



YEPA Workshop 2
Innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship for
young entrepreneurs
AGENDA | 10 October 2023 | Group B



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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: Innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship by young entrepreneurs

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 explore how inclusive entrepreneurship policies can support innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship among young entrepreneurs. The workshop will feature a panel discussion with young entrepreneurs who will speak to their own experiences in starting their entrepreneurship activities. It will also include case study presentations by YEPA participants on innovative networks and the importance of collaboration for supporting innovative and high-growth potential young entrepreneurs as well as a case study on incubation and acceleration. 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: Innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship | Group B

Workshop host: Iceland

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome
European Commission	Anna Athanasopoulou , Head of Unit for Proximity, Social Economy, Creative Industries, DG GROW
OECD	David Halabisky , Youth entrepreneurship co-ordinator, Entrepreneurship, SME and Tourism Division, OECD CFE
10:15 – 11:00	Panel discussion with young entrepreneurs
Iceland	Introduction by Oddur Sturluson , Sprotamýri (Entrepreneurship Centre of the University of Iceland)
OECD	Moderation by David Halabisky , OECD CFE
Austria	Hannah Wundsam , AustrianStartUps
Portugal	João Lopes , bloq.it
Iceland	Kjartan Thorsson , Prescriby
11:00 – 11:10	Q&A
11:10 – 11:25	Presentations of issue note
OECD	Presentation by Helen Shymanski , Policy analysts, Entrepreneurship, SME and Tourism Division, OECD CFE
11:25 – 11:35	Q&A
11:35 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 12:15	Rotating breakout session 1
	Participants will be divided into 2 rotating breakout groups. Each session will last 30 minutes and follow a similar structure:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5-minute introduction by moderator• 10-minute presentation• 5-minute Q&A• 10-minute discussion
Greece	Innovative networks and the importance of collaboration Thanos Paraschos , Co-founder of StartUp Universe & Youth Entrepreneurship Club
Iceland	Incubation and Acceleration for young innovative entrepreneurs Oddur Sturluson , Project Manager at Innovation Hub for Education, Sprotamýri
12:15 – 12:45	Rotating breakout session 2
	Participants will be divided into 2 rotating breakout groups. Each session will last 30 minutes and follow a similar structure:
	<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
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12:45 – 13:00	Take-away lessons and next steps
European Commission	Julien De Beys , DG EMPL
OECD	Helen Shymanski , OECD CFE