



NEWSLETTER

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This is the June 2024 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: SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP BY YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Thank you for participating in the third YEPA workshop on the topic of social entrepreneurship by young entrepreneurs. Special thanks to our co-hosts **Marko Lando**, **Andreas Stefanidis** and **Aziza Yussupova**, guest speakers **Director General Aicha Belassir**, **Djémilah Hassani** and **Nick McGirl** as well as the YEPA participants who participated as panellists or presenters – **Marinos Aniftos**, **Mathilde Delabie**, **Toby Gazeley**, **Silviya Georgieva**, **Sarah de Heusch**, and **Andželika Rusteikienė**.



You can find the [updated summary note](#) here as well as the [presentations](#) from all groups here. You can also access [recordings](#) of the past YEPA workshops on yepa-hub.org.

As many of you shared different resources and links during the workshops, we have also gathered **all resources** shared during the Workshop 3 across all groups. You can find videos, reports, website and other resources linked below.

PODCAST & VIDEOS

- Wondering what the social economy and social entrepreneurship are, watch this OECD [video](#).
- If you are interested in the OECD youth entrepreneurship podcasts, you can find the OECD COGITO Talks [here](#) and guest episode on Open Doors [here](#).
- You can explore the European Commission YouTube playlist Social Economy Voices [here](#).



REPORTS

OECD and the European Commission:

- The Missing Entrepreneurs 2023 Report is available [here](#).
- Manual : Designing Legal Frameworks for Social Enterprises: Practical Guidance for Policy Makers (2022) is available [here](#).
- Read more about the European Social Enterprise Monitor or the national reports [here](#).
- The OECD COGITO blog – Europe’s Innovation Paradox: Sitting on a goldmine, yet starving for impact – by fellow YEPA participant Ahmed Hadi [here](#).



Resources shared by YEPA participants:

- Learn more about the research done by ChangemakerXchange through the 2023 Report [here](#).
- The DNNL unconference report is available [here](#).
- Futurpreneur Impact Report is now available [here](#) (available in German).
- Innovation Challenge: Go Green Report can be read [here](#).

WEBSITES

OECD and the European Commission:

- You can find more information on OECD work on the social economy and social entrepreneurship [here](#) as well as the OECD Social Economy Toolkit [here](#).
- Explore available funding programmes through the EU Social Economy Gateway [here](#), InvestEU [here](#), financial intermediaries [here](#), map on access to finance developed by DG GROW [here](#), fi-compass [here](#) and information on Erasmus for entrepreneurs [here](#).



Resources shared by YEPA participants:

- See more about the ChangemakerXchange work [here](#) and their community members – rrrrefs ([here](#)) and faircado ([here](#)).
- Learn more about Moonshoot Pirates [here](#).
- More info on the large scale partnership of social economy and proximity [here](#).
- Co-host Andreas Stefanidis shared links to the Academy of Entrepreneurship [here](#), the ENTREpreneurial skills in the PUBLIC sector (ENTREPUBL) project [here](#), EU Projects [here](#), Catalyst 2030 [here](#), the Euclid Network [here](#), the Global Entrepreneurship Network (GEN) [here](#) and the Undergraduate Higher Diploma in Social Entrepreneurship by Advenio eAcademy [here](#).
- Explore the Global Business Complexity Index [here](#).
- Learn more about Social Entrepreneurs Association Malta (SEAM) [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the the **4th YEPA workshop!** You will receive a separate communication shortly with a calendar block and registration link for your group.

- **11 September 2024:** Country Group 2
 - Inspiring young entrepreneurs with role models
 - 10 - 13 CEST | [Registration Link](#)
- **12 September 2024:** Country Group 3
 - New era of youth entrepreneurship: AI and rapid technology innovations
 - 10 - 13 CEST | [Registration Link](#)
- **19 September 2024:** Group 1
 - Building networks for young entrepreneurs
 - 10 - 13 CEST | [Registration Link](#)



SPOTS AVAILABLE

The **Mediterranean Youth Building Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystems Forum** will be held on **16 - 18 September 2024** in Helsinki, Finland. The Forum is co-organised by the **European Commission** on behalf of the Union for the Mediterranean Co-Presidency with the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat and MIMIR. It has also been prepared in close co-operation with **Aaltoes**, the **European Training Foundation**, the Mediterranean Network of New Chance, the Young Professionals Network and the Anna Lindh Foundation.

The Forum will bring together young people, policy-makers, private sector's representatives, Social Partners as well as other stakeholders from the Mediterranean region to exchange insights and best practices, foster dialogue, collaboration and set a course for future initiatives.

We would like to **invite some YEPA participants to join the Forum**. There is a limited budget to cover the travel and accommodation. If you were interested in attending the event, please contact the European Commission (EMPL-YEPA@ec.europa.eu).

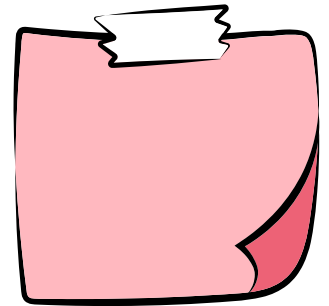
Interested in what other YEPA participants are doing? See their events below:

- The **Youth Business International's (YBI) Global Youth Entrepreneurship Summit** will occur on **8 – 10 October 2024** in Nairobi, Kenya. You can find our more [here](#).
- The first **YBI Global Bootcamp for Young Social Entrepreneurs** will be held on **20 June** in London (United Kingdom). If you are interested in attending, please express your interest by contacting fellow YEPA participant - Anita Tiessen.
- The **Y.ES Academy (Spain)** will begin in **July 2024** and includes 14 training sessions on the social economy. You can learn more [here](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The **OECD-EU Better Entrepreneurship Policy Tool (BEPT)** has been recently relaunched and is available in over 20 languages. The BEPT is an online tool to explore how public policy can support the development of inclusive and social entrepreneurship at the local, regional and national level. You can complete an **individual** or **group assessment**, using one of the **six inclusive entrepreneurship assessments** or the **social entrepreneurship assessment**. You can access the website [here](#).
- Submissions for the **European Social Innovation Competition “Digital Democracy”** are open until 11 June 2024. You can learn more [here](#).
- There is a **Junior Call of the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**, which is open until 27 June 2024. You can access more information [here](#).



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

- **Austria**
 - **AustrianStartups** held its 3rd AustrianStartup Summit on 8 May 2024. The event brought together more than 900 actors from across the entrepreneurial ecosystem.
 - **Moonshot Pirates** kicked off their 5th edition of the Shape the Future Challenge with 1 500 participants across 90 countries. Learn more about the challenge [here](#).
- **Ireland**
 - **TU Dublin GROWTHhub** launched a TU Dublin Community of Practice for entrepreneurship and innovation education. The Community of Practice views entrepreneurship as a critical transversal competence. The initiative aims to support faculty who are interested in developing entrepreneurship related learning outcomes in their programmes.
- **Italy**
 - **Gen-E** is an entrepreneurship festival that brings together thousands of young entrepreneurs (15 years old and above) to showcase their business ideas. Prizes for the “Best Company of the Year” and the “Best Start-Up of the Year”. The event will take place between 2-4 July 2024 in Catania, Italy. You can learn more [here](#).
- **Malta**
 - **JA Malta** hosted an awards night for the Company Programme and Startup Programme. They named ReMind as “Company of the Year 2024” and Little Root as “Start-Up of the Year”. Both teams will represent Malta at the Gen-E entrepreneurship festival.
- **Spain**
 - **Ruben Sans Solsona** discussed entrepreneurial culture and how **AIJEC Joves Empresaris de Catalunya** supports young entrepreneurs in a recent interview with L’Econòmic. You can read it [here](#).

If you have any upcoming activities related to youth entrepreneurship that you believe would be relevant and beneficial to the Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy, please contact Helen Shymanski (OECD).

About the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

The OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities provides comparative statistics, analysis and capacity building for local and national actors to work together to unleash the potential of entrepreneurs and small and medium-sized enterprises, promote inclusive and sustainable regions and cities, boost local job creation, and support sound tourism policies.

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DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion develops and carries out the European Commission's policies on employment and social affairs, education and training. This includes, for example, support for more and better jobs through the European Employment Strategy, free movement of workers and coordination of social security schemes and supporting social inclusion by supporting efforts to combat poverty and social exclusion, reform social protection systems, assess new demographic and social developments.

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