

**EDITORIAL**

*By Dana Redford*

**The end or just the beginning?**

The Youth Start – Entrepreneurial Challenges Project has now come to an end – but we won’t be stopping our work just yet! Our team of policymakers, school directors, teacher trainers and teachers will carry on their work with the Challenges and will continue to advance experiential entrepreneurship education in their countries. In Bulgaria, 5,214 students have already been working with the Challenges and we look forward to seeing more countries start implementing the Challenges in Europe and all over the world.

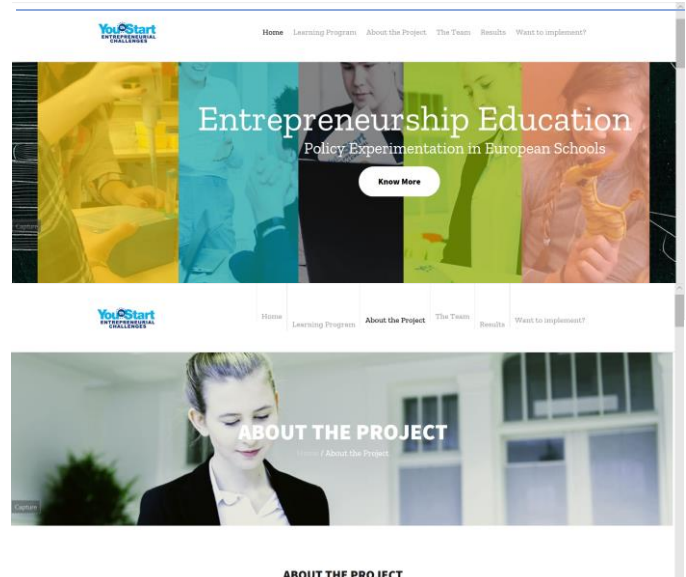


Throughout our three-and-a-half-year project we have had many discussions, presentations, workshops and training programmes focused on how to embed entrepreneurship education into the existing curriculum. The implementation guide

outlines specifically what we have learned in the different country contexts in which we have worked to improve the programme. Students have given positive feedback on the learning materials and on the good work of their teachers. Within the consortium there have been various debates on public policy, and we have produced policy recommendations which will guide the future of this area in Europe.

To take the vision of evidence-based public policy in entrepreneurship education forward, we will update you in the late fall, when we anticipate the final statistical analysis to be completed and plan to continue to disseminate and look forward to working further with all our stakeholders. In the meantime, please look at our website which has been completely revamped and will collect, in an accessible location, the key outputs of the project.

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

On May 8<sup>th</sup> the Ministries Commission II was held in Thalia Theatre (Lisbon, Portugal). This was the official final event of You<sup>th</sup> Start – Entrepreneurial Challenges Project and preliminary results were presented.

The event has started with the keynote on “Citizenship Education & 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills in Portugal”

and was followed by an excellent panel discussion entitled “Entrepreneurship Education in European Countries: the cases of Austria, Luxembourg, Portugal & Slovenia”.

After the coffee-break, the International Coordinator shared the “Youth Start Project & the value of experimentation for evidence-based policy”. Before the closing remarks, the head of evaluation body presented the “Youth Start Experimentation Protocol & Evaluation”.



Ministries Commission II (Portugal)

Thalia Theatre (Lisbon, Portugal)



## Youth Start Project national closing event in Slovenia on June 1<sup>st</sup>

Closing Event (Slovenia)

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## PROJECT NEWS

During the month of June, several dissemination events of You<sup>th</sup> Start project took place in Austria, Slovenia and Luxembourg:

- First teachers training seminar to disseminate the programme among all primary schools in the region of Salzburg, 5.6.2018 (starting with 60 teachers from 30 schools, another 150 schools to follow within the next 3 years);
- “Collective Action Day” of Teach for Austria: 9.6.2018 (participating 120 fellows);
- For the first time students from upper secondary level have been awarded the “Rotary Youth Award for Sustainability” for outstanding Changemaker-projects, in Austria, that contribute to solve one global problem mentioned in the SDGs of the United Nations: 7-9.6.2018;
- Workshop in Slovenia;
- National Open Door Challenge Award in Luxembourg.

Dissemination event (Austria)



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Workshop (Slovenia)



National Open Door Challenge Award (Luxembourg)



## MULTIMEDIA

### You<sup>th</sup> Start – Entrepreneurial Challenges Project Presentation



This video presents You<sup>th</sup> Start – Entrepreneurial Challenges Project and you can find it on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/iyyR9SISdPI>.

Here you can see part of our team and their opinions, thoughts and ideas about the project.

Thanks to the involvement of this team and the other stakeholders, the project reached for greatness and always in the hope that it was not really the end, but the beginning of a new journey.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Name	Date	Venue
Closing Event	June 1	Slovenia
Dissemination of Youth Start in Salzburg	June 5	Austria
National Open-Door Challenge Award (Mëtsch matt)	June 6	Luxembourg
Dissemination of Youth Start at the Collective Action Day of Teach for Austria	June 9	Austria

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