



**YEPA Workshop 5
Entrepreneurship Skills and Mindsets
Agenda | 12 February 2025 | Group II**

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About the OECD-EU Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy (YEPA)

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About Workshop #5: Entrepreneurship Skills and Mindsets

This workshop is the fifth workshop in a series of six thematic workshops. The 3-hour online workshop will explore the importance of fostering entrepreneurship skills and mindsets among young people. Participants will examine case-studies on youth-dedicated policies and programmes supporting the development of entrepreneurship skills. The workshop will feature roundtable discussions and dedicated time for networking, offering participants the opportunity to exchange insights, share best practices and build connections.

How participants can prepare for the workshop

Participants are expected to prepare for the workshop by:

- Review the discussion note
- Reflect on what skills are most important for young entrepreneurs to develop in the coming years and what challenges they may face in developing these skills in your country
- Prepare to share an initiative or programme that has been successful in fostering entrepreneurship skills and mindsets among youth (e.g. a new development, a good practice example)
- Consider how public policy can support young entrepreneurs in developing entrepreneurship skills and fostering entrepreneurial mindsets and intention in your country
- Prepare a question on something that they want to learn

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Workshop host: Romania

10:00 – 10:20	Welcome	
		European Commission Ruth Paserman , Director for Funds, Programming and Implementation, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
		OECD Dr. Jonathan Potter , Head of Entrepreneurship Policy and Analysis Unit, SME and Entrepreneurship Division, OECD CFE
		Romania Andrei Talos , Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism
10:20 – 10:30	OECD Secretariat Presentation of the Discussion Note	
		OECD Presentation by Helen Shymanski , Junior policy analyst, SME and Entrepreneurship Division, OECD CFE
10:30 – 10:40	OECD Youth Policy Toolkit	
		OECD Presentation by David Halabisky , Youth and sustainable entrepreneurship co-ordinator, SME and Entrepreneurship Division, OECD CFE
10:40 – 10:45	Q&A	
10:45 – 11:00	The importance of financial literacy for youth	
		Ireland Presentation by Thomas Cooney , Professor of Entrepreneurship, Technological University Dublin
11:00 – 11:05	Q&A	
11:05 – 11:15	DG GROW: Entrecomp	
		European Commission Dana Adriana Puia Morel , Policy Strategist, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
11:15 – 11:20	Q&A	
11:20 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 11:40	Networking	
		Participants will be randomly assigned to small groups for an informal networking session. This time is designed to foster connections, encourage knowledge sharing and build rapport among YEPA participants in a conversational setting.
11:40 – 11:50	Case study: Boosting digital and green skills	
		Romania Presentation by Anca Otilia Dodescu , Vice-Rector and Professor, University of Oradea
11:50 – 12:00	Case study: Employing digital tools in coaching	
		Finland Presentation by Ewald Kibler , Associate Professor, Aalto University School of Business
12:00 – 12:10	Q&A	
12:10 – 12:40	Roundtables	
		Participants will be grouped into small roundtable discussions (4-5 people) to share insights on policies and programmes in their country that aim to support the development of entrepreneurship skills and mindsets among young people. Participants are encouraged to ask questions from their peers to learn more about the various programmes as well as sharing web links or impact reports of the selected programmes (information collected during the workshops will be included in an annex in the updated summary note). There will be four rounds of discussions lasting for 10 minutes each. Suggested questions:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What skills do you think are most critical for young entrepreneurs to develop in the coming years?• Can you share an initiative or programme that has been particularly successful in fostering entrepreneurship skills and mindsets among youth?• What tools and resources are important for trainers to have in order to successfully deliver capacity-building programmes to young people?• What are the advantages and drawbacks to the different formats of training (e.g. face-to-face, online only, hybrid)?• How can young people learn to assess the quality of the information, notably of online content related to entrepreneurship?• How can young people be empowered to employ entrepreneurial thinking and mindsets outside of business creation?
12:40 – 12:50	Report back	
12:50 – 13:00	Take-away lessons and next steps	
		OECD David Halabisky , Youth and sustainable entrepreneurship co-ordinator, SME and Entrepreneurship Division, OECD CFE

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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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