

YOUNG INNOVATION

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SCOPE

- **Create the environment to attract young persons to become actors in innovation**

Good practice examples for demonstration

- Armenia: Global network of ICT; Armenian network of youth;
- Competitions: Microsoft; ICT contest for youth; Imagine Cup;
- ICT Company: Project generation – product
- Business plans competitions
- Innovation Circus
- ...

Donors / Gov.

- EU Frame 7 Programme
- Mercury
- UMNİK (Russia)
- SOP Competitiveness (RO, BG, PL, SK, CZ)
- EU YOUTH
- Diaspora organisations
- Microsoft
- Microsystems

Needs

- Knowledge
- Participation in projects
- Practice
- Financial support
- Investments
- Favourable environment
- Equal opportunities

Prioritisation

1. Idea (s)
2. Knowledge
3. Favourable environment
4. Financial support (investments;
operation)
5. Participation in projects
6. Practice
7. Equal opportunities

Quick-win proposals

- Projects' presentation on the ECA site
- Participation in big projects
- Forum for young innovators
- Data base with good practice
- Partnership University + SMEs
- Exchange programmes for young entrepreneurs
- Partnership with dedicated sites for youth
- ECA Contest of innovative ideas (Business Innovation, Technology Innovation, Commercialisation of Technology)

Community building

- Associations of youth
 - From universities
 - National organisations
 - Regional organisations
 - International organisations

Action plan

1. Data base set-up with organisations of youth (01.02)
 - address, contact, activities, good practice
2. Project guide (01.02)
 - eligibility criteria
 - proposal format
 - criteria for selection + procedure, evaluators
3. Dissemination / promotion + opening (01.03)
 - e-mail, ECA site, newsletter...
4. Preparing / Collecting proposal (01.06)
5. Evaluation (15.08)
6. Announcement of winners (01.09)
7. Participation to 3rd Global Forum of BICs – 3 presentations + +meetings + promotion
8. Dissemination to ECA