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Foreword



Since 2006 the European Enterprise Promotion Awards (EEPA) have been recognising efforts to promote SMEs and entrepreneurship in Europe. Already over 3,100 projects have participated in national competitions for the chance to compete in the Awards, with 49 of these projects being awarded the prize. This year alone, a total of 31 countries submitted entries to the EEPAs, including 27 EU Member States, as well as Iceland, Norway, Serbia and Turkey.

The Awards pay tribute to, and celebrate the projects driving entrepreneurship forward from within various industries, age groups and countries. And these projects have tangible results: they help to create new companies and new jobs. This is a significant point – and one which I am particularly passionate about – and so, we must commend those creative and innovative initiatives. They are both a joy to learn about each year, and a vital component of the regeneration of Europe's economy in that they encourage small business to continue to grow.

Prior to sharing the winners for this year's awards with you, I would like to personally thank all participating organisations and in particular, the National Co-ordinators who help to execute and manage the competitions nationally. I recognise the important role you play in making the EEPAs possible, as well as in raising awareness about the way in which public bodies and public/private sector partnerships support small business and enterprise throughout Europe.

This year, 52 projects were selected by their countries to compete at European level, with the seven winners, 12 runners-up and 4 special mentions representing the outstanding effort across Europe. I am optimistic that their enthusiasm and vision for entrepreneurship will act as a stimulus for other organisations and individuals to do more for entrepreneurs and small businesses, who currently lead the way in powering European economic growth and job creation forward.

Elżbieta Bieńkowska
Commissioner for Internal Market,
Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs



Small businesses driving European growth

SMEs are independent companies with **fewer than 250 employees.**

They provide **two out of three private sector jobs** and are responsible for **85% of new jobs created.** SMEs account for **67% of total employment** and **58% of gross value added (GVA).**

Latest research shows that SMEs continue to form the bedrock of the European economy, with some **22.2 million companies employing 90 million people;** and accounting for more than **99.8% of all enterprises.**

The **biggest share** of enterprise is represented by **micro companies with fewer than ten employees - 93%.**



Putting Small Business First: the Small Business Act for Europe

Adopted in June 2008, the Small Business Act for Europe (SBA) reflects the Commission's recognition of the central role that SMEs play in the EU economy. It sets out a comprehensive SME policy framework for the EU and its Member States.

The aim of the Act is to improve the overall approach to entrepreneurship and permanently embed the 'Think Small First' principle in policy-making – from regulation to public service. The Act promotes SME growth by helping them tackle problems which hamper their development, particularly focusing on initiatives that help small businesses by:

- Cutting red tape
- Providing access to finance
- Increasing access to markets

Finally, the Act aims to deliver a longer-term shift in attitudes – creating a greater awareness of the role entrepreneurs play in society and encouraging and inspiring potential new entrepreneurs.

These four key areas of the SBA continue to be priorities for the coming years. In addition, the need to address the shortage of skilled workers will become a fifth priority.

A spin-off: The European Enterprise Promotion Awards

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

SME Envoys

As part of the review of the SBA, the Commission invited Member States to nominate a national SME Envoy to complement the role of the European Commission's SME Envoy. The current EU SME Envoy is Ms Elżbieta Bieńkowska, Member of the European Commission for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, who chairs the network. The group of SME Envoys makes up an advisory group that promotes SME friendly regulation and policy making in all EU countries.

To find out more about SME Envoys, visit: http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/small-business-act/sme-envoys/index_en.htm

The Jury

Each year, an independent high-level European Jury takes on the difficult task of selecting the best entries in each category. This year's Jury includes representatives from government, business and academia as well as Latvia and Luxembourg – as part of their EU presidencies during 2015.

There are 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 2015 Jury is composed of:



Joanna Drake

**Chair of the EEPA Jury
Principal Advisor, Task Force
on Collaborative Economy,
New Business Models and
SMEs, European Commission,
DG Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs**

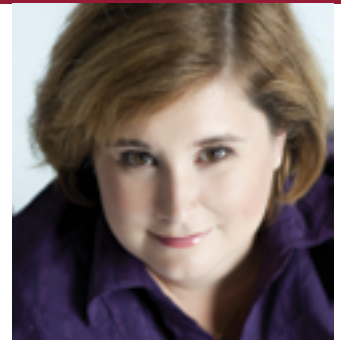
Joanna has been leading a Task Force on Collaborative Economy, New Business Models and SMEs at the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs since June 2015. Before this, Joanna was Director responsible for the promotion of entrepreneurship and SMEs at the Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission. Previously Head of the EC Representation in Malta and prior to that Head of the Legal & Regulatory Department of Vodafone Malta Ltd, Joanna has also taught and researched law at the University of Malta and studied at the College of Europe, Bruges.



Prof. Thomas M. Cooney

**Professor in Entrepreneurship,
Dublin Institute of Technology**

Thomas is Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Dublin Institute of Technology (Ireland) and Visiting Professor at the University of Turku (Finland). He is also Academic Director of the Institute for Minority Entrepreneurship, a Board Member of Startup Ireland and works in a supportive capacity with a number of businesses. As an Expert in Entrepreneurship Policy, he has worked with the Irish Government, the European Commission, OECD, the European Training Foundation and other international organisations. He has published widely on the topic of entrepreneurship and full details of his career can be found at www.thomascooney.com.



Ágnes Vida

**Founder and CEO of
Gazdagmami**

Ágnes Vida is a psychologist and an online marketing expert. She started her small business as a psychologist in 2006 in Hungary. During her work she experienced that the mothers in Hungary have a big problem in returning to the labour market and started her blog "Gazdagmami" to share her business experiences and knowledge with others. Since 2008 she has helped more than 2500 mothers in Hungary to start their own business with her books, online training, free ebooks, newsletter, blog, conferences and presentations.

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 2015 for a chance to enter the European Enterprise Promotion Awards. Countries were allowed to nominate a maximum of two entries (in different categories) to the European competition.

Each Jury member reads and assesses every entry against defined criteria covering: originality & 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.



Laurent Solazzi

SME Envoy for Luxembourg

In his role of Conseiller de Direction for the Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy, which he has held since 2005, Laurent is in charge of coordinating projects and initiatives dealing with entrepreneurship promotion in Luxembourg. This includes, most notably, the national 'enterprise creation and development days' and the national events for SME Week. Since he re-joined the Directorate of SMEs in 2014, he has been assisting with the work of Luxembourg's High Committee for SMEs in setting up the 4th National Action Plan for SMEs.



Kristaps Soms

Director of Competitiveness Entrepreneurship Department, Ministry of Economics

Kristaps has a 10 year working experience in public sector. He started his work in the Ministry of Economics in 2011 as a Deputy Director of Department. Before that Kristaps worked in State Chancellery where his duties included policy making and strategic planning system development for Public administration in Latvia, institutional and functional analysis of public institutions at central level of administration. He has also worked in the Ministry of Finance. In the Ministry of Economics Kristaps is responsible for industrial policy, foreign investment attraction, tourism and export promotion, innovation policy and business environment improvement.



Patricia E.H. Hoogstraaten RAE

General Manager, Vakcentrum Board member, MKB-Nederland Vice President, EuroCommerce Member of the Netherlands Social & Economic Council (SER)

Being Association Manager of the Vakcentrum, the professional organisation for SME retailers in the Netherlands, Patricia is working actively on all subjects related to SME entrepreneurship and retailing. She is board member of various national and European organisations and committees dealing with the interests of retailers and SME entrepreneurs. On behalf of Dutch employers, she is member of the Netherlands Social and Economic Council (SER). As an advisory and consultative body, SER aims to contribute to public prosperity by helping to generate social consensus on national and international socio-economic issues.



Thomas Wobben

Committee of the Regions

After studying Economics and Politics, Thomas worked for voluntary sector organisations. In 1993 he joined the European policy services of the Land Saxony- Anhalt and in 1995 he began working in the Liaison Office of Saxony- Anhalt in Brussels taking over as Director in 2000. Since March 2012 he has been Director for Horizontal Policies and Networks and later on for legislative works at the Committee of the Regions.



Grand Jury Prize

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

Winner

Lisbon Micro-Entrepreneurship
Lisbon Municipal Council, Portugal

Lisbon Micro-Entrepreneurship works to support responsible and inclusive entrepreneurship by providing a number of services including helping to develop business plans and advising on how to obtain funding.

It was set up in 2013 with the aim of stimulating the city's economy and supporting company and job creation. The initiative is therefore a part of Lisbon Municipal Council's (LMC) global strategy to support entrepreneurship, bringing together public, private and local and national bodies with a local focus, enabling anyone to get support for projects in a range of fields, from the planning phase through to the first years of activity.

The programme is open to all, however its main focus is on the unemployed, people at risk of social exclusion or those with difficulty in accessing finance but remain interested in starting a business in Lisbon.

Support is offered to applicants to help structure their ideas, develop business plans, implement their projects, and obtain funding using micro-credit through partnerships with the António Sérgio Cooperative for Social Economy (CASES), the bank Montepio Geral, Millennium BCP and the FINICIA Municipal Fund via the startup Lisboa Loans.

Over 50 companies have been set up, 27 of which have been funded, over 100 jobs have been created and over 550 meetings have been held with entrepreneurs.



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Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit

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

Winner

ZomerOndernemer

The New Entrepreneur Foundation, Netherlands

ZomerOndernemer allows young people to start their own companies and experience entrepreneurship during their summer holidays.

By turning young people into proud business owners, the initiative helps them develop crucial skills as well as stimulating the spirit of entrepreneurship. Launched in 2010, the project has already attracted 265 young people and helped create 82 companies.



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Runners-up



Youth Awareness Week for Female Entrepreneurship

The 100,000 Entrepreneurs Association, France

Youth Awareness Week for Female Entrepreneurship sees female entrepreneurs go into schools to host presentations, talks or forums about female entrepreneurship and how women can start a successful business. The initiative, for 13-25 year olds, aims to increase young people's awareness of female entrepreneurship. Over the past three years 816 woman entrepreneurs, 18,000 young participants and more than 250 educational establishments – colleges, secondary schools and higher education institutions – have been involved.

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Transmettre aux jeunes la culture d'entreprendre



The John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank

Hull City Council, UK

The John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank supports the development of an entrepreneurial culture within the City of Hull by engaging young people from the age of 5, allowing them to gain "soft skills" and entrepreneurial experience. The initiative raises awareness of the self-employed option as a pathway post education. It has supported over 350 young people interested in business from across Hull and the East Riding area.

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John Cracknell
Youth Enterprise Bank
and you can't stop

Investing in Entrepreneurial Skills

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

Winner

Going for Growth

Fitzsimons Consulting in association with the Gender Equality Division, Department of Justice and Equality, Ireland

Going for Growth focuses on encouraging female entrepreneurs to be ambitious and supports them to achieve their growth aspirations. Based on annual cycles, the initiative leverages the volunteer efforts of successful female entrepreneurs. The impact is measured in increased revenues, employment created and first time exporters, as well as in greater ambition, confidence and a heightened strategic perspective among the participants. To date, over 400 ambitious owner managers have been supported.



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Runners-up



The Mobile FabLab

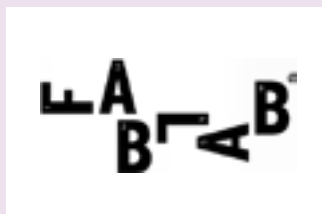
FabLab Danmark c/o Væksthusthus Sjælland, Denmark

The Mobile FabLab is entrepreneurship on wheels. It is designed to raise awareness of new prototyping technologies and entrepreneurial skills by visiting and facilitating a large number of events, workshops and meet-ups all over Denmark for pre-entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs and SMEs. They have initiated the first mobile FabLab facility of its kind worldwide, put on more than 60 events reaching almost 28,000 people, 232 SMEs have been through FabLab counselling and competence development courses and they have facilitated workshops for 1600 students in FabSchool.

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Alternating Work & School Experience

Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Crafts and Agriculture of Macerata, Italy

Alternating Work & School Experience provides students in secondary education with the professional skills required by businesses today, through a range of programmes and work experience opportunities. Some of the skills being developed through the initiative are centred on business innovation, the corporate culture, the development of relevant statistical data, problem solving, marketing and business plan development. Since the initiative was implemented, there has been a marked improvement for the schools and businesses involved, particularly in terms of skills and knowledge acquired.

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Improving the Business Environment

Recognises innovative policies at national, regional or local level which promote enterprise start up and growth, simplified legislative and administrative procedures for businesses and implementing the “Think Small First” principle in favour of small and medium sized enterprises.

Winner

Creative Quarter

Creative Quarter Nottingham Ltd, UK

Creative Quarter describes itself as an ‘incubator without walls’, which aims to support creative SMEs to generate prosperity and create jobs. It develops a highly-skilled local workforce who are ready to compete with one another to transform The Creative Quarter area in the city to make it a great business location. The initiative has supported over 700 businesses and has created more than 600 jobs. It has also contributed to the development of over 7,500 sq metres of new workspace for SMEs, entrepreneurs and creative businesses.



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Runners-up



The Town of Jastrebarsko – Your Business Friendly Town Grad Jastrebarsko, Croatia

Your Business Friendly Town is an accessible and practical example of how new and established entrepreneurs have the opportunity to succeed, by strengthening the capacity of local government. It has opened the doors of domestic and foreign investment to create new jobs, promote entrepreneurship in the local area, and to overcome administrative hurdles by adopting local government as “business partners”. The initiative has successfully increased the number of investors, entrepreneurs and jobs in the economic zone of Jalševac, doubling the number of jobs to over 850.

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Strengthening the Business Environment through Active Social Dialogue Malta Employers' Association, Malta

Strengthening the Business Environment through Active Social Dialogue focuses on providing professional management support to SMEs, as well as working to educate the general public on employment-related issues. From a series of specialised and focused activities, at least 14% of the SMEs in Malta have been empowered to become increasingly active participants in social dialogue in Malta.

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Supporting the Internationalisation of Business

Recognises policies and initiatives at national, regional or local level that encourage enterprises, particularly small and medium-sized businesses, to benefit more from the opportunities offered by markets both inside and outside of the European Union.

Winner

GameFounders

GameFounders OÜ, Estonia

GameFounders is a global gaming industry accelerator that aims to support technically strong teams with developing a business model and gives guidance on product development. Since its launch, the accelerator has implemented four cycles and has worked with 28 teams from 16 countries. GameFounders has contributed to the increase of Estonian gaming industry start-up numbers.



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Runners-up



TechHub Riga

Foundation TechHub Riga, Latvia

TechHub Riga is a major technology and IT co-working space for start-up companies. The space was created with a view to bring together like-minded start-ups that can help each other to successfully develop their projects. The initiative has provided office space for more than 30 technology start-ups since its creation. More recently, over the past 2 years, 50 businesses have been incubated as well as several international and local conferences, meetings and experience sharing events being organised and held each year.

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Temporary Export Manager

Unioncamere Emilia-Romagna, Italy

The Temporary Export Manager project provides businesses with an opportunity to employ a junior/trainee member who works in close co-operation with company management in an international marketing position. The project aims to spread a culture of internationalisation among micro businesses and SMEs in the region, thus responding to the need for technical skills required by companies to possess and consolidate their business with those companies located overseas. Throughout the four years, over 150 new university graduates have been inserted in as many companies in the region.

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Supporting the Development of Green Markets and Resource Efficiency

Recognises policies and initiatives at national, regional or local level that support SME access to green markets and help to improve their resource efficiency through, for example, green skills development and matchmaking as well as funding.

Winner

Green Business Network

Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and the Environment, Spain

Green Business Network is the first networking platform in Spain to specialise in green business. Targeting entrepreneurs and investors, the project seeks to promote entrepreneurship in the environment sector and to encourage sustainable business development. The initiative has already attracted over 7,000 members, including 100 investors and funders.



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Runners-up



Area Management: Resource Efficient Industrial Park Liesing
Vienna Chamber of Commerce, Austria

Resource Efficient Industrial Park Liesing works to help co-ordinate the management of the neighbourhood in the former industrial park of Liesing, ultimately creating a positive identity for the area. Research and advisory activities focus on resource-saving and resource-efficient economies. The initiative has successfully raised awareness of the issue of conserving resources - both with businesses and the local population - who have committed to the preservation of the industrial park as a site for manufacturing companies.

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SuperDrecksKëscht®
Environmental Administration/Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Luxembourg

SuperDrecksKëscht® works to certify waste management concepts of facilities and plants, promotes the consumption of sustainable products and supports the further development of resource-efficient recovery operations. It aims to develop the classical waste management process for the recycling/de-manufacturing industry, and thus expand and provide support to environmental technology and services. The initiative has recorded an increase in the number of participating plants implementing ecological waste management and has contributed to an increase in sales of sustainable products.

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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 such as the unemployed, especially long term unemployed, legal migrants, disabled people or people from ethnic minorities.

Winner

Enterability

Social Impact GmbH, Germany

Enterability is a management consultancy for people with disabilities that provides help before and after starting a business. The overarching goal is to enable people with disabilities to participate in the labour market through targeted counselling and training for self-employment. They provide peer counselling, advice, seminars with specific contents and methods, sign language interpreters and information on accessing loans specifically for disabled people.



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Runners-up



Business Start-Up Programme for the Unemployed

Public Employment Service, Austria

Via the Business Start-up Programme for the Unemployed, the Austrian Public Employment Service provides start-up advice, company specific qualifications and livelihood security for the unemployed. Their aim is to support unemployed people in taking up successful and sustainable self-employment. They have achieved a high number of start-ups (in 2014: 5,169 UGP start-ups, of which women accounted for around 40%), very good labour market success and a 64% survival rate after 5 years. In addition, 25% of company founders now employ staff.

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Vocational Training & Certification of the Unemployed Workers in the Ship Repair Industry in Piraeus

Piraeus Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Greece

Vocational Training & Certification of the Unemployed Workers in the Ship Repair Industry in the Piraeus area is a programme to enhance entrepreneurship and minimise unemployment through the creation of specialised, certified work dynamics which respond to the specific demands of the labour market, as well as enhancing the effectiveness of the Coupling of Labour Supply and Demand. The programme aims to reduce unemployment by involving those that are unemployed. Of the 1,500 participants in the Vocational Training Programme, 867 obtained certification and 150 gained employment.

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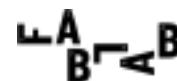


Special Mentions

The Mobile FabLab

FabLab Danmark c/o Væksthus Sjælland, Denmark

This simple but highly effective roadshow project, the Mobile FabLab, is entrepreneurship on wheels. It is designed to raise awareness on new prototyping technologies by visiting and facilitating a large number of events, workshops and meet-ups all over Denmark for pre-entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs and SMEs. The Jury agreed the concept is good value and easy to replicate. It has engaged 28.000 people in Denmark with 233 entrepreneurs trained.



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Strengthening the Business Environment through Active Social Dialogue

Malta Employers' Association, Malta

This project has a well-defined focus on the specific issues surrounding equipping SMEs to deal with employment issues (labour market developments, HR, employment law, fiscal issues etc.). With 4% of SMEs reached through the initiative in Malta so far, the Jury agreed that this project has substantial future potential both nationally and internationally if replicated in other countries.



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Vocational Training & Certification of the Unemployed Workers in the Ship Repair Industry in Piraeus

Piraeus Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Greece

An ambitious project with a budget of 7.7 million EUR (100% EU funds) addressing a difficult and urgent challenge in an area that was once a stronghold of Greek Industry and where 90% of workers are now unemployed. The Jury agreed that this project shows good partnership working between Chamber of Commerce, municipal authorities, Bank of Greece, Piraeus port, private companies, TÜV Hellas, associations and trade unions.



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Connecting Micro Enterprises in the Historic City of Koper

Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, Slovenia

Connecting Micro Enterprises in the city centre of Koper is an initiative to counter the negative impact of big shopping centres on small businesses and attract clients from cruise ships. The Jury felt the project demonstrates a successful partnership approach; co-operation between the national Chamber of Commerce and the municipality; a highly integrated approach providing advice, co-ordination/organisation and public tenders; an interesting focus on attracting cruise ship tourists (up to 100,000 per year) to local shops; plus good long term sustainability. The project also showed resilience and the ability to operate with a limited budget.



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The 2016 European Enterprise Promotion Awards will be launched in early 2016.

The awards ceremony will take place during the 2016 SME Assembly in Slovakia under the Slovakian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

Please check the EEPA website, Facebook page and Twitter for more details.



2015 National Winners

Promoting the Entrepreneurial Spirit



Belgium

School-Business Partnerships in Luxembourg Province
www.province.luxembourg.be



Croatia

Encouraging the Launch of Start-up Companies in Croatia
www.zipzg.com



Czech Republic

Digital Storytelling and Pitching Methods for Fundraising
www.jaip.cz



Estonia

Prototron
www.prototron.ee



France

Youth Awareness Week for Female Entrepreneurship
www.semaine-entrepreneuriat-feminin.com



Germany

Hans Lindner Foundation
www.hans-lindner-stiftung.de



Ireland

Engineering an Undergraduate Innovation Eco-System
www.cit.ie



Lithuania

Creative Shock
www.ismsa.lt



Netherlands

ZomerOndernemer
www.zomerondernemer.nl



Norway

JA Norway
www.ue.no



Serbia

Startup Academy
www.seeict.org



Spain

Creating Innovative Start-up Companies at the University of the Basque Country
www.ehu.eus



UK

The John Cracknell Youth Enterprise Bank
www.youthenterprise.co.uk

Investing in Entrepreneurial Skills



Belgium

Artevelde University College Centre for Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACCIO)
www.arteveldehogeschool.be/accio-home



Bulgaria

Eleven Start-up Accelerator
www.11.me



Denmark

The Mobile FabLab
www.detmobilefablab.dk



France

For an Occupational Health of Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs
www.observatoire-amarok.fr



Ireland

Going for Growth
www.goingforgrowth.com



Italy

Alternating Work & School Experience
www.mc.camcom.it/P42A0C176S166/The-Chamber-of-Commerce.htm

2015 National Winners



Lithuania

Young Innovators' Base
www.inovatoriai.lt



Poland

Best in Profession
www.zs1.stargard.pl



Portugal

Technology Commercialisation Accelerator
www.actbycotec.com



Serbia

Start Up for Your Business
www.eneca.org.rs

Improving the Business Environment



Bulgaria

Local Take-Off – National Outreach
www.kurdjaly.bg



Croatia

Your Business Friendly Town
www.jastrebarsko.hr



Finland

Games for Health Finland: Supporting Development of Innovative Solutions to the Health and Wellbeing sector
www.kuopioinnovation.fi



Greece

Greek Foods from the Farm to the Fork
www.minagric.gr



Malta

Strengthening the Business Environment through Active Social Dialogue
www.maltaemployers.com



Slovakia

Bureaucratic Nonsense
www.zmps.sk



Sweden

Verksamst.se
www.tillvaxtverket.se



UK

Creative Quarter
www.creativequarter.com

Supporting the Internationalisation of Business



Estonia

GameFounders
www.gamefounders.com



Hungary

YourTurn! Complex and Innovative Project
www.entrepreneurship.hu



Italy

Temporary Export Manager
www.ucer.camcom.it



Latvia

TechHub Riga
www.riga.techhub.com



Slovenia

Connecting Micro-Entrepreneurs in the Historic City Centre of Koper
www.gzs.si/ptz

2015 National Winners

Supporting the Development of Green Markets and Resource Efficiency



Austria

Resource-Efficient Industrial Park Liesing
www.wkw.at



Luxembourg

SuperDrecksKëscht®
www.sdk.lu



Netherlands

Sustainability Factory
www.leerpark.nl



Spain

Green Business Network
www.fundación-biodiversidad.es



Turkey

Specification of the Usage Criteria of Recovered Products from Construction and Demolition Wastes
www.csb.gov.tr/gm/altyapi/



Hungary

Social Enterprise Development
www.nesst.org



Malta

Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem
www.ghajnsielemc.com



Poland

Creation of the Association for Professional Activity in Żory
www.wspolnapasja.org



Portugal

Lisboa Municipal Council
www.cm-lisboa.pt



Romania

Responsible Entrepreneurship and Integrator
www.graphtec.ro



Slovakia

Cargo Bike Delivery in the City Centre
www.svihajsuhaj.sk



Sweden

The Micro Fund West of Sweden
www.mikrofondenvast.se



Turkey

Our Village
www.kosano.org.tr

Responsible and Inclusive Entrepreneurship



Austria

Business Start-up Programme for the Unemployed
www.ams.at/service-arbeitsuchende/finanzielles/foerderungen/unternehmensgruendungsprogramm



Germany

Enterability
www.ifd-enterability.de



Greece

Vocational Training & Certification of the Unemployed Workers of the Ship Repair Industry in the Piraeus Area
www.pcci.gr

Past Grand Jury Prize Winners

The European Enterprise Promotion Awards were launched in 2006. Since that time, there have been 63 winning entries including one Grand Jury Prize Winner in each competition. Past Grand Jury Prize winners include:



2014

**Encouraging Business Start-ups
by Mothers with Young Children**
Gazdagmami Kft.
Gyál, Hungary

Encouraging Business Start-ups by Mothers with Young Children helps mothers to acquire the entrepreneurial skills and mindset to start a business and make it profitable. The project delivers online resources including a blog, Facebook page, e-learning training programmes and a weekly newsletter, as well as the Entrepreneurial Women's Roundtable meeting to help mothers navigate the world of business and network with each other. The project also hosts the annual Mother Company of the Year competition and the Business Mums' Conference.

www.gazdagmami.hu

2013

Think Small First
Latvian Chamber of
Commerce and Industry
Riga, Latvia

Think Small First was developed help micro-enterprises by promoting the creation of a special tax rate and simplified tax accounting system, by introducing a micro-credit program and by making information about launching a business available in one place.

www.chamber.lv

2012

Outset
YTKO
Cambridgeshire,
United Kingdom

Outset is designed to show the unemployed that self-employment and enterprise is a realistic alternative to unemployment. In the last 3 years, the Outset service has engaged with more than 16,000 individuals, supporting the creation of 3,200 new businesses and 3,500 new jobs.

www.outset.org

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www.aer.eu



The European Association of Economic Development Agencies (EURADA) is a Europe-wide network of people working on economic development. EURADA has given a lead on a policy agenda including, amongst others, regional policy, small business finance (EURADA set up the European Business Angels Network), entrepreneurship and innovation.

www.eurada.org



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www.eurochambres.eu

EUROPEAN UNION



Committee of the Regions

The Committee of the Regions (CoR) in Brussels was established by the Maastricht Treaty in 1994 as a consultative body to provide representatives of local and regional government with a voice at the heart of the European Union.

<http://cor.europa.eu/Pages/welcome.html>



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www.eurocities.eu



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www.ueapme.com

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

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 to help develop innovative, competitive and responsible enterprise and with Member States to implement the Small Business Act for Europe.

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/index_en.htm

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.

http://europa.eu/youreurope/business/index_en.htm

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