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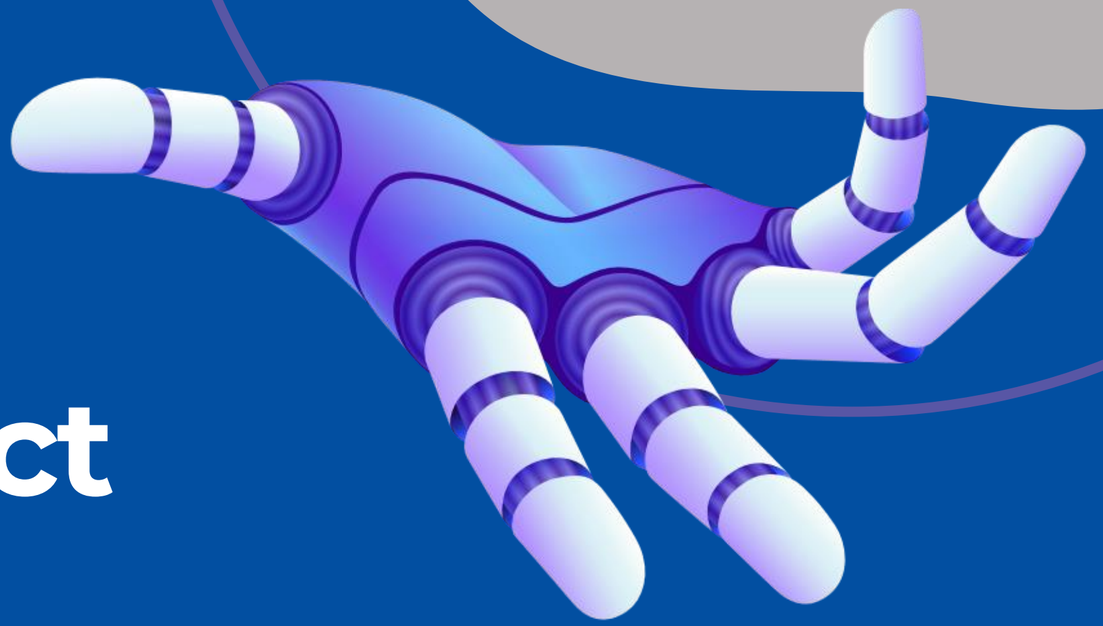
Turning knowledge into real-world impact



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ELEVATE aims to transform interdisciplinary knowledge into solutions for real problems, by promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in food (bio)technology, (bio)medicine, artificial intelligence, and the creative and cultural industries.

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The road to ELEVATE

DiP AGRI Deep Tech Innovation Programme for AGRIfood

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Focused on training activities, building internal structures and best practices, and networking.

Provide skills to boost the agrifood sector, help converting problems into business opportunities.



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- Training structured,
- New and improved internal structures at HEIs
- Shared best practices
- Networking and improved links with ecosystem



Main outcomes

DiP AGRI Deep Tech Innovation Programme for AGRIfood

Lessons learned!

- **Dimension and composition of consortium adequate to goals – choose wisely!**
- **Dimension of consortium should align with KPIs**
- **Have feedback on proposal – peer review**
- **Involve higher management**

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What next?

- Build on training and existing structures
- Consider carefully the rules of your cohort call…
- Half of budget to two novice HEIs!!
- Balance Consortium (capability) vs KPIs vs budget
- Choose carefully core KPI!
- Phases – KPIs – budget

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Transform interdisciplinary knowledge into solutions for real problems

Food biotech, biomedicine, AI, creative and cultural industries

Improve training, include accelerator, instruments to engage innovation ecosystem

Think sustainable solutions

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APPROACH: INSPIRE, CREATE, ELEVATE

KNOWLEDGE
Research • expertise • disciplines

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Skills • mentoring • opportunity

INNOVATION
Ideas • solutions • collaboration

REAL-WORLD IMPACT
Value • sustainability • society

INSTITUTIONAL REFORM

- Strengthen infrastructures and tools across HEIs
- Promote access and ecosystem building

TRAINING

- Core Programme & Case Competition – 3 Editions!
- Interdisciplinary training, mentoring and real-life challenges
- Certificate / **3 ECTS**

ACCELERATION

- Support innovative projects in four core areas
- Entrepreneurship, mentoring and pitching
- International networking

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Multidisciplinarity, innovation & entrepreneurship for real world impact

CORE OBJECTIVES

- **Innovative solutions:** Support high-growth, knowledge-intensive projects/startups via structured acceleration & 1-on-1 mentoring.
- **Ecosystem Synergy:** Bridge research, students, and regional innovation ecosystems.
- **Value Creation:** Turn cutting-edge scientific research into sustainable, market-ready businesses.

INTERDISCIPLINARY ECOSYSTEM

Connecting deep expertise across key vertical sectors with entrepreneurial tools:

Artificial Intelligence

Agro & Food Biotechnology

Health & Biomedicine

Art & Creative Industries

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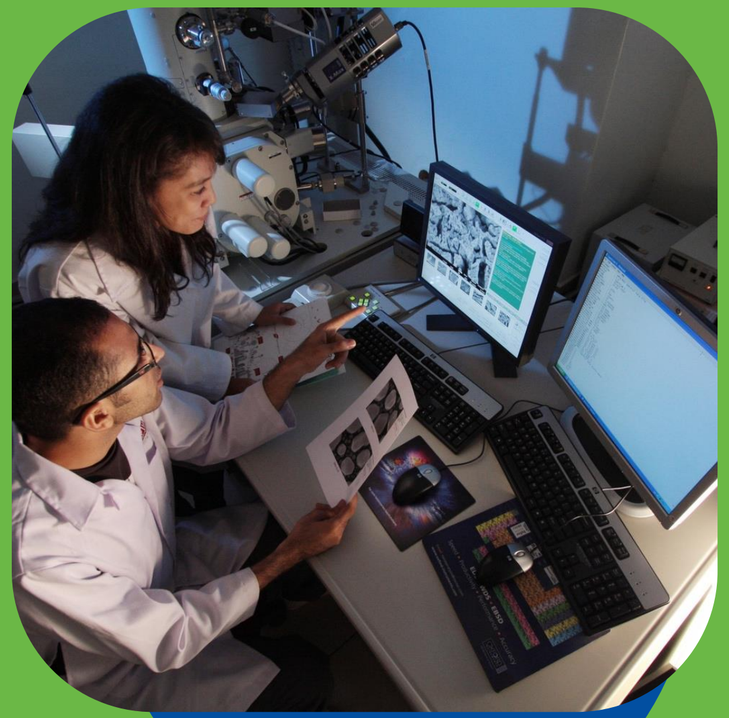

How can we get different mindsets to work together?

Inter-sector – Case Competitions

Inter-disciplines – mixed teams

Different nationalities

What do we and the participants gain?

- **HEIs – foster interdisciplinarity; adjust models**
- **Consortium – flexibility and adaptability**
- **Enterprises - out of the box, exploitable solutions**
- **Participants – enrich solution with different perspectives, mindsets, ideas, focus. Gain adaptability.**

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The Core Programme

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- **Mix disciplines with TT and entrepreneurship**
- **Mix with Case Competition**
- **Mixed Teams**
- **Follow-up Mentorship**

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3 teams applied to accelerator!

The Acceleration Programme



- **12 Teams**
- **Open to Univ Alliances**
- **4 sectors/areas**
- **International setup**
- **Training + Mentorship**
- **5k€ prize each**
- **Ends 4 Dec!**

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Coordination… Pain or gain?



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ALIGN CORE OBJECTIVES, GOALS, VISIONS!











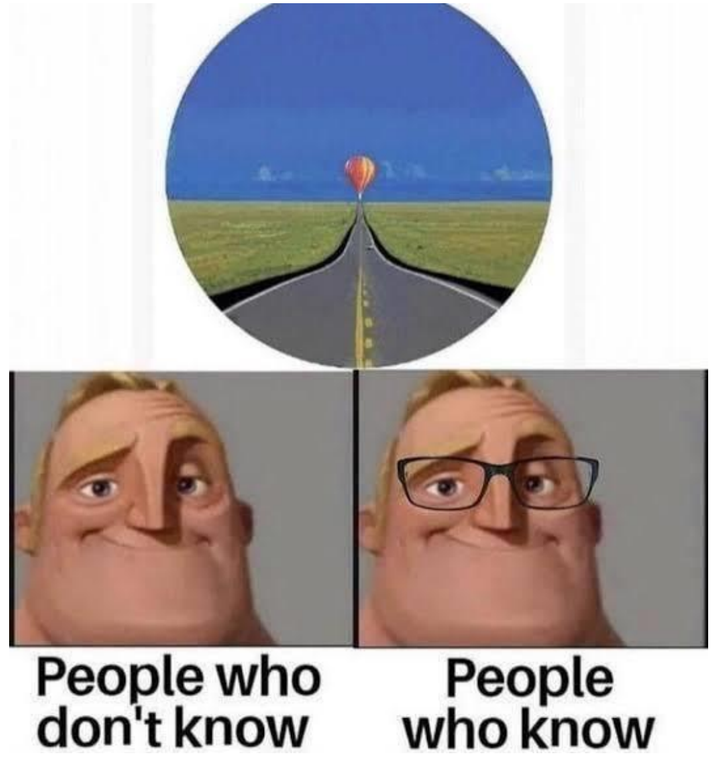

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- **IT IS NOT (just) ABOUT THE KPIs**
- **IT IS ABOUT GROWING TOGETHER**
- **TALK TO YOUR PO & EIT!**



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- **How can I build on achievements?**
- **Plan from the start!**



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