

ENTREPRENEDU CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL PROJECT COMPLETION AND KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION

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<u>ENTREPRENEDU</u>, a 30-month initiative funded by the European Union, proudly announces the successful completion of its project lifespan, having significantly advanced entrepreneurial ecosystems for education across Europe.

The project represented a strong network of partners, including leading organisations as <u>Fraunhofer IPK</u>, <u>EBAN</u>, <u>Cleantech Bulgaria</u>, <u>LUISS University</u>, <u>F6S</u>, <u>University of Thessaly</u>, and <u>Corallia</u>, with <u>Fondazione E. Amaldi</u> serving as the project coordinator. This collaborative effort was crucial to the project's success, enabling the team to achieve three main results:

• Organisation of three ENTREPRENEDU Hackathons:

- The "HackTheBusiness" Hackathons served as dynamic ideation challenges implemented in Italy, Greece, and Bulgaria. These events were strategically designed not only to stimulate the development and refinement of business concepts among young, innovative minds but also to establish and cultivate professional networks.
- Implementation of ENTREPRENEDU Mentoring & Coaching Programme:
 - Recognising the challenges inherent in an entrepreneur's path, the ENTREPRENEDU Mentoring & Coaching Programme was established to provide targeted support. Led by experienced ENTREPRENEDU experts, this programme was specifically tailored to empower young entrepreneurs, particularly those who emerged from the "HackTheBusiness" events. Through personalised guidance and expert insights, the programme equipped wannabe entrepreneurs with the confidence and knowledge required to effectively build, navigate, and scale their ventures.

• Development of ENTREPRENEDU Venture Building Programme:

 Beyond individual mentorship, the ENTREPRENEDU Venture Building Programme addressed a broader systemic challenge: regional disparities in innovation across Europe. This programme was conceived as a scalable and replicable educational model, providing a practical framework for venture creation. Its strategic design aimed to foster more equitable entrepreneurial growth, ensuring that promising ideas could flourish regardless of their geographical origin within Europe. By promoting a unified approach to entrepreneurial education, this programme directly contributed to closing existing innovation and educational gaps between different EU regions, making a significant step towards a more cohesive European entrepreneurial landscape.





Eleonora Lombardi, ENTREPRENEDU coordinator and Head of Department at Fondazione E. Amaldi concluded: "Leading ENTREPRENEDU has been a unique opportunity to shape practical responses to some of Europe's most pressing innovation challenges. By bringing together partners from diverse sectors and regions, we have collectively built tools and approaches that do more than support entrepreneurship - they actively help rebalance access to opportunity across Europe. ENTREPRENEDU has played a meaningful role in boosting the entrepreneurial ecosystem and advancing a culture of venture building, already leading to several early success stories. These outcomes reflect what coordinated, impact-driven collaboration can accomplish when guided by a shared commitment to systemic change."

The successful completion of the ENTREPRENEDU project underscores its contribution to cultivating a vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem across Europe. Through its strategically designed programmes, from sparking initial ideas in HackTheBusiness to providing in-depth mentorship and building sustainable ventures, ENTREPRENEDU has directly empowered a new generation of innovators. The methodologies and partnerships established throughout its 30-month duration will serve as a valuable legacy, continuing to foster growth and address disparities in entrepreneurial education for years to come.

For comprehensive details on the ENTREPRENEDU project and its full spectrum of results, please visit the <u>official website</u>.

<u>About ENTREPRENEDU Project</u>: <u>ENTREPRENEDU</u> was the initiative funded under the Horizon Europe programme, which assembled innovation stakeholders and educational entities from 6 different European countries: Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Belgium, Germany and Ireland, with an aim to enhance European entrepreneurial ecosystems for education.

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