

# ICT ENTREPRENEUR

"One becomes an entrepreneur not by birth but by education as well as by experience" Volkmann 2004 In 2016, the EU-funded project entitled 'ICT ENTREPRENEUR: A European University-Business Alliance aiming to foster the entrepreneurial spirit of ICT students' resulted in the development of an innovative entrepreneurship programme for ICT students/graduates. This comprehensive programme helped the participants to increase their understanding regarding the development of new marketable ideas, entrepreneurship and start-ups and follow a different path towards successful digital entrepreneurship.

A pilot testing workshop took place in all involved countries (CY, ES, UK, DE, PT) with the enthusiastic participation of a large number participants. An Entrepreneurship Academy and a Business Competition took place in Cyprus on the 10th-12th of July, during which the top 5 ICT students/ graduates from each partner country presented their business ideas in front of a jury panel.

ICT ENTREPRENEUR training programme helped the participants develop their entrepreneurial mindset and at the same time cultivate new innovative ideas that could be commercially applicable.

### main results

Preparation of the first version of the ICT ENTREPRENEUR programme.

Reception of feedback by the participants concerning the quality of the training programme.

The top 5 participants from each country participated in the final ICT Entrepreneurship Academy and Business Competition that took place in Cyprus.

#### State of the ART:

Identification of the strengths, weaknesses and best practices of existing entrepreneurship programmes.

Pilot testing of the training programme in 5 EU countries (CY, DE, PT, ES, UK) with the participation of 20 ICT students/graduates from each country.

Development of the final version of the ICT ENTREPRENEUR Programme, which will be provided in hard copy and online.

### main topics of training programme

- Week 1: Introduction. Get to know each other.
   Basic definitions and concepts on entrepreneurship introduced. The lean startup approach.
- Week 2: Do you have an entrepreneurial mindset?
- Week 3: Personal resources and entrepreneurial skills.
- Week 4: Understanding the individual and the team dynamics.
- Week 5: Idea Generation and Commercialisation
- · Week 6: IPR issues and Technology Management
- Week 7: Business Model Canvas.
- Week 8: Lean Business Plan
- Week 9: Sources of funding for your start-up.
- Week 10: Final conclusions. Visits to companies.
   Business Idea Competition details, rules and procedures.

### The Lean and Mean ICTe APPROACH



- IDENTIFY MYSELF
- Modules M1 (Entrepreneurial Mindset)+ M2 (Entrepreneurial skills)
- CREATION OF MY IDEA AND MY TEAM
  Modules M3 (Team Building
- Modules M3 (Team Building +M4 (Idea generation and Commercialisation) +M5 (IPR)
- TESTING
- Modules M6 (Business Model Canvas)+M7 (Lean Business Plan)
- ESSENTIAL EXTRAS
- Modules M8 (Pitching) + M9 (Sources of funding)

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