



WELCOME TO OUR 3RD SCIENT NEWSLETTER!

You can learn more regarding the upcoming September grand event "SCIENT Business Idea Competition" that is happening in Nicosia, Cyprus, the first of its kind in Europe!

Find out some fascinating facts regarding the pilot testing programme that took place in 2016 in 7 EU countries (Cyprus, Portugal, Spain, Lithuania, Malta, Italy, the UK).

Lastly check out what SCIENT's participants think of the project in their testimonials!!



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OUR FINAL GRAND EVENT: SCIENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY AND BUSINESS IDEA COMPETITION

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COMPETITION

30 STEM PhD students and graduates from 7 participating EU countries will present their business ideas

Place: European University Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus
Date: 14th September 2017
Name of event: SCIENT Business Idea Competition

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THE FINAL EVENT ENTITLED "SCIENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP ACADEMY AND BUSINESS COMPETITION" AIMS TO PUT IN PRACTICE THE EXPERIENCES ACQUIRED DURING THE PILOT TESTING PROGRAMME BY THE PARTICIPANTS.

35 STEM PhD students and graduates have been selected from the 7 participating EU countries to present their business ideas and take part in the competition that our SCIENT team will organise in Nicosia, Cyprus, between the 11th until the 14th of September 2017.

The 5 top participants from each country will travel to Cyprus and participate in a 2-day Entrepreneurship Academy followed by a day dedicated to practicing their pitching and finally presenting their business ideas in front of the Panel of Judges, during the Business Idea Competition event, happening on the 14th of September. This event aims to celebrate the success of our participants and their learning trip towards a new career path, that of entrepreneurship.

All young scientists will present their business plans to a panel of representatives from all partner organisations, in order to give them the opportunity to obtain funding and other valuable prizes which will help them in realising their business idea through the creation of their own start-up.

This stage is of vital importance for the practical application of our training content, seeing in reality how our young scientists have utilised in practice everything that they have been taught during the pilot training seminars that took place in 2016. Also the event will be a unique opportunity for young researchers from across Europe to exchange ideas, become aware of multi-cultural issues, practice their pitching together, transfer best practices and develop a network between them that could lead to successful collaborations over the long-run.

The events will be open to the public. A large number of academics, researchers, consultants, public officers, decision makers, national MEPs, well-known entrepreneurs and managers and other representatives of the public and private sectors have been invited to attend.

Don't miss this unique event happening for the first time in Europe!

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KEY INFORMATION FOR OUR SCIENT PILOT TESTING PROGRAMME

- 15 partner organisations from 8 different countries
- +100 visits to local and EU organisations aiming to collect information and structure an innovative programme based on the needs of STEM PhD students and post-docs
- More than 1000 participants completed the online questionnaire
- 1 Innovative training programme focusing on PhD Stem students and graduates fully funded by the Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliances EU programme.
- 7 Pilot Testing Seminars in Cyprus, Portugal, Spain, Italy, UK, Lithuania, Malta
- 5 training days, covering 12 learning units dedicated to STEM PhD students/graduates
- Mentoring and coaching following the completion of this pilot programme
- More than 100 PARTICIPANTS across 7 EU countries
- Opportunity for pilot participants to participate in a 1-week Internship in another EU country, all costs covered!
- Success stories of STEM entrepreneurs from all over Europe shared during pilots!
- Great networking opportunities with investors, business people, successful entrepreneurs and consultants!
- 3 days of Entrepreneurship Academy with the pilot participants with the 5 top business ideas from each country. In total 35 participants from 7 countries.
- 1 EU Business Idea Competition and Great Awards! In total 25 Business Ideas to be presented!

In 2016, following the development of our unique training programme by all involved SCIENT partners, a pilot testing seminar with a duration of 40 hours took place in 7 EU countries (Cyprus, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Lithuania, Malta, UK). The participants were STEM PhD students and post-docs, aiming to develop their entrepreneurial mindset and become

knowledgeable about key issues relating to entrepreneurship, start-ups, business models and commercialization of research findings.

The key information relating to the preliminary work that took place at the start of the project and the subsequent organization of the pilots is shown below:



WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS THINK ABOUT SCIENT! CHECK OUT THEIR TESTIMONIALS!

THE VAST MAJORITY OF PILOT TESTING PARTICIPANTS ACROSS ALL 7 COUNTRIES WERE ENTHUSIASTIC WITH OUR SCIENT PROGRAMME. THIS IS EVIDENT FROM THE TESTIMONIALS THEY PROVIDED FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE PILOT SEMINAR AND THEIR INTERNSHIPS. SOME OF THESE TESTIMONIALS ARE SHOWN BELOW:

I have concluded my internship included in the program of SCIENT course. I want to express my satisfaction about this experience. I choose to do my internship at the GEO FUN company that is situated at Ponta Delgada (Azores islands) because their activities are in line with my business idea. I was impressed by the professionalism of the company that provided me with key and vital information and suggestions on how to start a tourism company. I want to say thanks to SCIENT team that provided this great possibility. I am now satisfied from the whole training and internship experience and I am enthusiastic in carrying on my business idea.

Todaro Simona (GeoFun UNESCO Azores Geopark-Italy)

SCIENT training programme was a great experience that really allowed me to develop my entrepreneurship skills. Having the opportunity to share experiences with successful entrepreneurs in the field of science and technology was of great inspiration. I felt that the most important part was the bridge provided between research and business, creating products/services with the acquired knowledge, something that we often lack in academia or during the implementation of our doctorate studies. Moreover, SCIENT allowed me to attend an international congress in my field of research, where I presented my work and developed my contact network. Altogether, SCIENT was a splendid experience.

Josué Carvalho (Portugal)

It was a very interesting programme that will help any participant to get into the right mentality of entrepreneurial spirit. Full of interesting and interactive lectures that will give you a complete knowledge on how to start your own business.

Chrysavgi Nikolaidou (Cyprus)

World is full of opportunities and information, hardest part is to choose what is right for you. Start as early as possible and if you do not know try everything, once you have found something stick to it and go deeper. You will always succeed more with less skilled but very good, honest and real team than with a bunch of smart individuals. It is passion and courage what drives people forward. SCIENT is a good starting point for this purpose.

Anonymous (Lithuania)

What I learned during this course were the key steps to starting your own business, I had no clue how to do this before I participated to the SCIENT course, having taken an Engineering Post Graduate degree. I was given to tools and techniques and the motivation to get started. The best part of this course has been the meeting of new friends and the quality of the lecturers.

Zihng Zhu (UK)

Before following the course, I was only a highly qualified professional who thought that his knowledge was enough to create products and having the skills to sell them. Now I see that I can behave as an entrepreneur, being good in explaining and selling my products. That gives me a much more challenging future.

Joaquín Alcazar Ballesta (Spain)

More news about the grand event happening in Cyprus in September 2017 and the final steps of the project coming up in our 4th SCIENT Newsletter!