

DRAFT AGENDA

WESTERN BALKAN ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION FACILITY



TRIPLE HELIX COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY

9 February 2016

13:00 – 18:30

Harry Fultz Institute
Tirana, Albania

THE COMPETITION

The **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**, with the support of the **Ministry of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship (MEDTTE)**, the **Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA)** and the **European Commission**, is pleased to organise the Awards Ceremony of the Triple Helix Competition for Business – Academia – Government partnerships for Innovation in Albania. The event will be held on **February 9th in Tirana**. The purpose of this event is to announce the winners of the Triple Helix Competition, which was successfully completed in Albania. The OECD team will also present the work of the South East Europe Division of the Global Relations Secretariat on the Policy Framework for Triple Helix partnerships for Innovation Development in Albania.



THE EDIF PROJECT

The Triple Helix Project is being implemented under the scope of the Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (EDIF). EDIF aims to improve access to finance for small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), enhance the regulatory framework for innovative and high-potential SMEs and stimulate the build-up of the venture capital ecosystem in South East Europe.

This facility is a result of close co-operation between beneficiary economies, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank (EIB), the European Investment Fund (EIF) and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

The Triple Helix framework emphasises synergies between academia, industry and local government. Triple Helix partnerships could contribute to increasing linkages amongst the innovation actors and thereby foster innovation. This proposed TA project aims at increasing the capacity and readiness for innovation in companies, particularly through increased linkages.

Please find out more on: www.wbedif.eu

THE PITCHING IDEAS:

Over 25 organisations have combined forces and created consortia in order to participate in the Triple Helix Competition. Please find a short presentation of the shortlisted triple helix ideas in the annex to this document.

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13:00 – 13:30 **Registration**

Welcome and introductory remarks

Speakers will share their views on the importance of Triple Helix partnerships for innovation in Albania and the OECD – MEDTTE – AIDA co-operation in this project.

13:30 – 14:00

High level representative, MEDTTE (tbc)

Mr. Alan Paic, Head of OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe
Mr. Yngve Engstrom, Head of Operations, EU Delegation in Tirana
Mr. Genti Beqiri, General Director, AIDA

Presentation of best project proposals

Each of the following consortia will have 20 minutes to present their project proposal in front of the OECD experts, the TH Competition Committee and the audience.

1. EUT Business Incubator Project

European University of Tirana - Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation - Business Association NGO (Shoqata e Biznesit)

2. Recycle Jeans Project

Njerez dhe Ide - Connex Albania - Klodian Makashi

3. Touch Screen Smart Gloves Project

Polytechnic University of Tirana - University of Tirana

4. 3D Printer for Rapid Prototyping Project

Polytechnic University of Tirana - STUDIO ArchiMED - Armond Kurti

5. Financing Consulting of Universities Project

University of Elbasan

6. Shkodra Tourism Co-operation Platform Project

University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi" - NGO Business Improvement District - Vataski

14:00 – 16:30
(6 x 25min)

Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:00

Time for Deliberation by the TH Competition Jury

17:00 – 17:15

Announcement of the Competition winners

Concluding remarks and next steps

17:15 – 17:30

Mr. Alan Paic, Head of OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe
Representatives from Ministries and AIDA (tbc)

17:30 – 18:30

Networking Reception

THE PITCHING PROJECTS:



Project: Creation of a business incubator

European University of Tirana in partnership with the **Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation in Albania**, and the **Business Association NGO (Shoqata e Biznesit)**

Contact: **Luljeta Minxhozi** (luljeta.minxhozi@uet.edu.al)



Project: Building of a creative business through the recycling old jeans into shopping bags

Njerez dhe Ide in partnership with **Connex Albania** and **Klodian Makashi**

Contact: **Bukuroshe Sinanaj** (sinanajbukuroshe@gmail.com)



Project: Smart gloves adapted for touch-screen electronic devices

Polytechnic University of Tirana in partnership with the **University of Tirana**

Contact: **Majlinda Hylli** (mhylli@fim.edu.al)



Project: Development, implementation and testing of a 3D printer for rapid prototyping

Polytechnic University of Tirana in partnership with **STUDIO ArchiMED** and **Armond Kurti**

Contact: **Erald Piperi** (epiperi@fim.edu.al)



Project: Creation of a small group of specialists encouraging Albanian universities to apply for projects financed by the EU

University of Elbasan

Contact: **Altin Idrizi** (altin.idrizi@uniel.edu.al)



Project: Creation of a platform promoting and facilitating co-operation in the tourism sector in Shkodra

University of Shkodra "Luigj Gurakuqi" in partnership with the **NGO Business Improvement District** and **Vataski tourism business**

Contact: **Mersida Mokçi** (mersidab@hotmail.com)