

ECoC-SME aims to improve local entrepreneurship policies by promoting the participation of SMEs and prospective entrepreneurs in the European Capital of Culture mega-event and its legacy.

Five cities and regions. Five European Capitals of Culture. And five policy instruments. Calling for new actions to induce SME growth and innovation.

We started pooling our ideas in June 2019 and have already found much inspiration from our exchanges in order to develop novel practices and improve policies in our regions.

See how we work, how we think, what we have learnt, and get inspired yourselves!

The ECoC-SME project, 6.2019 - 1.2020 Timeline of policy learning events facilitating multi-level exchanges

JUNE 2019 JULY 2019 AUG. 2019 SEPT. 2019 OCT. 2019 NOV. 2019 DEC. 2019 JAN. 2020

Interregional and local workshops are our essential project activities. Our [first interregional workshop](#), in **Leeuwarden**, June 2019, reviewed regional needs and potentials and prepared us for the first local learning labs. *In our first months we have looked for ways to engage the young in entrepreneurship using the development energies of the "European Capital of Culture".*

One of the [11 Fountains](#), Leeuwarden.



Local learning labs discussing about youth and entrepreneurship were held with stakeholders during Sept.-Oct. 2019 in [Leeuwarden](#), [Matera](#), [Rijeka](#), [Timisoara](#), and [Kaunas](#).

Read about what each region has learnt so far in the first chapters of our [ECoC-SME book-in-the-making](#)!



