



Integrating Talent Development into Innovation Ecosystems in Higher Education

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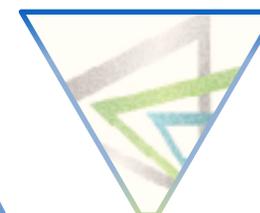
About the project INNOTAL

The project “Integrating Talent Development into Innovation Ecosystems in Higher Education - INNOTAL” is implemented in the framework of the *Erasmus+ Programme, KA2 Capacity Building in Higher Education*. The duration of the project is 36 months, starting from 10/2017 and ending in 10/2020.

INNOTAL project objectives

The project seeks to build the capacity of the participating Universities to ensure graduates' employability and develop students' talent by encouraging collaboration with external organizations (industry, public sector and community) and by providing opportunities for students to actively participate in such cooperation.

Erasmus+ is the European Union Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport for 2014 - 2020. The action “***Capacity Building in Higher Education***” contributes to the modernization and internationalization of higher education in the Partner Countries.



How does the INNOTAL project support students?

- INNOTAL Universities are working on a viable plan to strengthen entrepreneurship education and provide more opportunities for entrepreneurial learning for all students, regardless of their area of study
- INNOTAL Universities are reviewing the current practice of internships and practical training and are developing plans for their future improvement
- INNOTAL Universities are reviewing learning approaches and are working on plans to promote employability skills development through student-centered and problem-based learning
- Each INNOTAL University is setting up a Talent Co-Creation Lab whose purpose is to provide opportunities for participation in trainings, research projects and live innovation projects. All Lab activities will be implemented in collaboration with external stakeholders - industry, business, public-sector organizations and non-governmental organizations. Students involved in these projects will be exposed to real-world business problems and will be given the chance to engage in trainings developed in cooperation with external stakeholders
- Each INNOTAL University is setting up a Student Volunteering Center to support students who wish to pursue volunteering activities to get exposed to real community challenges and to develop life and work skills
- The INNOTAL online platform for innovation management and collaboration with external stakeholders is already live. Students are invited to register in order to follow the collaboration ideas proposed by external stakeholders and learn about collaboration projects underway in the Talent Co-Creation Labs and in other parts of the university. For more information, see the next pages.

 ***What is the INNOTAL online platform for innovation management and collaboration with external stakeholders?***

The platform is an online tool designed to facilitate collaboration between the INNOTAL universities and external organizations, including, but not limited to, industries, business, non-governmental and community organizations and public-sector organizations. The platform hosts students, faculty members and external experts.

Registration is free and easy.

Register now !

to connect with academics, innovators and talent, to post collaboration ideas, to respond to collaboration calls and proposals, and to kick-start collaboration projects

Post collaboration ideas!

Respond to existing ideas!

Collaborate in projects!

open-research.unwe.bg

Why and how to register on the INNOTAL online platform?

Registration is simple and will take less than 5 minutes. You can use the platform immediately after registering. To register, follow the link: <http://open-research.unwe.bg/register>.

If you are a student

Register by indicating your University and Department. Students from other universities are welcome to join the platform, too. Once you have registered, you can see collaboration ideas and projects in your University (if it is a member of the INNOTAL project) and/or in all other universities. You can post ideas and comment on other people's ideas. You can contact your University's Talent Co-Creation Lab if you wish to join a collaboration project.

If you are a company, public sector organization or an NGO

Register by indicating the University that invited you to collaborate or that you wish to collaborate with. Indicate clearly your sector or area of interest in order to improve the relevance of projects that you can be invited to join. Once you have registered, you can see collaboration ideas and projects in your preferred university (if it is a member of the INNOTAL project) and/or in all other universities. You can post ideas and/or comment on other people's ideas. In case you wish to participate in a collaboration project or to kick-start such a project, please contact the Talent Co-Creation Lab in the university that you wish to collaborate with. If you have no contact person to turn to, please contact innotal.project@gmail.com

*Please note that this platform promotes **open research and innovation**. We strongly discourage users from posting or sharing proprietary information. In case you are interested in proprietary research, please contact directly the Talent Co-Creation Lab in the University that you wish to collaborate with.*

Fourth INNOTAL Collaboration Workshop in Hyderabad, India December 11-13, 2019

The fourth INNOTAL project workshop was hosted by University of Hyderabad. It was attended by around 40 representatives of the 15 partner organizations. The first main objective of the collaboration workshop was to exchange information and ideas about the strategic plans for improving graduates' employability currently developed and implemented in the INNOTAL Partner Country universities. The second objective was to allow the INNOTAL partner teams to jointly plan and work on the scope and content of training modules on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology Transfer. The workshop resulted in detailed templates for learning materials relevant to the needs of the PC universities, as well as in more clarity and new ideas about the activities of the Talent Co-Creation Labs. Finally, the workshop focused on planning the use of the innovation and knowledge flow management online platform developed in the frame of the project.



Next steps **Transnational training in Ulster University, Belfast, UK**

The partnership will gather for a 4-day transnational training intended to build the skills of key staff of the Talent Co-Creation Labs. The participants will meet with Ulster University colleagues, discover and discuss good practices of forging strong links with business, promoting graduates' employability and career and improving the relevance of higher education. They will also get first-hand training in three key areas: "Innovation for Sustainable Development", "Entrepreneurship, Regional Development and Cluster Formation" and "Technology Transfer Management". The purpose of the training would be to train future trainers who will transfer the skills and knowledge within their own institution. The trained trainers will conduct trainings for students and faculty in the INNOTAL partner universities in Asia.

Who we are (INNOTAL Partnership)



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