



YEPA Workshop 2
Young women in innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship
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About the OECD-EU Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy (YEPA)

The OECD-EU Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy (YEPA) is a peer-learning network that seeks to strengthen youth entrepreneurship policies in the European Union (EU). This new initiative aims to strengthen youth entrepreneurship policies and programmes by raising knowledge about the barriers faced by young people in entrepreneurship and facilitating exchanges between policy makers, experts and young entrepreneurs on “what works” in youth entrepreneurship policy. This new initiative builds on an existing collaboration on [inclusive entrepreneurship](#) and [social entrepreneurship](#) undertaken by the European Commission and the OECD, which includes the award-winning report series [The Missing Entrepreneurs](#).

About Workshop #2: Young women in innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship

This workshop is the second workshop in a series of six thematic workshops that will occur over the next three years as part of the YEPA initiative. The 3-hour online workshop will cover the theme of innovative and growth-oriented entrepreneurship by young people, notably among young women entrepreneurs. The workshop will feature a panel discussion with young entrepreneurs who will speak to their own experience in starting their entrepreneurship activities. It will also include case study presentations by YEPA participants on supporting young women entrepreneurs and how best to support innovative and high-growth potential young entrepreneurs through incubation and acceleration programmes. There will also be time to raise questions, debate key issues and share your knowledge and expertise, notably during an interactive breakout session. The workshops vary slightly across the different country groups as co-hosts have identified different priority areas and case studies for the workshops.

How participants can prepare for the workshop

Participants are expected to prepare for the workshop by:

- Review the discussion note
- Prepare something to share from their country (e.g. a new development, a good practice example)
- Prepare a question on something that they want to learn

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Agenda for Workshop #2: Young women in innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship | Group C

Workshop host: France

14:00 – 14:15	Welcome
	<p>European Commission Ruth Paserman, Director for Funds, Programming and Implementation, DG EMPL</p> <p>OECD Jonathan Potter, Head of Entrepreneurship Policy and Analysis Unit, SME and Entrepreneurship Division (SMEE), OECD CFE</p>
14:15 – 14:45	Panel discussion with young entrepreneurs
	<p>France Introduction by Solène Le Coz-Fortis, Director of entrepreneurial projects and enterprise development, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Recovery</p> <p>OECD Moderation by David Halabisky, Youth entrepreneurship co-ordinator, SMEE, OECD CFE</p> <p>United Kingdom Émile Radyté, Samphire Neuroscience</p> <p>France Areeba Rehman, FretBay/MyBoxMan</p> <p>Bulgaria Maria Sivkova, Conversion Century</p> <p>Bulgaria Yasemin Yusuf, Jasmine's Classroom</p>
14:45 – 14:55	Q&A
14:55 – 15:05	Presentation of issue note
	<p>OECD Presentation by Helen Shymanski, Junior Policy Analyst, SMEE, OECD CFE</p>
15:05 – 15:10	Q&A
15:10 – 15:25	Presentation by host country: challenges and solutions
	<p>France Presentation by Claire Nodenot, Ministry for Gender Equality, Diversity and Equal Opportunities and Solène Le Coz-Fortis, Ministry of Economy, Finance and Recovery</p>
15:25 – 15:35	Q&A
15:35 – 15:45	Break
15:45 – 16:15	Rotating breakout session 1
	<p>Participants will be divided into 2 rotating breakout groups. Each session will last 30 minutes and follow a similar structure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-minute introduction by moderator• 10-minute presentation by lead speaker/country host• 5-minute Q&A• 10-minute discussion <p>Bulgaria Building a pipeline of young women entrepreneurs Emona Karagyozyova, serial entrepreneur and Founder of “Young Ladies in Business”</p> <p>France Incubation and Acceleration for young innovative entrepreneurs Séverine Le Loarne, Professor, Grenoble School of Management (GEM), Member of the Board of Les Premières</p>
16:15 – 16:45	Rotating breakout session 2
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16:45 – 17:00	Take-away lessons and next steps
	<p>European Commission Julien De Beys, DG EMPL</p>