



# Business of Knowledge and Innovation in the primary and related secondary sector Bu4Inno Thessaloniki, 6 June 2023



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### Business Incubator – Gotse Delchev, Entrepreneurship Promotion Centre



- Bulgarian non-for-profit business support organization in public benefit
- Established in 1999
- Objectives:

#### social and economic development through:

- $\ensuremath{\circ}$  entrepreneurship and innovation
- support to potential entrepreneurs,
  - start-ups and SMEs
- knowledge and experience transfer
   cooperation business-education
- $\circ$  partnership and networking



#### **Business Incubator- Gotse Delchev Strategy for development**

- Social and economic development through innovation and entrepreneurship
- Competitive entrepreneurs and SMEs within the region
- Qualified and skillful workforce through Human Resources Development, knowledge share and transfer
- Long-term Positive impact through Cooperation and partnership on
  - Local, regional, national levels
  - Cross border level
  - EU and International level

# How the Business Incubator - Gotse Delchev helps entrepreneurship:

It provides comprehensive business services:

• Practical innovative training

including vocational training

- Information
- Consultancy
- Mentorship
- Support for access to financing
- Development and management of pilot projects
- Network of expertise and knowledge

### **BI-GD Projects**



**ENTREPRENEURSHIP** and **INNOVATION** 



TOURISM





#### **Bottom up approach**

The best way to develop the cross-border region

Doing something meaningful together People to People Actively involve young people

## **Bu4Inno in Bulgaria GR-BG INTERREG project**

#### Workshop Digital marketing



# Bu4Inno in Bulgaria GR-BG INTERREG project

# Seminar **Innovation Diversification and Sustainability** of SMEs in agriculture and food sector



#### Business Incubator – Gotse Delchev, Entrepreneurship Promotion Centre and Youth





### H2020 project Newbie Network

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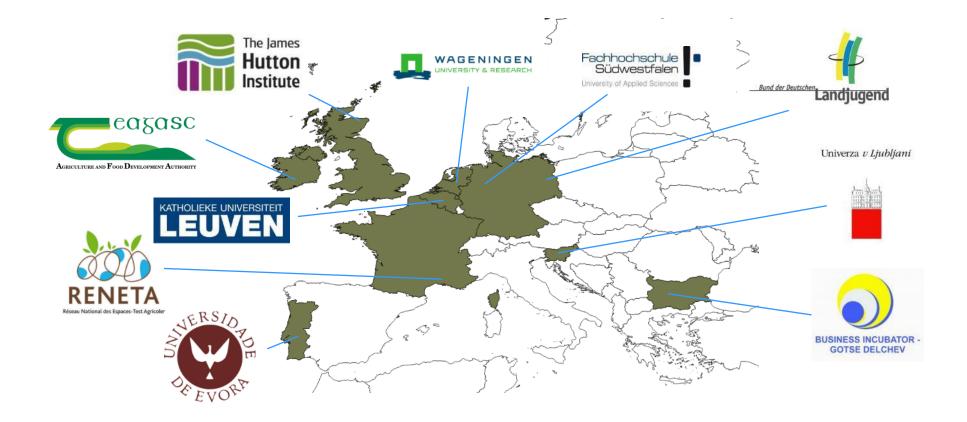
New Entrant netWork: Business models for Innovation, entrepreneurship and resilience in European agriculture

The NEWBIE network will facilitate the development and dissemination of new business models, including new entry models, to the full range of new entrants – from successors to complete newcomers to the agricultural sector.

The NEWBIE network offers a unique platform by bringing together new entrants, successors, advisors, researchers, important regional and national actors and relevant stakeholders in national networks.

• www.newbie-academy.eu

### **Newbie Project Partners**





 H2020 Thematic network stimulating innovation and entrepreneurship in European agriculture through support of new entrants in developing (new) sustainable farms

• How?

- Developing a European network of new entrants (newcomers and successors) and relevant stakeholders <u>http://www.newbie-academy.eu/membership/</u>
- Collect the state of the art, including barriers, bottlenecks, solutions and inspiration
- Facilitate the development & dissemination of new business models
- Develop new tools in co-creation with relevant stakeholders
- Active dissemination of this (new) knowledge and practice

### Case studies: Good practice storytelling Newbie





#### **Farm Strle**

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Entry Model: Married on dairy farm

Business model: Added value to dairy products - niche market

#### Short description:

At Pozaršek-Strle farm, located on the outskirts of Ljubljana, several generations are involved in the milk processing in various dairy products. Špela, who is married to this farm, has started with ice cream.

#### Start of the farm:

For many decades, several generations are involved in dairy production at Pozaršek-Strle farm. Špela had married on the farm and started with own product (ice cream) which was very successful.

#### Main motivations:

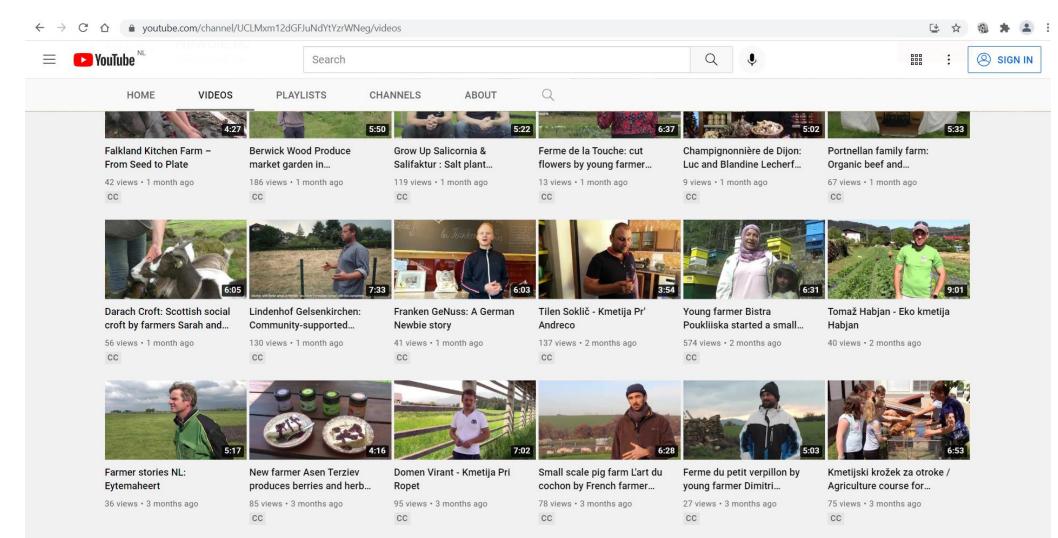
- Špela has always seen herself to be her own boss and work on her own ideas and beliefs, therefore she and her husband decided to take over a farm. - Due to the desire to create, add value to the raw material and produce something new, she started with ice cream.

#### Key success factors:

- Searching for a niche market, innovative products. - Tradition and well-known farm with existing selling channels. Case studies: movies

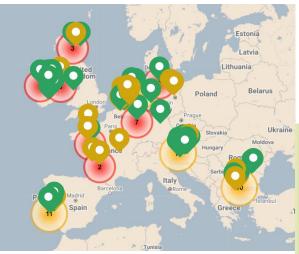


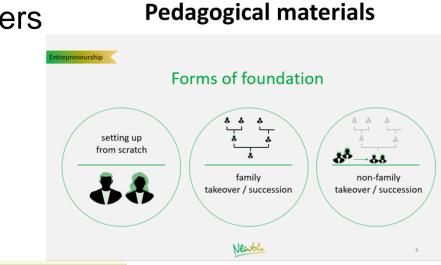
#### Via website / storytelling or <u>Newbie.eu - YouTube</u>

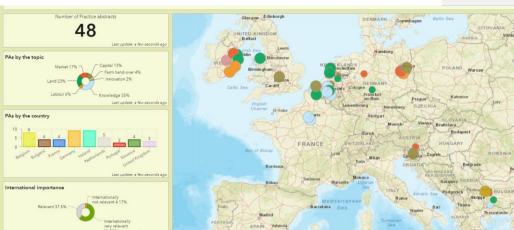


## Newbie toolkit

- Will bring all relevant material together in 1 accessible tool
  - Info for new entrants and other stakeholders
  - Inspiration (case studies)
  - Pedagogical materials







# SEED BG – MK CBC project

#### Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development

- Involving stakeholders and Capacity building
- Social Innovation hub
- Training:
  - Soft skills and business skills
  - Business idea generation and assessment
  - Social business idea shaping and development
- Advising and Mentoring





- Cross-border boot camp
- First Cross-Border BG-MK
   Social Entrepreneurial ideas Marketplace

#### Partners:

- Foundation for Development of Small and Medium Entreprises - Strumica
- Business Incubator Gotse Delchev, project author



### A driver of the process

BI-GD as a driver of the process in cooperatic authority / support organizations Our experience:

- Social economy and entrepreneurship conc
- Know-how
- Multilevel approach to involve stakeholders
- International cooperation
- Balanced social impact and business approach



# **Services provided**

#### Training:

- Soft skills and business skills
- Business idea generation and assessment
- Social business idea shaping and development
- Advising
- Mentoring is vital
- Internship in success enterprises and organizations (Erasmus+)
- Social Entrepreneurial ideas Marketplace



# SUYSE: Starting Up Young Social Entrepreneurs

#### Making Projects

In the frames of a social entrepreneurship the idea development is a complex process, comprising of research and analysis of opportunities, needs, competitors, risks, entrepreneurial characteristics and resources, which involves recognition of the social environment and more than any other the social idea seeks to create value and positive change in the community.



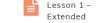
#### Module contents

What is a social enterprise?
 What is a social entrepreneur?
 What is social innovation?
 How does a social enterprise differ from a normal private business?
 How is a social enterprise governed?
 How is a social enterprise managed?
 How is a social enterprise funded?
 Signposting to further learning and support

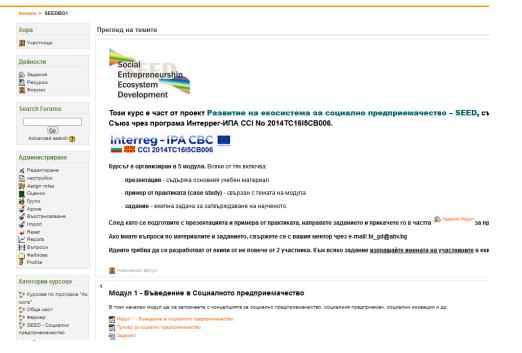
Introduction







#### SEED Курс по социално предприемачество - Българска версия



#### **SEED: Social Enterprise Ecosystem Development**





Cofinanciado por el programa Erasmus+ de la Unión Europea

SUYSE project

- Training modules developed
- Selected and trained 20 young people from the target groups: unemployed, high school and university students and NEETs















# Creative Entrepreneurship Network

- INTERREG IPA CBC BG-MK project
- Capacity building for creative entrepreneurs for creative products and services
- Creative Forum in Strumica
- Creative Fair in Gotse Delchev
- Exhibition "Creativity and Entrepreneurship" in Strumitsa
- 6 mobile creative ateliers: video,

music, fashion, masks, creative products of natural material and recycling



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# Creative Exhibition, Strumica









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# **Innovation Centre for Young People - ICY**

- CBC BG-MK project
- Access to ICT and technology for unemployed and disadvantaged young people
- 3-day Innovation workshop Gevgelija
  20 BG and 20 Mk youths
- 4-day Innovation camp for 20 BG and
  20 MK youths to develop their ideas
- Mentorship



## Innovation Workshop











### Cross-Border Innovation Workshop - ICY

Business ideas generation, assessment, presentations







Thank you for your attention!

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