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# SUPPORTING YOUTH SELF-EMPLOYMENT

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AWARDED EUROPEAN BEST PRACTICES SUPPORTING  
YOUTH SELF-EMPLOYMENT



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An initiative launched by the Regional Union of Municipalities of Attica (P.E.D.A.) and the  
European Network for Inclusion and Local Social Action (E.L.I.S.A.N)

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One of the major societal challenges affecting the European Union is combating the significant youth unemployment. In order to respond to this important and demanding task, the Regional Union of Municipalities of Attica (P.E.D.A.) in collaboration with the European Network for Inclusion and Local Social Action (E.L.I.S.A.N) and with the support of Regioeuropa, the European Network of Social Action (E.N.S.A.), the European Youth Care Platform, the Regione Veneto, the Veneto Lavoro, the Land of Carinthia, the Polibienestar of Valencia and the CCAS of Marseille, launched a call for awards to 'European Best Practices Supporting Youth Self-Employment'.

This initiative aimed to enhance original, relevant and innovative actions which further eased the access to self-employment by overcoming the existing barriers, by developing the entrepreneurial culture and encouraging young people to engage in entrepreneurship in order to tackle their own unemployment and create their own jobs.

This call for awards was directed to Ministries, Municipalities and Regions, private or public entities such as universities/colleges, youth organizations and social partners, vocational training centres, professional and scientific organizations. The overall selected applications were 27 from which 14 were selected for final evaluation of the jury. During the "European Conference on Youth Self-Employment" organised by P.E.D.A and E.L.I.S.A.N. on the 10-11th of November 2016 in Athens, Greece, 6 prizes have been awarded.

Nikolaos SARANDIS  
President of P.E.D.A.  
Mayor of Agii Anargyri-Kamatero  
(Region of Attica)

Sylvie CARREGA  
President of E.L.I.S.A.N.  
Deputy Mayor of Marseille

# JURY MEETING

## 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – REGIOEUROPA premises

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Following the jury meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 at the REGIOEUROPA premises, the members of the jury decided to attribute an Award prize of 4.000 to proposals “PROGRAMME EGG – ENTER GROW GO”, “YUZZ – Young People With Ideas” and “CERCANDO IL LAVORO” as well as an Award prize of 1.000 euros to proposals “BUILD! BUSINESS INCUBATOR CARINTHIA LTD.”, “INNOVATHENS – Hub of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Technopolis City of Athens” and “SIB – Social Impact Bonds”, as the best European practices supporting youth self-employment.



From left to right: Chris PEETERS: VVSG Federation of all Flemish Municipalities; Georgios KAPLANIS: Mayor of Aghia Varvara; Iraklis GOTSIS: Mayor of Nea Ionia; Amandine MORELLI: ELISAN steering committee; Martina RATTINGER: Director, EU-Representation Office of Carinthia Brussels; Dionysios TSAGKRIS: EC officer – DG GROW; Elena CURTOPASSI: Elisian steering committee, Veneto Region; Antonis POLYCHRONAKIS: City of Rotterdam; Athanassios GOUMAS: P.E.D.A. steering committee; Constantina ARVANITIS: Regioeuropa.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> AWARD – 4.000 EURO

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## “EGG – ENTER GROW GO”

**Eurobank in collaboration with the Corallia – Athens, Greece**

“EGG-ENTER GROW GO” aims to support youth innovative entrepreneurship and improve sustainable employment opportunities in Greece, especially for young people. The Project provides teams of young entrepreneurs with an integrated framework of business incubation, acceleration and co-working space by offering them a range of supporting actions and tools that help them transform their business plans, original ideas or prototypes, into complete, marketable products and services.



## “YUZZ – YOUNG PEOPLE WITH IDEAS”

**Santander International Entrepreneurship Center (CISE) – Santander, Northern Spain**

The Project's main objective is to boost entrepreneurial ventures of young people through a collaborative ecosystem that promotes synergies and knowledge transfer among YUZZ participants and entrepreneurial experts, business mentors, investors and training professionals. The Project runs simultaneously at currently 48 YUZZ Centers distributed through Spain.



## “CERCANDO IL LAVORO”

**Labour Policies Department – Municipality of Vicenza, Italy**

“Cercando il lavoro” aims to give support to unemployed people by creating a network between public and private stakeholders involved in the labor market. Among its partners are: the Association of Labor Consultants, professional educators, training companies, recruitment agencies, job experts and advisors, head hunters and private companies' hiring managers. Through “Cercando il lavoro” a network of 14 municipalities was created to share both target group as well as professionals and job experts. After 4 years, the network has been enlarged to 21 municipalities.





From above: "EGG", "YUZZ", "CERCANDO IL LAVORO"

## 2<sup>ND</sup> AWARD – 1.000 EURO

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### **“BUILD ! BUSINESS INCUBATOR CARINTHIA LTD.”**

**Build ! Gründerzentrum Kärnten GmbH – Klagenfurt and Villach, Carinthia, Austria**

“Build!” fulfils two main tasks: on the one hand, it raises awareness for business creation, mainly focusing on academic institutions and secondary schools in Carinthia and on the other hand, it accompanies concrete start-up projects over a period of 18 months. It stresses individual and personal support as well as competent advice and a special training program in order to provide tailor-made start-up support for every project.



### **“INNOVATHENS – HUB OF INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP TECHNOPOLIS CITY OF ATHENS”**

**Technopolis City of Athens – Athens, Greece**

The main objective of INNOVATHENS is to create sustainable technical and organizational conditions in order to host and support innovative ideas, to provide personalized coaching, consulting and mentoring services to start-ups and self-employed young people, to encourage and strengthen partnerships that promote the development and implementation of new technologies in all economic sectors, to network and get connected with the innovation ecosystem as well as financial resources in Greece and abroad.



### **“SIB – SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS”**

**Buzinezzclub – Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

The strategy of the SIB project is to lead – with private investment for social interventions of the coaches and trainers – unemployed vulnerable youth out of welfare (i.e. out of their unemployment benefit situation) towards self-employment and entrepreneurship. It also creates savings on the public expenditure and at the same time, more wealth (economic stimulus), health, social networks and less criminality.





From above: **"BUILD! BUSINESS INCUBATOR CARINTHIA LTD."**, **"INNOVATHENS – HUB OF INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP TECHNOLIS CITY OF ATHENS"**, **"SIB – SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS"**

# THE FINALISTS

PROJECT TITLE	COUNTRY	BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION
EGG – ENTER GROW GO	ATHENS GREECE	The EGG project is one of the most successful business accelerators in Greece aiming to support innovative youth entrepreneurship and enhance the prospects for sustainable employment of the country's human resources.
YUZZ – YOUNG PEOPLE WITH IDEAS	SANTANDER SPAIN	The project's main objective is to boost entrepreneurial ventures of young people through a collaborative ecosystem that promotes synergies and knowledge transfer among YUZZ participants and entrepreneurial experts.
CERCANDO IL LAVORO	VICENZA ITALY	"Cercando il lavoro" aims to give support to unemployed people by creating a network between public and private stakeholders involved in the labor market.
INNOVATHENS-HUB OF INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP TECHNOPOLIS CITY OF ATHENS	ATHENS GREECE	The main objectives of INNOVATHENS are to create sustainable technical and organizational conditions in order to host and support innovative ideas.
BUILD! BUSINESS INCUBATOR CARINTHIA LTD	CARINTHIA AUSTRIA	The project stresses individual and personal support as well as competent advice and a special training program in order to provide tailor-made start-up support for every project.
SIB – SOCIAL IMPACT BONDS	ROTTERDAM NETHERLANDS	The strategy of the SIB project is to lead unemployed vulnerable youth out of welfare towards self-employment and entrepreneurship.
CRE-TA	CASSALA ITALY	CRE-TA offers to young people, professionals and start-ups many opportunities. It is totally dedicated to creative activities with the goal of generating new cooperation and development opportunities.
THE POLICY LEARNING IN POLICIES AIMED AT YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN SPAIN DURING THE CRISIS	VALENCIA SPAIN	The Project is a process based on past knowledge, experiences and information available, in order to make the best decision and adapt the political response to new challenges.
ENTREPRENEURS IN THE MIDDLE TRANSANUBIAN REGION	BUDAPEST HUNGARY	The main objective of the project is to create a young community of entrepreneurs in order to boost the economy in the Middle Transdanubian Region.
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP	SALAMANCA SPAIN	The project is promoting and spreading social and cultural entrepreneurship as another way of work placement.
CERF	EUROPEAN COALITION	CERF is a multi-agent pan European network and it primarily promotes entrepreneurship among young people.
HAVEN INCUBATOR	FLANDERS BELGIUM	HAVEN is a cooperative that supports young entrepreneurs to test the sustainability of their projects.
STUDENT INC	CORK, IRELAND	Student Inc. is a pilot project that gives students the opportunity to set up a business within an incubation environment over the summer period.



# LIST OF SELECTED PROJECTS

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