



NEWSLETTER

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

WORKSHOP #3



Please mark your calendars for the upcoming YEPA workshop on **social entrepreneurship by young entrepreneurs**, which will be held in **late February 2024 or early March 2024** depending on the country group. We kindly ask that YEPA participants respond to the survey to inform sub-themes and indicate interest in having a speaking and/or hosting role. You can respond to the survey by scanning the QR code (left) or by clicking this [link](#) (to access links, please download the YEPA newsletter via yepa-hub.org). Please complete the survey by **22 December 2023**.

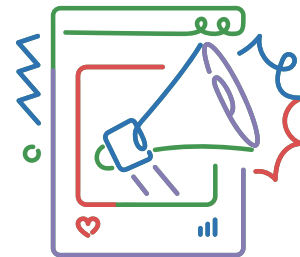
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. You will receive your new country group assignment (e.g. Group 1, Group 2, Group 3) in **early January 2024**.

Inclusive entrepreneurship country notes have been published

The 2022-2023 edition of the [Inclusive Entrepreneurship Policies: Country Assessment Notes](#), which provide an overview and assessment of national-level inclusive entrepreneurship policies and programmes, are now available. Many thanks to the YEPA participants who provided inputs and contributed to the discussions on inclusive entrepreneurship in your respective countries.



UPCOMING EVENTS

12-13 February 2024: [The Social Economy at the Core of Transitions](#) conference



While we have enjoyed meeting online over the past year, this upcoming conference in Liège, Belgium provides an opportunity for some of us to meet face-to-face. The YEPA will have a table in the Social Economy Village where we will host a series of discussions on youth entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship.

We would like to invite **some YEPA participants to join us at the conference** and participate the discussion sessions. There is a **limited budget to cover the travel and accommodation for up to 30 YEPA participants**.

While anyone is invited to express an interest in attending, kindly note that the financial support is intended to support young entrepreneurs and youth entrepreneurship networks. Consideration will also be given to geographical balance and gender. If you or any young entrepreneurs in your network are interested in attending, please write to EMPL-YEPA@ec.europa.eu before **15 January 2024**. We hope to see many of you there!

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



We are pleased to announce that [**The Missing Entrepreneurs 2023 report**](#) was launched on 30 November 2023 with the participation of the [**OECD Deputy Secretary-General Yoshiki Takeuchi**](#) and the [**European Commission Director-General Joost Korte**](#). The report is the seventh edition in a series of biennial reports.

The report finds that if youth (18-29 years old) participated in early-stage entrepreneurship at the same rate as “core age” men (30-49 years old), there would be an additional 3.6 million “missing youth entrepreneurs” in OECD countries. [**David Halabisky**](#) wrote an article about unlocking the potential of young entrepreneurs for economic growth in the Guardian. Read the piece [**here**](#).

As part of the Missing Entrepreneurs 2023 campaign, the [**OECD Cogito Blog**](#) is shining an entrepreneurial light on the stories of women, young people, seniors, people with disabilities, immigrants and unemployed people. We are happy to share the stories of YEPA community members [**Ahmed Hadi**](#) and [**Charlotte Piessevaux**](#). The [**OECD Podcasts**](#) also released a dedicated episode on youth entrepreneurship featuring [**Anita Tiessen**](#), the CEO of Youth Business International and YEPA participant. Anita Tiessen and David Halabisky unwrap issues around money, mindsets and motivations for young people in the world of business.



[**Charlotte Piessevaux**](#)



[**Ahmed Hadi**](#)



[**Anita Tiessen**](#)