

## Education Council: train tomorrow's entrepreneurs today

The conclusions adopted today by the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council on promoting youth entrepreneurship to foster social inclusion of young people lack ambition and concrete measures. Therefore, EUROCHAMBRES highlights two points that fall short in the adopted text:

### 1. Systematic entrepreneurial skills training for 50% of all European school students by 2030

While the Council conclusions underline the importance of entrepreneurial education from an early age, no substantial political and financial commitments from members states are foreseen to realise this ambition.

According to Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES: *“What we need is a firm commitment from members states to introduce compulsory entrepreneurial skills training in curricula of all forms of education and training, starting with primary school. This commitment should be coupled a target to ensure tangible progress.”*

Nonetheless last year's Entrepreneurship Action Plan provides a roadmap for collective member state action and EUROCHAMBRES calls for an agreement on an objective of providing entrepreneurial skills training to 50% of all European school students by 2030. Increasing the number of young entrepreneurs is not only crucial to reducing youth employment, but is also a foundation for Europe's competitiveness.

### 2. Reinforce practical measures that stimulate entrepreneurship like Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

The Council conclusions rightly highlight the positive impact of Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs (EYE), for which EUROCHAMBRES has acted as Support Office since its beginning. Until today, more than 2.500 exchanges have been completed. As the momentum increases, this figure is set to be dwarfed in the years to come.

*“The EYE concept of cross-border entrepreneurial exchange is delivering encouraging and tangible results. To have a true European impact and to allow more young people to create their own business, the programme needs more funding and support from members states, so synergies between European, national and regional schemes are essential”*, concluded Arnaldo Abruzzini.

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