UP

Cashless Mobile Cinema,
Cashless Poland Foundation



WEB SITE

<https://polskabezgotowkowa.pl>

"*Being shortlisted for the European Enterprise Promotion Award is an incredible honour. It reflects the hard work and dedication of Cashless Poland team and motivates us to continue striving for supporting digitalization of entrepreneurs.***"**

The national Cashless Mobile Cinema programme created by the Cashless Poland Foundation aims at both promoting culture and educating the residents of smaller towns about digital finance. The Mobile Cinema event has visited 110 towns, showcasing the latest films and providing on-site education for local residents and entrepreneurs to implement cashless payments. After its first year, over 30% of the towns on the cinema's route saw the number of payment terminals per thousand residents increase from 11 to 15.

RUNNER UP

Todo está en Madrid,
Madrid City Council, Spain



WEB SITE

<https://todoesteenmadrid.com>

"*We are very happy and proud of the European Union's recognition of the Everything is in Madrid program, classified as a finalist for the EEPA 2024. This recognition, added to the success of the program in our city, with more than 15,000 participating establishments, encourages us to continue promoting the digital transformation and promotion of our commercial and hospitality sector.***"**

Madrid City Council's "Everything in Madrid" initiative seeks to provide support and visibility to commercial and hospitality businesses in the city and support them during their digital transition. The website and app establish a microsite for each business in the city, provides a space for e-commerce activities, and assists tourists by creating a directory of what Madrid's restaurants, bars, and shops have to offer. As of 2024, over 13,000 microsities have been created attracting over 2 million views.

2024

Improving the Business Environment and Supporting the Internationalisation of Business

WINNER | Tartu Film Fund, Tartu Centre for Creative Industries, Estonia



Established in 2015 by the City of Tartu, the Tartu Film Fund supports economic development in South Estonia by attracting domestic and international film productions to the region. The fund promotes local film-related service providers, aiding their professional development and championing the potential of Southern Estonia's filming locations on the world stage. The fund so far has supported 11 film productions, with every euro invested generating a 4.55 euro return to the region.

Winning this award is a testament to the potential of smaller regions to cultivate thriving film industries. By drawing in diverse economic sectors, fostering entrepreneurship, and enhancing a region's identity, the film industry can transform small communities into more desirable places to live and visit.

WEB SITE

<https://tartufilmfund.ee/en/home-page/>

RUNNER UP

PorterShed, Galway City Innovation District CLG, Ireland



WEB SITE

<http://www.portershed.com/>

The PorterShed's core focus is the creation of high value jobs in the west and north west of Ireland, and we are thrilled to have our commitment and hard work recognised by the European Enterprise Promotion Awards.

The PorterShed was established in 2016 creating an innovative start-up ecosystem in Galway in the West of Ireland to generate high-value sustainable jobs. It is a hub for start-ups providing services such as coworking and funding support, whilst crafting an attractive business landscape for multinational companies establishing in the city. In its first 5 years, 835 jobs have been created regionally, 10,000 people have visited the PorterShed and networks have been forged with venture capitalists and innovation hubs worldwide.

RUNNER UP

Företagarens START, Kimitoön kommun, Finland



WEB SITE

www.kimitoon.fi

We are very honored because we have worked hard to improve the business environment for our local entrepreneurs here in Kimitoön. Although we are a small municipality with limited resources, we strive to innovate and develop our services all the time. It feels great to receive recognition for our efforts.

Företagarens START provides entrepreneurs in the town of Kimitoön with a digital service portal containing relevant information about the local business community. The initiative helps new businesses and entrepreneurs avoid early setbacks by providing a go-to place where they can share information, access expert advice, and discover local networking and training opportunities. The package has connected around 70 local companies to over one third of the city's new entrepreneurs.

2024

Supporting the Sustainable Transition

Recognises initiatives that promote a circular economy approach or that have specific environmental features such as encouraging the use of recycled materials or renewable energy.

WINNER | Just Go Zero Tilos, Municipality of Tilos, Greece



"Just Go Zero Tilos" has implemented a technologically advanced system for waste management. The project champions circular economy on the Island of Tilos by raising awareness, collaborating with businesses, introducing new technologies, and engaging in community consultations on waste separation. The initiative serves as a replicable model for sustainable waste management for other communities, successfully diverting 100% of waste from landfill and seeing a 93% recycling rate. The project also increases environmental awareness amongst the island's residents.

"It is a great honour for Tilos to be the winner of a European Enterprise Promotion Award with the 'Just Go Zero Tilos' project. This recognition validates our commitment to sustainability and our efforts to inspire positive environmental change. It motivates us to continue pushing forward toward a zero-waste future for our island and beyond."

WEB SITE

<https://www.justgozero.com/tilos/>

RUNNER UP

GUUTE,
Verein für wirtschaftliche Regionalentwicklung, Austria



WEB SITE

www.GUUTE.at

"We are delighted and grateful to have been shortlisted for the EEPA. We see this award as a valuable recognition of our efforts over the last 26 years to strengthen the regional economy in our region."

GUUTE supports sustainable economic practices by promoting the importance of "short distances", encouraging local companies to engage in regional circular economy which ensures regional value creation and boosts employment. Offerings such as the GUUTE Awards recognise innovative businesses locally, whilst the Apprenticeship Service provides SMEs with training opportunities. The project has strengthened the regional economy, boosting employment by 39% and has impacted the local environment, with the replanting of over 40,000 trees.

RUNNER UP

Chemport Europe,
Netherlands



WEB SITE

www.chemport.eu

"We feel proud and honoured to receive this recognition for our efforts in working towards a more sustainable chemical industry. This inspires us to continue pursuing Chemport Europe's motto: Changing the nature of chemistry!"

Chemport Europe is a collaborative initiative dedicated to creating a sustainable and prosperous chemical industry in the Northern Netherlands. The initiative brings together diverse stakeholders through international trade fairs, acquiring innovative businesses such as those using renewables, and addressing sustainability challenges to encourage green production. The project has catalysed significant investments and job creation in the region, including an 80-million-euro investment in a facility which turns tyres into circular bio-oil which has created over 100 jobs.

2024 Responsible and Inclusive Entrepreneurship

Recognises national, regional or local initiatives by authorities or public/private partnerships which promote corporate social responsibility among small and medium-sized enterprises, including efforts to promote entrepreneurship among disadvantaged groups.

WINNER | POSITIV, France



POSITIV LE POUVOIR D'ENTREPRENDRE

POSITIV was established in Paris in 2006 to support residents from disadvantaged neighbourhoods in securing sustainable employment through a tailored support strategy. The programme is structured through regular meetings, group workshops, and one-on-one mentoring to cover all aspects of entrepreneurship – from creating a business plan to navigating administrative procedures. Currently operating in 6 French regions, the project aims to increase from its provision of 2000 annual support services to 6000 nationwide by 2030.

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At Positiv we believe that diversity is a strength, that everyone has a talent to exploit, that work is the solution to emancipation and social integration. Our mission is to fight against exclusion and discrimination by defending the right of everyone to find their place in society.

Winning the award for responsible and inclusive entrepreneurship at a European level would represent for Positiv a real recognition of the 20 years of work in working-class French neighborhoods, which helped put more than 25,000 people back on the path to employment.

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WEB SITE

<https://positiv.ngo/>

RUNNER UP

ReDI, School of Digital Integration, Germany



WEB SITE

www.redi-school.org

It is encouraging and brings hope to be shortlisted. It is a quality stamp of the huge integration effort that is done by the ReDI Community and long trusted partner.

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The ReDI School of Digital Integration is a non-profit technology school founded in Berlin. Its name, a combination of 'Readiness' and 'Digital Integration,' reflects the project's goal of providing young entrepreneurs with the vital digital skills and networks to help their businesses flourish. ReDI supports the integration of refugees into the job market through over 83 different tech-based courses. Since launching in 2015, over 25,000 tech-interested students, around 65% women, have accessed free training sessions from 5,000 experts.

RUNNER UP

The European-Ukrainian Hub, Danish Entrepreneurs, Denmark



WEB SITE

<https://dkiv.dk>

Being shortlisted for a prestigious award like EEPA is a significant achievement for our Ukrainian entrepreneurial effort and our team. It is a validation of the hard work, innovation and resilience demonstrated by the thousands of Ukrainian refugees involved.

”

The European-Ukrainian Hub supports refugees from Ukraine in their journey to establish their own businesses and help rebuild Ukraine, whilst providing mental health support and promoting cultural exchange between Denmark and Ukraine. With a physical 1400sqm activity centre in Copenhagen, satellite activities have also been launched across Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Ukraine, including workshops and online educational activities. Over 325 themed workshops with a focus on entrepreneurship have provided educational opportunities which can foster vital business skills amongst young entrepreneurs.

2024

Grand Jury Prize

A special prize awarded to the entrepreneurial initiative considered the most creative and inspiring in Europe.

WINNER | Just Go Zero Tilos, Municipality of Tilos, Greece



WEB SITE

<https://www.justgozero.com/tilos/>

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2024

SPECIAL MENTIONS

The EEPA Jury felt that in 2024 a special mention should also be awarded to the following projects, which have demonstrated best practices in the promotion of enterprise.

Entrepreneur Account,
Estonian Tax and Customs Board, Estonia

Entrepreneur Account TEAM



Riina Randver-Söer
Service Owner



Triin Loops-Veste
Technical Support Coordinator



Tatjana Klettenberg
Technical Support Coordinator



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
TAX AND CUSTOMS BOARD

WEB SITE

emta.ee/en/private-client/taxes-and-payment/taxable-income/entrepreneur-account

The Entrepreneur Account offers a simple way for private people, who receive a small income from entrepreneurial activity, to pay their taxes in an unbureaucratic manner. It takes away the worry of financial statements, monthly tax declarations and payment of taxes. The transactions are recorded automatically according to entrepreneur account entries. It is a convenient choice when paying for services such as babysitting or lawn-mowing and enables more people to become entrepreneurs without worrying about how to handle their taxes

Climate Innovation Vouchers,
Greencubator, Ukraine





CLIMATE INNOVATION VOUCHERS



greencubator

WEB SITE

<https://climate.biz/en/>

<https://greencubator.info/en/>

The Climate Innovation Vouchers is the largest grant competition for innovators in climate-friendly technologies in Ukraine. Since 2017, it has provided 54 SMEs with vouchers worth 1,8 million EUR to develop and implement green innovations at various stages of their activities. It has contributed to the creation of the core technologies at the heart of many Ukrainian green innovations such as the Guinness record-winning Delfast e-bikes, GO TO-U electric vehicle charging management and many more.

2024

NATIONAL WINNERS

PROMOTING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
BULGARIA	Promotion of the Cooperative Model Among Young People	Central Cooperative Union	www.cks.bg
CROATIA	Entrepreneurship Center Coworking Pula	Istrian Development Agency — IDA	www.ida.hr www.coworkingpula.hr
DENMARK	Women in Front Odense	City of Odense	https://womeninfront.dk/ https://investinodense.dk/grow-your-startup/
ESTONIA	Entrepreneur Account	Estonian Tax and Customs Board	https://emta.ee/en/private-client/taxes-and-payment/taxable-income/entrepreneur-account
FRANCE	Pepite	Ministère de l'Enseignement supérieur et de la Recherche	https://www.pepite-france.fr
GERMANY	Silicon Vilstal	Silicon Vilstal gUG	https://siliconvilstal.de/en/
GREECE	Innovation Business Observatory (IBO)	Region of Crete	https://ibo.crete.gov.gr/
ITALY	NIDI – Nuove Iniziative D'Impresa	REGIONE PUGLIA	https://por.regione.puglia.it/-/nidi-fondo-nuove-iniziative-impresa
LATVIA	Valmieras novada pašvaldības Valmieras Industriālā parka attīstība	Valmieras Novada Pašvaldība	www.valmierasnovads.lv
LUXEMBOURG	House of Startups	House of Startups	https://www.host.lu/
MONTENEGRO	International Market of Entrepreneurial Ideas - IDEALAND	University of Donja Gorica	https://www.preduzetnistvo.me
NETHERLANDS	Investing in Entrepreneurship and Financing of the Cultural and Creative Sector	Cultuur+Ondernemen (Culture+Entrepreneurship)	https://www.cultuur-ondernemen.nl/
SERBIA	Business Talks (Biznis priče)	NGO Business Skills Development Center (NVO Centar za razvoj poslovnih veština)	https://biznisprice.com/
TURKEY	Workup	Türkiye İş Bankası	Workup Girişimcilik Programı Türkiye İş Bankası Hackquarters
UKRAINE	The New Economy of Ivano-Frankivsk (NEF)	Executive Committee of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council, Promprylad Innovation Centre, Metalab Urban Laboratory, PPV Economic Development Agency, Teple Misto Platform	https://neweconomy.if.ua/

2024 NATIONAL WINNERS

INVESTING IN ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
BELGIUM	Gentpreneur Awards	Arteveldehogeschool VZW (promotor project Gentpreneur)	www.gentpreneur.gent
BULGARIA	PARA Robotics Incubator	Professional Association of Robotics and Automation	https://www.incubator.para.expert/
HUNGARY	National Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program, Personal Entrepreneurship Mentoring sub-project	Foundation for Small Enterprise Economic Development (SEED Foundation)	https://seed.hu/
IRELAND	Creative Heartlands	Leitrim County Council	https://leitrimdesignhouse.ie/pages/creative-heartlands
LITHUANIA	Rokiškis Engineering Class	Rokiškis Business Club	
MALTA	MCF Learns	Malta Crafts Foundation	http://www.maltacrafts.org/
POLAND	Self-Valiant	The Polish Development Fund's Foundation (The PFR Foundation)	https://polskabezgotowkowa.pl/
ROMANIA	TRANSFORMATOR	Social Innovation Solutions	https://program-transformator.org/
SPAIN	Boosting the Youth	Youth Business Spain	www.youthbusiness.es
SWEDEN	Foodtech Innovation Network	Innovation Skåne AB	https://innovationskane.com/start-page/
TURKEY	GençBizz	Junior Achievement Türkiye / Genç Başarı Eğitim Vakfı (GBEV)	www.gencbasari.org

SUPPORTING THE DIGITAL TRANSITION

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
AUSTRIA	EdTech Austria (EDTA)	Innovation Salzburg GmbH	https://www.edtechaustria.at/
HUNGARY	VOSZPort, the digital compass and dashboard for enterprises	National Association of Entrepreneurs and Employers	https://vosz.hu/ www.voszport.hu
LUXEMBOURG	SME Packages Digital	House of Entrepreneurship – Digitalization Service	www.houseofentrepreneurship.lu
MALTA	DiHubMT (Malta's European Digital Innovation Hub)	Malta Digital Innovation Authority	www.dihubmt.eu
POLAND	Cashless Mobile Cinema	Cashless Poland Foundation	https://filmowobezgotowkowo.pl/ ; https://polskabezgotowkowa.pl/
PORTUGAL	Selos de Certificação de Maturidade Digital (SMD)	Portuguese Institute for Quality (IPQ)	www.ipq.pt
SERBIA	OSNAŽENE (Empowered)	“Core international” Center for Business Education and Consulting, Novi Sad and the Provincial Secretariat for Economy and Tourism of AP Vojvodina	www.osnazene.com
SLOVAKIA	SmartBooks – Intelligent Learning	SmartBooks, a.s.	www.smartbooks.sk
SPAIN	Todo está en Madrid	Madrid City Council	www.todoestaenmadrid.com

2024 NATIONAL WINNERS

IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONALISATION OF BUSINESS

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
ESTONIA	Tartu Film Fund	Tartu Centre for Creative Industries	https://tartufilmfund.ee/en/home-page/
FINLAND	Företagarens START	Kimitoöns kommun	www.kimitoon.fi
IRELAND	PorterShed	Galway City Innovation District CLG	http://www.portershed.com/
SLOVENIA	Crafts and Enterprise Forum	Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia	www.ozs.si

SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
AUSTRIA	GUUTE	GUUTE - Verein für wirtschaftliche Regionalentwicklung	www.GUUTE.at
BELGIUM	Circular Design in Plastics	PLASTIWIN	http://www.plastiwin.be http://www.circulardesigninplastics.org/
GREECE	Just Go Zero Tilos	Municipality of Tilos	https://www.justgozero.com/tilos/
ITALY	WEEKO	XERA S.R.L.	https://gruppoxera.com/
NETHERLANDS	Chemport Europe	Chemport Europe	www.chemport.eu
PORTUGAL	From Waste to Roof Tiles	AdDP - Águas do Douro e Paiva, S.A.	www.addp.pt
ROMANIA	Sustainability Academy	Social Innovation Solutions	https://academia-de-sustenabilitate.ro
SLOVAKIA	Reusing Platform	EHOSS s.r.o.	https://ehoss.com
SLOVENIA	Green region of Smart Economy in the Basin of Ljubljana	2DOM Ltd in collaboration with Association Ljubljana, the River of Seven Names	www.2country.eu
SWEDEN	Smart Industry North Middle Sweden	Region Dalarna	www.byggdialogdalarna.se start-page/
UKRAINE	Climate Innovation Vouchers	Greencubator	News and Events - ClimateBiz

RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
DENMARK	The European-Ukrainian Hub	Danish Entrepreneurs, Ivækst, The Danish Business Board, Danish Business Authorities, Business Hub Copenhagen, Danish Industry Foundation, EU's Social Fund, Tuborgfonden, Municipality of Copenhagen & Nordic Council of Ministers	www.Dkiv.dk
FRANCE	POSITV	POSITV	https://positiv.ngo/
GERMANY	ReDI School of Digital Integration	ReDI School of Digital Integration gGmbH	www.redi-school.org
LATVIA	Mobilitātes Centrs cilvēkiem ar kustību traucējumiem LTD	Integration incubator (I+I), association	https://iincubator.weebly.com/mobilit257tes-centrs.html
POLAND	Self-Valiant	The Polish Development Fund's Foundation (The PFR Foundation)	https://fundacjapfr.pl/samodzielni.html

THE JURY

Each year, an independent high-level European Jury takes on the difficult task of selecting the best entries in each category. The jury for 2024 included representatives from government, business and academia. There were also two permanent representatives, one from DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs and one from the Committee of the Regions. The winner of the previous year's Grand Jury Prize is also invited to sit on the Jury.

The 2024 jury was composed of:



Outi Slotboom,
Director, Directorate-General
for Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs
(GROW), European Commission

Outi is Director for Strategy and Economic Analysis at the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission. Her Directorate is in charge of the strategy for EU industrial policy and the Single Market, small and medium-sized enterprises and entrepreneurship, the international aspects of industrial policy, as well as economic analysis underpinning these policies.



Emmanuel Pieters,
Director General / SME Envoy,
Federal Public Service Economy,
SMEs, Self-employed and
Energy, Belgium

Emmanuel Pieters is Director-General in charge of SME Policy at the Federal Public Service Economy and the SME Envoy for Belgium. He is both Chairman of the Conseil supérieur des Professions économiques (Higher Council of Economic Professions) and a member of the Board of the OECD's SME Committee. He also chairs the Presidency Board of ESNA (European Start-up Nation Alliance). He trained as a lawyer and has additional training in philosophy and management.



Diana Dovgan,
Secretary General, CECOP –
European confederation of
cooperatives in industry
and services, and CICOPA –
International organization of
cooperatives in industry and
services

Diana Dovgan holds a Master's Degree in Political Sciences from the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Since March 2018, she is the Secretary General of CECOP – European confederation of cooperatives in industry and services, and CICOPA – International organization of cooperatives in industry and services. Previously she was Policy Officer for 10 years for both organizations. She is member of the GECEs (European Commission's expert group on social economy), member of the Board of Social Economy Europe and of the Social Platform. From 2004 to 2008, she was a Policy Advisor for the Belgian minister in charge of Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities.



Thomas Cooney,
Professor in Entrepreneurship
at the Dublin Institute of
Technology, College of Business
– Technological University Dublin
(TU Dublin)

Thomas is a Professor of Entrepreneurship at Technological University Dublin, and Academic Director of the TU Dublin Institute for Minority Entrepreneurship. He is also a director of four businesses, works in a supportive capacity with a variety of organisations and has published widely on the topic of entrepreneurship.

THE JURY



Carminda Seixas,
Carminda Seixas is currently Head of Department for Collective Efficiency, Innovation, and Competitiveness within IAPMEI's (Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) Entrepreneurship and Innovation initiative.

Diana also serves as a member of the GECES (European Commission's expert group on social economy) and the Board of Social Economy Europe and the Social Platform, well situating her to assess the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of the initiatives across the 6 dedicated categorie.



Marie-Claire Neill-Cowper,
Head of Unit, Commission for Economic Policy, Committee of the Regions

The ECON commission is in charge of economic and industrial policy, SME policy and entrepreneurship, the internal market and the digital single market amongst others. The Unit is also responsible for the implementation of the yearly European Entrepreneurial Regions (EER) award scheme. Prior to this Marie-Claire was the Head of Unit of the Commission for Territorial Cohesion policy and EU Budget as well as other Commissions of the European Committee of the Regions.



László Hunyadi,
Deputy State Secretary
Deputy State Secretariat for the Development of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
Ministry for National Economy
SME Envoy of Hungary

László is responsible for the coordination of SME Policy, including the regulatory framework, and tools within the Hungarian Ministry for National Economy, this includes the National SME Strategy 2019-2030, and the designing and implementing of EU and nationally funded financial instruments and support programmes. László is also responsible for the professional supervision of the national Economic Development Agency.

Understanding the judging process

Individual countries were invited to conduct national competitions to determine the best projects to represent their nation. Hundreds of projects competed in these national competitions in 2024 for a chance to enter the European Enterprise Promotion Awards. Countries were allowed to nominate a maximum of two entries (in different categories) for the European competition. Each Jury member reads and assesses every entry against defined criteria covering:

originality and feasibility, impact on the economy, improvement of stakeholder relations and transferability. The Jury then meets to discuss their top entries in each category, before agreeing on winners, runners up and any special mentions. The shortlist is published shortly after the jury meeting and the winners are announced during the Awards Ceremony at the SME Assembly.

What does it mean to become an EEPA winner?

EEPA 2023 Winner
Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit
FutureMakers, Social Innovation Solutions, Romania



“It felt amazing winning a European Enterprise Promotion Award. It offered us the opportunity to build our educational projects better with more ambition as the recognition brought not just visibility but also the necessary energy in the team for our next steps. It also helped to solidify our position in the Romanian and European ecosystem of supporters of SMEs.”

EEPA 2021 Winner
Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit
Culinary Action!, Basque Culinary Center, Spain



“Winning the award has put into perspective not only the work that we have done at Culinary Action! for the last few years (before food tech became the trending topic concept that is today) but it is also an important validation at a paramount time for startups on food and gastronomy innovation. Food is after all, along with energy generation and mobility one of the three main drivers of climate change and as such it requires to reinforce and take “to the next level” those tools that help the entrepreneurs in the field, such as Culinary Action!”

EEPA 2022 Winner
Supporting the Sustainable Transition
Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs – SEGE



“Winning a European Enterprise Promotion Award was a life-changing experience for us. Apart from a great psychological boost (after all these obstacles), SEGE as a lead applicant has gained 950.000Euros in projects to support other women in SEE in their energy transition (2 projects), and WEnCoop leads another 60.000Euros (small but important) for Rural areas in Serbia and Italy and apart from budget and project we started being visible in the Public Policy Advocacy Sphere.”

EEPA 2020 Winner
Investing in Entrepreneurial Skills
Open Entrepreneurship, Denmark



“Open Entrepreneurship winning the award has already gained political attention in Denmark, and we are confident that this alone will support our collaboration across universities and our long-term financial anchoring of the project. Being recognised by EEPA and the European Commission has also strengthened our presence in the Danish innovation ecosystem. It is of great importance to us, that a project that celebrates the collaboration between seven Danish universities, wins a European level award.”

Past Grand Jury Prize Winners

The European Enterprise Promotion Awards were launched in 2006. Since that time, there have been many category winners including one Grand Jury Prize Winner in each annual competition.

Past Grand Jury Prize winners include:

2023 MAP | Early Warning Mechanism, Portugal



The Map – Early Warning Mechanism is a free, online tool enabling SMEs to analyse their financial position and take early action, if needed. Using indicators, economic and financial ratios are generated to make the evaluations.

In 2022 it was used by almost 250,000 enterprises. The tool is an innovative approach to promoting financial literacy, it addresses the policy issue of reducing firm closures, and it can be easily replicated in other countries.



"We were proud for the recognition of MAP as a pioneer tool in Europe, which is essential for companies to improve their financial literacy, in order to adopt appropriate measures to prevent financial distress, insolvency and the loss of jobs and skills. We hope it can be considered a source of inspiration replicable in other countries."

WEB SITE
www.iapmei.pt

2021 COMPETENZentrum für Selbständige, Germany



"Winning the awards had great resonance among our participants and partner organizations. We have received many congratulations and encouraging messages. Some magazines have reported about us."

But most important is that we make the most of the awards and their prestige in order to further promote the offers of the "COMPETENZentrum für Selbständige" and reach even more migrant women, to foster them on their way to self-employment."

COMPETENZentrum für Selbständige, which is supported by the non-profit association Initiative Selbständiger Immigrantinnen (ISI), supports migrant women with training and professional development, providing them with the skills they need to become self-employed. By providing free training, coaching and networking opportunities, both migrant women who are willing to start a business and those who are already self-employed, are enabled to put business ideas into practice and to sustainably build up their own business start-ups in Berlin. The project is guided by the principle that migrant women stand up for migrant women.

WEB SITE
www.isi-ev.de

2022 'Love to be free', Belgium



"The award was a great recognition for our entire organization. It was a great motivation to continue our project and to improve our services to freelancers in Belgium."

Our organization and our project gained a lot of visibility, not only in Belgium but throughout Europe. We feel that other agencies and stakeholders are even more willing to cooperate with our project now the now that its great value has been officially recognised."

Love to be Free connects and represents freelancers in Belgium, offering events and workshops. To give online events live experience participants receive a lunch at home. One event, Freelance Friday has become a live studio show. With the introduction of an online hourly rate calculator, the uncertainty of freelancers about their hourly rate was addressed. The initiative also represents the interests of freelancers to propose an optimal framework to policymakers.

WEB SITE
<https://www.unizo.be/netwerken/verenigingen/freelancers>

2020 Le Portail du Rebond Des Entrepreneurs, France



"The ENTREPRENEURIAL RECOVERY PORTAL was proud that its innovative grouping of 6 associations, each carrying out complementary actions, was recognized as an effective system that is unique in Europe, both in the diversity of its scope and in its coherence as a whole."

The Recovery Portal offers a complete value chain to support entrepreneurs facing difficulties. It is made up of 6 associations that together provide a nationwide service to entrepreneurs to help them through difficult times. The associations have unique specialisations across different areas, allowing them to cover the entire value chain, from entrepreneurial failure and its prevention to entrepreneurial recovery and its promotion. The portal provides a single online point of access so that entrepreneurs can choose the associations that corresponds to their entrepreneurial recovery needs. The associations are able to offer advice and help remove obstacles that hinder entrepreneurial recovery.

WEB SITE
www.portaildurebond.eu

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COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
AUSTRIA	Innovation Network Kitzbühel (INK)	Regio-Tech GmbH (PPP)	https://www.regio-tech.at/page.cfm?vpath=innovationsnetzwerk
CYPRUS	Promotion of Academic Entrepreneurship in Cyprus	CS Cyprus Seeds (CS)	https://cyprusseeds.com/
CZECH REPUBLIC	Podnikavá mysl - Entrepreneurial Mindset	Lipka – školské zařízení pro environmentální vzdělávání	www.podnikavamysl.cz
ESTONIA	OBJEKT	Narva Loomeinkubaator SA	https://objekt.is/
FINLAND	Bisnes Lande -project	LAG Viisari	https://keskisuomenmaaseutu.fi/viisari/
GERMANY	Campus der Löwen – Entrepreneurship Day at University Of Applied Sciences Ansbach	University Of Applied Sciences Ansbach	https://gruendungsberatung.hs-ansbach.de/ https://www.hs-ansbach.de/
HUNGARY	Széchenyi Kártya Program (SZKP)	KAVOSZ Zrt.	www.kavosz.hu
IRELAND	THRIVE4women Programme	Regional Development Centre, Dundalk Institute of Technology	www.thrive4women.ie
ITALY	Percorsi d'impresa	A.R.T.I. Agenzia Regionale per la Tecnologia e l'Innovazione (ARTI)	https://percorsidimpresa.regione.puglia.it/
LATVIA	Vidzeme Innovation Programme for Students -VIPS	Valmiera Development Agency (VDA)	https://developvalmiera.lv/vips/
POLAND	Przedsiębiorcze Krakowianki	Urząd Miasta Krakowa	https://www.krakowianki.mamopracuj.pl/
ROMANIA	Future Makers	Social Innovation Solutions	https://www.future-makers.eu/
SLOVAKIA	OpenLab	WEZEO	openlab.sk
SLOVENIA	MLADI INCASTRA	REGIJSKA RAZVOJNA AGENCIJA ROD AJDOVŠČINA	https://rra-rod.si/
SPAIN	IMPULSO EMPRENDE	Cámara Oficial de Comercio Industria y Servicios de la provincia de Soria.	www.camarasoria.com
TURKEY	The Youth Idea Bus Project	Mersin Directorate of National Education – TOBB Mersin Young Entrepreneurs Board	https://mersinarge.meb.gov.tr/
UKRAINE	Ukrainian business forum "LadyFest"	Ukrainian Platform "Women in Business"	https://bpc.in.ua/winb

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INVESTING IN ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
BULGARIA	9Academy	(org name is same as project, so don't need it twice)	http://www.9academy.com/
DENMARK	Resilience and rescue skills for SMEs, strengthening Early Warning Europe (ResC-EWE)	Erhvervshus Midtjylland S/I	https://www.earlywarningeurope.eu/rescewe
IRELAND	Craft Hub	Carlow County Council Local Enterprise Office	www.crafthub.eu www.localenterprise.ie/carlow
LITHUANIA	Lessons Are Measuring Up Panevėžys (Pamokos matuojasi Panevėžį)	Panevėžys Development Agency & Panevėžys Education Centre	www.panevezysnow.lt
MALTA	Junior Entrepreneurial Programme	Junior Achievement Young Enterprise Malta Foundation	https://www.jamalta.org/

SUPPORTING THE DIGITAL TRANSITION

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
AUSTRIA	Open Innovation Plattform	Austrian Centre of Industrial Biotechnology (acib)	www.acib.at
LATVIA	Business Support Programme ZILE	Valmiera Development Agency (VDA)	https://developvalmiera.lv/zile/
PORTUGAL	SINES TECH – Innovation and Data Center Hub	aicep Global Parques	www.globalparques.pt
SWEDEN	Go Cloud	Piteå Science Park	http://www.gobusiness.se/

IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONALISATION OF BUSINESS

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
CROATIA	ZICER Startup Value Chain - unique and individual approach for each startup lifetime stage	Zagreb Innovation Centre	www.zicer.hr
CZECH REPUBLIC	INO:EX (Innovate product / Expand to the market)	Central Bohemian Innovation Centre	https://s-ic.cz/cs/inovovat-expandovat
ESTONIA	Estonian Connected Health Cluster	Tehnopool Science and Business Park (in Estonian: SA Tallinna Teaduspark Tehnopool)	https://connectedhealth.ee/
GREECE	Joint Research Activities Promoting Innovation & Entrepreneurship in the field of Internal Security	Funds & Strategy Coordination Office (Σ.Ο.Σ.Α.Χ.Π.) Hellenic Police Headquarters	www.astynomia.gr
HUNGARY	VALI.HU - The personalised business information website	IFKA Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd	https://ifka.hu/
LITHUANIA	The Future belongs to Electronic Engineers'	Kaunas IN	https://ateitiselektronikams.lt/
PORTUGAL	MAP Early Warning Mechanism	IAPMEI - Portuguese Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation	www.iapmei.pt
SPAIN	The Break Fellowship	Fundación EOI F.S.P	https://the-break.eu/
SWEDEN	The cluster Arctic Game and the projects Innovation Game and Innovation Game 2.0	Skellefteå Science City AB	
UKRAINE	Promoting Integrity Culture and Compliance Standards among Ukrainian SMEs	Ukrainian Network of Integrity and Compliance (UNIC)	https://unic.org.ua/

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SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
CROATIA	Modernizacija i povećanje konkurentnosti poljoprivrednih gospodarstava	Zagrebačka županija	https://distributivni.eu/
FRANCE	Greentech Procurement Accelerator	ECOLAB	https://greentechinnovation.fr/
GERMANY	Founders Bay Startup Accelerator	Founders Bay UG	www.founders-bay.io
MONTENEGRO	REACH - Raising Environmental Awareness on Circular economy and natural Habitats of Cetinje and Lovćen	COSV – Coordinamento delle Organizzazioni per il Servizio Volontario	https://cosv.org
NETHERLANDS	Creating business through circular design	CIRCO	http://www.circonl.nl/
ROMANIA	Sustainable Futures	Social Innovation Solutions	https://www.sustainable-futures2030.org/ ; https://academia-de-sustenabilitate.ro/ ; https://program-transformator.org/
SLOVENIA	Green Star	CER Partnerstvo za trajnostno gospodarstvo	https://www.green-star.si/ http://cer-slo.si/

RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
CYPRUS	CyprusInno	SocialTech Lab	www.cyprusinno.com
DENMARK	IVDK Hub for Ukrainians	Ivaekst, Danish Entrepreneurs, The European Social Fund, Google, Business Hub Copenhagen, Danish Industry Foundation & Danish Business Authority	https://dkiv.dk/ivdk-hub
FINLAND	Business Program	Startup Refugees	www.startuprefugees.com
FRANCE	Impact program	Réseau Entreprendre	http://www.reseau-entreprendre.org/
GREECE	City of Athens' initiatives to promote the access of Third Country Nationals to employability and entrepreneurship	City of Athens (Migrants' Integration Centre of the City of Athens, Athens Coordination Centre for Migrant and Refugee issues, Cities' Network for Integration, Athens Development and Destination Management Agency)	https://www.accmr.gr/services/kem/
ITALY	AdAstra Project – Spazio al tuo futuro	Fondazione di Comunità Milano	https://www.fondazionecomunitamilano.org/
LUXEMBOURG	SLEEVESUP	Touchpoints asbl	https://www.touchpoints.lu
MALTA	MWAM's Kitchen Project (SAHHA)	Migrant Women Association Malta (MWAM)	https://migrantwomenmalta.org/
NETHERLANDS	NaNeSCE) National Network Social Coöperative Entrepreneurschip	LaNSCO (Landelijk Netwerk Sociaal Coöperatief Ondernemen)	http://www.lansco.nl/
POLAND	Respektrum	Urząd Miejski Wrocławia	www.respektrumauteizmu.pl
SLOVAKIA	Women Academies	Aj Ty v IT	http://www.ajtyvit.sk/
TURKEY	Smart Village	Tabit	http://www.tabit.com.tr/

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PROMOTING THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
AUSTRIA	the global limitless conference by the female factor	the female factor	www.femalefactor.global
BELGIUM	Always on the move. Your guide to entrepreneurial success.	Flanders Innovation and Entrepreneurship	https://startersgids.vlaio.be/
CROATIA	Entrepreneurial Poreč	City of Poreč-Parenzo	www.porec.hr
CYPRUS	Supporting innovation and entrepreneurship in Nicosia	Nicosia Municipality	http://www.cyens.org.cy/ https://www.nicosia.org.cy/el-GR/municipality/multifunctional-foundation/
ESTONIA	Solaride	Solarcar Estonia MTÜ	https://solaride.ee/
GREECE	Startup Universe	National Documentation Centre - Εθνικό Κέντρο Τεκμηρίωσης και Ηλεκτρονικού Περιεχομένου (ΕΚΤ)	https://thestartupuniverse.org/
HUNGARY	Maintaining student organizations to enhance the skillset, entrepreneurial attitude and excellence of university students.	Youth Business Group (Youth Business Group Egyesület)	https://ybg.hu/
LITHUANIA	„accelerator_x“ – praktinio verslumo ugdymo plėtra Lietuvoje	Lietuvos Junior Achievement	https://lja.lt/
MALTA	StartinMalta	Malta Enterprise (ME)	https://startinmalta.com/
POLAND	Entrepreneurial Kids	Municipality of Lublin & Maria Curie-Skłodowska University	biznes@lublin.eu
SERBIA	“Ja, Preduzetnik” (I, Entrepreneur)	“Ja, Preduzetnik” – Companies Connected Consulting	www.japreduzetnik.rs
SLOVENIA	PONI Gorenjska – Podjetno Nad Izzive	BSC Kranj, Regional development agency of Gorenjska KOVAČNICA – Business Incubator Kranj	https://kovacnica.si/poni/
SPAIN	empezar.tv	Andalucía Empeñe, Fundación Pública Andaluza	https://empezar.tv/
TURKEY	CYBERPARK BIGG MARKA	Bilkent CYBERPARK	https://www.cyberpark.com.tr/

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INVESTING IN ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
BELGIUM	Love to be Free	Unie van Zelfstandige Ondernemers – UNIZO. (Organisation for SME's and Self-Employed in Flanders Belgium)	Unizo.be/freelance
CYPRUS	Cyprus Seeds	CS Cyprus Seeds	http://www.cyprusseeds.com/
HUNGARY	vallalkozokosan.eu - online education platform	Junior Achievement Hungary	www.ejam.hu
ITALY	Bravo Innovation Hub	Invitalia S.p.A.	https://www.invitalia.it/cosa-facciamo/creiamo-nuove-aziende/bravo-innovation-hub
SLOVAKIA	Inovácia Learn & Lead	Learn & Lead Innovation, s. r. o.	https://www.learnandlead.eu/
SLOVENIA	Mosaic of Entrepreneurship: a series of seminars and online lessons and content	Katapult d.o.o., business accelerator	https://katapult.si
TURKEY	Atolye Uskudar Programme	Uskudar Municipality	www.uskudar.bel.tr

IMPROVING THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT & SUPPORTING THE DIGITAL TRANSITION

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
AUSTRIA	Sharpen! Performance – an initiative to foster digitalisation and internationalisation in Styrian companies	Styrian Business Promotion Agency (SFG)	www.sfg.at
DENMARK	SME:Digital	Danish Business Authority	www.erst.dk
GERMANY	Support for the city center by WFB Wirtschaftsförderung Bremen GmbH (WFB) as part of „Aktionsprogramm Innenstadt“ & „Zukunftsfonds Innenstadt“	WFB Wirtschaftsförderung Bremen GmbH	https://www.wfb-bremen.de/de/page/wirtschaftsstandort-bremen/bremen-wird-neu
IRELAND	Enfuse	Dublin City Council	https://www.dublincity.ie/residential https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity
LITHUANIA	Sutelktinės paskolos “Avietė”	UAB „Investicijų ir verslo garantijos“, Ltd (INVEGA)	www.invega.lt
MONTENEGRO	Cooperation for Development of Cross Border Business Environment Enhanced	Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center Tehnopolis	www.tehnopolis.me
NETHERLANDS	LifeSciences@Work Venture Challenge	Health-Holland; Topsector LSH	www.lifesciencesatwork.nl
PORTUGAL	Espaço Empresa	IAPMEI - Portuguese Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation	https://eportugal.gov.pt/inicio/espaco-empresa
SERBIA	StarTech: Innovation aiming for stars	NALED (National Alliance for Local Economic Development)	https://www.naled.rs/en/

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SUPPORTING THE INTERNATIONALISATION OF BUSINESS

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
ESTONIA	sTARtUp Day	NGO STARTUPDAY	www.startupday.ee
SWEDEN	HealthTech Nordic 2.0	Innovation Skåne	https://innovationskane.com/start-page/
UKRAINE	Ukrainian national project Diia.Business	State Institution “Entrepreneurship and Export Promotion Office” (EEPO)	https://business.diia.gov.ua/

SUPPORTING THE SUSTAINABLE TRANSITION

COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
DENMARK	Den grønne investeringspulje / Aarhus' Green Investment Fund	City of Aarhus	https://www.aarhus.dk/
GERMANY	ScaleUp4Sustainability (S4S)	Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg	https://www.scaleup4sustainability.eu/ https://uol.de/en/innovation/research/scaleup4sustainability
GREECE	Energy Cooperative WEnCoop	Halkidiki Chamber, Greek Association of Women Entrepreneurs – SEGE	https://www.sege.gr/ , https://epihal.gr/ , https://wencoop.gr/
ITALY	PROGRAMME	X23 Srl	www.x-23.org
MALTA	A fair Green Deal for Maltese Businesses	Malta Chamber of SMEs	http://www.smechamber.mt/
NETHERLANDS	The WaterCampus Innovation Ecosystem	WaterCampus Leeuwarden	www.watercampus.nl
PORTUGAL	Cartilha da Sustentabilidade dos Açores	Açores DMO	CARTILHA - Açores - No rumo da sustentabilidade (azores.gov.pt)
SLOVENIA	Zelené strechy pre odolnejšie Slovensko	a zelenú infraštruktúru	www.zelenestrechy.org
SWEDEN	The Total Concept	CIT Energy Management	www.energy-management.se

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COUNTRY	PROJECT NAME	ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT WEBSITE
BULGARIA	Academy for local entrepreneurs	“Rinker Center for Entrepreneurship and Training” part of the BCause Foundation	https://www.rinkercenter.org/en/
FRANCE	French Tech Tremplin	French Tech	https://lafrenchtech.com/en/
IRELAND	co:worx project	Edgeworthstown Enterprise Hub clg	www.coworx.ie
POLAND	Business Mentoring Sessions	Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin	https://www.umcs.pl/pl/business-mentoring-sessions,23773,1.htm
SPAIN	INNOVATIA 8.3	INSTITUTO DE LAS MUJERES Y UNIVERSIDADE DE SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA	https://innovatia83.es/

The European Commission DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW)

Within the European Commission, the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, works to provide a more favourable environment for European Business. It ensures that European Union policies contribute to the competitiveness of EU enterprises by encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation, maintaining and reinforcing a strong and high-performing industrial base, by stimulating investment in new technologies and easing access to markets and to finance. At the core of these policies are small and medium sized enterprises, as they are the principal providers of jobs and growth in Europe. DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs works with the business community and Member States to help develop innovative, competitive and responsible SME policies for Europe.

Your Europe Business Portal

Want to find out what the EU does to boost small businesses in Europe and on the global market, and what it can do for your business? Your Europe Business is a multilingual single gateway to practical information on how to do business in the Single Market. It offers help to businesses and entrepreneurs who want to expand their activities to other EU or EEA countries. It provides practical information and links to national rules, authorities, helpdesks, and support services.

For more information
regarding SME policy
of the European Commission,
please visit:

[https://ec.europa.eu/
growth/index_en](https://ec.europa.eu/growth/index_en)

For more information
regarding SME policy
of the European Commission,
please visit:

[https://europa.eu/
youreurope/business/
index_en.htm](https://europa.eu/youreurope/business/index_en.htm)

European Enterprise Promotion Awards

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