



**10 regions,
1 goal.**
Boosting
Innovative
Entrepreneurial
Ecosystem for Young
Entrepreneurs.

iEER aims to improve entrepreneurial ecosystems to better support the needs of startups. Project partners will learn from each other in building better services and regional policies to support startups and boost local ecosystems.



Working together

to support young entrepreneurs

iEER partner regions have a strong focus on entrepreneurship and the majority of project partners have been awarded with the European Entrepreneurial Region label. iEER aims to break down silo mentality and bring together all actors having a hand in entrepreneurial success. Partners will learn from each other to build better services and regional policies in support of startups. Universities, local and regional authorities, startup support agencies and SMEs are closely involved in the project both on the local and interregional levels.



What will we do?

iEER learning process is conducted during 2016–2018. The five learning camps are a key element of the project. In learning camps project partners study the best practices of a region and brainstorm in workshops to find solutions to common problems. Another central element of the project are ten peer reviews, one for each partner region. Peer reviews provide valuable insight on the strengths and weaknesses of the region which will help develop local entrepreneurial ecosystems.

Sharing know-how

After the learning process is concluded in 2018 project findings are collected, analysed and compiled into regional action plans, which will then be put into action. Key findings of the learning process are shared with others through the iEER Boost Growth Handbook. The handbook gathers best practices and most useful policies into a practical guide to benefit other European regions.

Action and impact

The second phase of the project sees iEER move from learning to implementation with the help of Structural Funds and other available local and EU funding. During 2018–2020 regional action plans are put into practice and their progress is closely monitored. The results and lessons learned from the implementation of the action plans are collected into an EU-wide policy recommendation.

Regional action plans, iEER Boost Growth Handbook and the policy recommendation are shared to provide others the chance to implement lessons learned. iEER works closely with the EU Committee of the Regions and European Commission DG Growth to make sure project results can be enjoyed by regions around Europe.

Project facts



Expected results and impacts

- Improving 11 European Structural Fund programs and their support to startups with a total amount of 42 million euros
- Increasing the policy and capacity building of entrepreneurial support practitioners at the local, regional and European levels
- Forecasting the entrepreneurial and regional policy development needs beyond 2020

Deliverables

- 10 local action plans
- iEER Boost Growth Handbook
- Turning Europe Young policy recommendation

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Interreg Europe

Interreg Europe supports projects for regional and local public authorities across Europe to share ideas and experience on public policy. The aim is to share solutions so that European regions become the best that they can be. Interreg Europe is funded by the European Regional Development Fund.