

iEER-Project Kick off Conference

Replicating growth models in Europe – Boosting Innovative Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Regions to Support Young Entrepreneurs*

Please register [here](#) by 20 June 2016

Time **28 June 2016, 09.00–16.00**

Venue **EU Committee of the Regions**
Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels

Conference agenda

- 08.30–09.00 Coffee and registration
- 09.00–09.45 Opening session
- **Mr. Markku Markkula**, President, European Committee of the Regions
 - **Mrs. Elżbieta Bieńkowska**, European Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (TBC)
 - **Mr. Lambert Van Nistelrooij**, Member of the European Parliament
- 09.45–10.00 iEER kicks off to boost growth and jobs in European regions: Why? Who? When? How?
- **Mrs. Christine Chang**, Coordinator, iEER project
- 10.00–11.00 Panel: Kick-start Europe's economy – regions and cities as driving forces to support young entrepreneurs for growth and job delivery
- Moderator **Mrs. Tuija Hirvikoski**, President, ENoLL, European Network of Living Labs
- **Mr. Ossi Savolainen**, Regional Mayor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council
 - **Mr. Rafael Climent**, Minister for Sustainable Economy, Productive Sectors, Trade and Labor, Regional Government of Valencia
 - **Mrs. Karine Charbonnier**, Vice-President, Region Hauts-de-France
- 11.00–11.30 Coffee break

** Young Entrepreneurs refers to entrepreneurs between ages 18-40 who are at the earlier stages of business creation*

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11.30–13.00 **Supporting young entrepreneurs on the ground – showcasing best practices from European regions**

11.30-12.15

Best practices to encourage entrepreneurial competence and activation

- DT Method and its impulses to Entrepreneurs, Students and regional ecosystems, Brandenburg
- Further Education, Northern Ireland
- La suite dans les idées, Hauts-de-France

Best practices to support Startup and acceleration phase

- 5U CV Startup, Valencia
- Slush/Spinno, Helsinki-Uusimaa

12.15-13.00

Best practices to support young entrepreneurs in outlying areas

- FSC Marche, Marche region
- Kerry Region Month of Enterprise
- Operational Programme Development of Knowledge Education, West Pomerania

Best practices to implement RIS3 and help startup to scale up

- Pro-programme, Southern Denmark
- Regional Innovation Competition, West Region Romania

13.00–14.00 Networking lunch

14.00–15.30 Brainstorming workshop: What makes an effective and conducive entrepreneurship ecosystem – Viewpoints of young entrepreneurs on entrepreneurship support services.

Facilitator: Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

- **Ms. Mairead McMahon**, Development Manager of FSB, Northern Ireland
- **Mr. Alejandro Santacreu**, CEO, Puzzle Phone, Helsinki-Uusimaa
- **Ms. Katja Richter**, Co-Founder, Diamond Inventics Brandenburg
- **Mr. Casper Harlev**, Co-Founder, Sensohive Southern Denmark
- **Mr. Con Stack**, Director, Tricel, Kerry Region

Brainstorming session

Audience will be divided into 5 groups. Each group will be joined by a facilitator and one of the speakers for discussion.

15.30–16.00 Wrap-up of the afternoon session and closing remarks

16.00–17.00 *Cocktail reception*

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