Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy



# NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2 | AUTUMN 2023

This is the Autumn 2023 edition of the YEPA newsletter featuring news, resources and upcoming events related to youth entrepreneurship. Past newsletters can be found at <u>yepa-hub.org</u>.

## WORKSHOP #2



The second round of workshops were on selected topics that were defined by each country group. Revisit the topics covered across all three workshops on the YEPA Hub, where you can find the presentations, discussion notes and videos.

We appreciate all the contributions and insights shared by YEPA participants during the workshops. We would like to especially thank those who were country hosts, case study presenters and panellists.

#### COUNTRY GROUP A: GREEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

#### 16 October | 10:00 – 13:00

Addressing climate change is a key global policy priority area, and many national governments have committed to ambitious policy targets for moving towards a more green and sustainable economy. This workshop explored how youth entrepreneurship policies can better support the road to sustainability and tap into young people's potential in a green and sustainable entrepreneurship.

#### Discussion Note | Presentations | Recording

#### **GROUP B: INNOVATION AND HIGH-GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS**

#### 10 October | 10:00 – 13:00

Young entrepreneurs are highly motivated by innovation as a reason for pursuing entrepreneurship and are more likely to introduce new products and services than the overall adult population. This workshop explored how youth entrepreneurship policies can support further young people in innovating and scaling their businesses, untapping their economic and social potential.

#### Discussion Note | Presentations

#### **GROUP C: YOUNG WOMEN IN INNOVATION AND HIGH-GROWTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

#### 17 October | 14:00 – 17:00

While young entrepreneurs are highly motive by and engaged in innovation, young women remain outnumbered in innovative and high-growth entrepreneurship. For example, only 15% of high-growth potential start-ups have at least one female founder and less than 6% are solely founded by a woman entrepreneur. This workshop explored how public policy can support a more inclusive pipeline of women founders and how to encourage more girls in pursuing innovation and entrepreneurship.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- YEPA Workshop 3 will be held in February 2024
  - A survey will be circulated so that participants can vote on their preferences for the workshop (e.g. date, time, sub-themes).
- Country groups will be re-allocated in 2024
  - As presented at the launch event, each year the country groups will be shuffled to allow all participants to interact and learn from each other. Stay tuned for more information about your new country group.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



- The Missing Entrepreneurs 2023 Join Director-General Korte (European Commission) and Deputy Secretary-General Takeuchi (DECD) in launching the Missing Entrepreneurs 2023 report on 30 November at 15:00 CET. Register <u>here</u>.
- Social Economy Conference in Liège, Belgium, in 12-13 February 2024.

## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

We are excited to showcase the work being done by our dynamic community. We would like to congratulate **Moonshot Pirates** (Marko Londa) for winning the MEGA Bildungsstiftung Education Award. We are also happy to see that the YEPA participants in **Sweden** organised a workshop with stakeholders to discuss youth entrepreneurship policies and potential avenues to improve current support.

COUNTRY HOSTS



Special thanks to the guest panellists <u>Kjartan\_Thorsson</u>, <u>João Lopes</u>, <u>Marc Vetter</u>, <u>Emilė Radytė</u>, <u>Maria Sivkova</u>, Tereze Pažinová, <u>Yasemin Yusuf</u>