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# Bey nd Scale NEWSLETTER

#### **BeyondScale**

BeyondScale is seeking to create a pan-European community of practice that will share and document emerging good practices, based on the outcomes of the individual and collaborative activities of the participants.

BeyondScale utilises the HEInnovate self-assessment platform to drive entrepreneurial and innovative change.

#### **HEInnovate**

**HEInnovate** is a self-assessment tool by the European Commission and the OECD for higher education institutions to explore their innovative potential. HEInnovate diagnoses areas of strengths and weaknesses, opens up discussion on respective topics. HEInnovate covers eight areas for self-assessment.

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#### **The Digi Buddy Platform**

The Digi Buddy platform is a digital tool that supports higher education institutions finding institutional partners for peer learning and assists their collaboration and capacity building during institutional transformation with evidence-based tools.

The Digi Buddy platform has already been tested by several Higher Education Institutions, and now it is your turn!

#### A closer Look on Digi Buddy

Digi Buddy was designed and implemented within the Erasmus+ project BeyondScale. The HEInnovate dimensions (Digital Transformation & Capability, Entrepreneurial Teaching and Learning, Knowledge Exchange, Measuring Impact, Preparing and Supporting Entrepreneurs) were used so as to support the HEIs to find "buddies" based on their field of interest.

The DIGI Buddy platform has the following three main functionalities:

- To enable HEIs to find matching institutions that face similar challenges. •
- To facilitate collaboration, networking, and mentorship among HEIs.
- To provide access to evidence about how institutions become more entrepreneurial via the "Inspiration Fiches".

#### **Step-for-Step Guide**

- 1. Open https://www.digi-buddy.eu/ and register as user.
  - 2. After your registration, check out the information offered on the platform, create a profile for your institution and your department.
    - 3. You received the link? Then try to find your Buddy.

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**Facts** 

**Registered Universities from the** 

Netherlands, Portugal, Austria, Bulgaria, Ireland,

Linked to the HEInnovate

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Romania and Greece.

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The "Inspiration Fiches" summarize evidence from scientific literature and resources provided by the HEInnovate platform and BeyondScale.

They provide a menu of typical challenges that higher education institutions face when becoming more entrepreneurial.

The fiches list interventions higher education institutions employed to respond to challenges, the inputs used, the barriers faced, and the solutions institutions have developed.

They include answers to the following questions:

- **Challenge/Goals** Which goals should be achieved through the change process?
- Interventions What interventions are there to achieve the goals?
- **Input** What inputs or resources must be expended for this, and what special requirements must these inputs meet?
- **Barriers & Solutions** What problems can arise and what can be done to overcome them?

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The Digi Buddy platform helps Higher Education Institutions to find matching					
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Each registered Higher Education Institutions has a separate profile where information on the university, e.g. location, area of expertise, degree levels and contact data are presented.

## Find a partner to collaborate with

The Digi Buddy Platform

### The International Entrepreneurial Education Network

Within the BeyondScale project, the consortium partners kicked-off an international entrepreneurial network based on an action plan that defines the details of the network to ensure existence and further development after the BeyondScale project has been finished. The network focuses on building entrepreneurial education, that is effective, innovative and attractive, and might contribute massively to knowledge-, skill- and attitude development in and among the area of entrepreneurship.

The network aims to bring together the following stakeholders: teachers, students, businesses, research associates and the entrepreneurship hubs. It will foster international student and staff cooperation while it is going to bring the academia closer to the business.



Find out more below: <u>The International Entrepreneurial Education Network</u>









