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Fostering an entrepreneurial spirit at a young age

Session 1/3 of „Youth entrepreneurship“ miniseries

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Why are we tackling the topic?



- We think it is **relevant** to our community and other policy makers.
- It is the **foundation** for all other SME support programmes.
- In 2018 **only** 6.5% of working youth (20-29 years old) in the EU were self-employed and even fewer were employers.
- According to the OECD, “*Public policy **can address** many of the market and institutional **failures** in youth entrepreneurship by increasing awareness about the potential of entrepreneurship, embedding entrepreneurship teaching at all levels of education, offering training and coaching outside of education, improving access to finance and supporting the development of entrepreneurship networks for young people.*”

What will you learn?



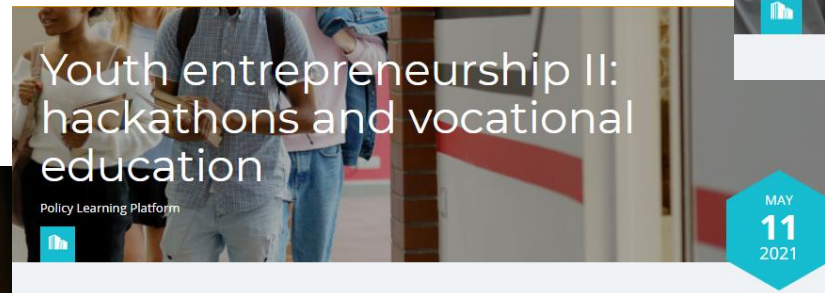
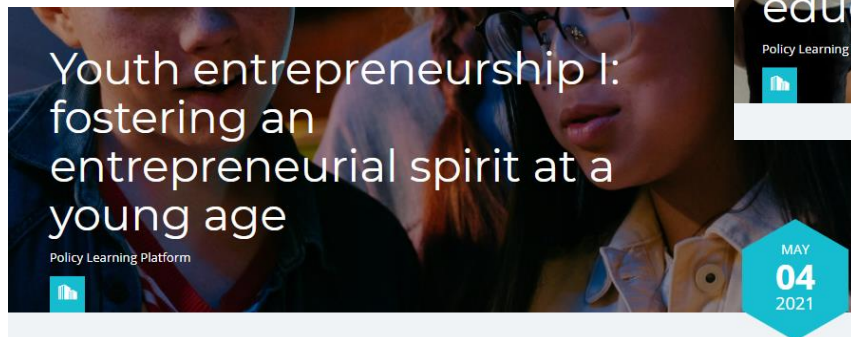
- We will **showcase** various entrepreneurial programmes across Europe.
- We want you to **reflect** on the programmes and initiatives run in your region and see whether you are **missing** some entrepreneurship services at various education stages.
 - *We will start the journey in East-Flanders, Belgium where a holistic set of innovative programmes are aimed at **primary and secondary school students**. In the second session we will move to Andalucía, Spain and take a look at how a successful **hackathon programme** can be set up for **vocational education students**. In the third and final session we will reach the German-Dutch border where within the Knowledge Alliance Rhine-Waal, an **ideation event for university students** and a young SME **subsidy scheme** were set up.*
- The mini-webinars seek to **inspire** other regions to further boost the entrepreneurial spirit of the next generations.

What is a mini webinar series?

„Youth entrepreneurship“



- The “series” are thematically linked short events spread across several weeks.
- However, each session also works as a stand-alone event.
- Each session lasts 30 minutes.
- All sessions start at 10.30 CET.



Today's speakers

Sarah Levecque

European Projects Coordinator from the European Council of East-Flanders, Project *Project partner in the START EASY project.*



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