



NEWSLETTER

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This is the first YEPA newsletter of 2024, which features news, resources and upcoming events related to youth entrepreneurship. Past newsletters can be found at yepa-hub.org.

NEWS

The OECD and European Commission participated in the **Social Economy at the Core of Transitions Conference** which was held in Liège, Belgium, on 12-13 February, as part of the Belgian Presidency of the European Commission. The Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy hosted a **series of Fireside Chats with YEPA participants** on youth entrepreneurship and how young people are central for addressing the three core transitions: inclusion, digital and environmental. It was great to see many of you in-person! For more information about the event, please see the attached summary note.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW country groups for 2024

To facilitate peer-learning and exchange among all YEPA participants, each year the country groups will be changed. Please see below your new country group allocation:

- **Group 1:** Austria, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Youth Business International, JEUNE, OECD Youthwise, Euclid Network, RREUSE and CASES
- **Group 2:** Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Microfinance Centre, Youth Start International, Cooperatives Europe, ENSIE and Yes for Europe
- **Group 3:** Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, European Training Foundation, European Microfinance Network, Social Economy Europe, JA Europe and Junior Enterprise Europe



The updated [Better Entrepreneurship Policy Tool](#) website is now live. The website has several new features including customizable assessments that allow you to configure assessments across target population groups and pillars. Please note that your previously created a profile has been migrated to the new website so you should be able to log in with the same credentials to access that past assessments and any groups that you have created.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshop #3: Social entrepreneurship for young entrepreneurs

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming YEPA workshop on social entrepreneurship by young entrepreneurs. This workshop will explore three issues: i) defining social enterprises and social entrepreneurship, ii) addressing questions on accessing funding and finance for social projects, and iii) examining how the legal and regulatory environment can be leveraged to support social entrepreneurs in their endeavours.



- **Country Group 1:** 23 April 2024 | 10 – 13 CET | [Registration Link](#)
- **Country Group 2:** 25 April 2024 | 13 – 16 CET | [Registration Link](#)
- **Country Group 3:** 26 April 2024 | 10 – 13 CET | [Registration Link](#)

You will receive a separate communication shortly with a **calendar block** and **registration link** for your **new country group**.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Many thanks to the YEPA participants and Latitudes who participated in the **YEPA Fireside Chats** at the Social Economy at the Core of Transitions Conference in Liège!



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Association of the Bulgarian Leaders and
Entrepreneurs



ETH Entrepreneur Club
Jugend Gründet



Young Entrepreneurs Association of Slovakia
Youth Business Spain

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