

Research "New Venture Initiative"

In this online research, the ZIFET provides an overview of existing initiatives supporting new venture creation in their specific countries in an international comparison.

Globalization and Internationalization are seen as driving forces equally in economy and in research. Through an international orientation of corporations and universities, several positive effects arise. These are an internationalization of the sales market, an optimization of the innovation and cooperation management, and regarding the layout of the value chain. To date, several associations exist in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation, and transfer.

The results of our search (see below) present a comprehensive overview of existing associations, initiatives, and networks supporting the mentioned fields in Europe, North America, and Asia. All listed associations might support different target groups of a university, including students, researchers and professors.

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Europe

Name	Country	Description
3TU	Netherlands	3TU contributes to the well-being of the Netherlands by strengthening and pooling knowledge and creativity in the technology sector, and by exploiting it to maximum effect.
Academy of Entrepreneurship and Innovation	France	The Academy of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in France has the goal to establish the spirit of Entrepreneurship for the whole process of school and university education.
Accelerator Assembly	UK	The Accelerator Assembly is an industry-led network, a key part of the EU initiative called Startup Europe. It was born out of the European Commission's leadership towards supporting web entrepreneurs.
AE - Austrian Entrepreneurs	Austria	Austrian Entrepreneurs is a network of Austrian entrepreneurs with the aim of promoting entrepreneurship in and from Austria.
AIE CR - Association of innovative Entrepreneurship	Czech Republic	Since June 23, 1993 implementing the goal of non-government organization in the field of innovative entrepreneurship.
Ashoka Deutschland	Germany	Ashoka is the largest network of social entrepreneurs worldwide, with nearly 3,000 Ashoka Fellows in 70 countries putting their system changing ideas into practice on a global scale.
ASTP Proton	Netherlands	ASTP-Proton is the premier, pan-European association for professionals involved in knowledge transfer

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Campus Entrepreneurship Enterprise Network	Ireland	between universities and industry. CEEN is the Irish national network for promoting and developing entrepreneurship and enterprise, at third level. CEEN aims to create a sustainable national platform for raising the profile, extending engagement and further developing entrepreneurship across the Irish HEI sector.
Community of Practice on Inklusiv Entrepreneurship (COPIE)	Germany	The Community of Practice on Inclusive Entrepreneurship (COPIE) is a learning network of ESF Managing Authorities and Implementing Bodies at national and regional level in Europe.
Coneect network - Educating Entrepreneurship Educators	Germany	Coneect is an international network of universities that offers interactive training courses for academic entrepreneurship teachers to improve the Entrepreneurship Education across Europe.
Copenhagen School of Entrepreneurship (CSE)	Denmark	We are the largest student incubator in Denmark, open to entrepreneurs from higher education and on a mission to help you develop your idea into business.
European network for corporate social responsibility & disability	Spain	The ultimate aim is to enhance social inclusion and employment of people with disabilities in Europe, contributing at the same time to the development of responsible competitiveness of business and public administrations.
CTI Entrepreneurship	Swiss	We support the next generation of scientists and entrepreneurs in developing their business ideas, setting up their company and implementing a strategy for growth.
DENKFABRIK Entrepreneurial Universities	Germany	The “DENKFABRIK Entrepreneurial Universities” is an independent, national and cross-university initiative and organisational platform. Employees of the participating universities, who are directly working in the areas of entrepreneurship teaching and the founding services.
EBN Innovation network	Belgium	EBN is a network of 160+ quality-certified EU BICs (business and innovation centres, incubators, accelerators and other support organisations) and 100 Associate Members that support the development and growth of innovative entrepreneurs, start-ups and SMEs.
European Institute of Innovation & Technology ICT Labs	Belgium	EIT ICT Labs is a leading European organisation for Innovation and Education in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).
Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)	Europe	The Network helps small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) make the most of business opportunities in the EU and beyond.
Entrepreneurship Research and Education Network (ERENET)	Hungary	Entrepreneurship research and education network of central European Universities.

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<u>Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship (ECE)</u>	Netherlands	Driven by the conviction that entrepreneurship is the primary condition for realising progress, the Erasmus Centre for Entrepreneurship (ECE) offers a learning environment where companies become better at entrepreneurship by gaining new insights and turning ideas into innovations.
<u>European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs (YES)</u>	Belgium	YES – European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs is the major association of young entrepreneurs throughout Europe representing 40.000 members and aiming to support and improve the economic and social performance of young entrepreneurship in Europe.
<u>European Consortium of Innovative Universities (ECIU)</u>	Europe	The European Consortium of Innovative Universities is a network of universities who are united by a common profile, by shared beliefs and interests, and mutual trust.
<u>European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB)</u>	Finland	The European Council for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ECSB) is a non-profit organization whose main objective is to advance the understanding of entrepreneurship and to improve the competitiveness of SMEs in Europe.
<u>European Forum for Entrepreneurship Research (EFER)</u>	Europe	Over the past 27 years, EFER has sought to put entrepreneurship on the roadmap of European higher education and develop a network of first-class European professors and active entrepreneurs.
<u>European University Entrepreneurship on Network (ESU)</u>	UK	The main idea of the ESU – concept is to gather people with similar views and interests who have a strong desire to share their knowledge and experiences in both entrepreneurship research and entrepreneurship education.
<u>German Accelerator</u>	Germany	To foster the international growth of German tech startups by supporting them with an effective and efficient entry into the U.S. market with our dedicated mentors.
<u>Holland Program on Entrepreneurship (HOPE)</u>	Netherlands	The Holland Program on Entrepreneurship (HOPE) is a collaboration between the Erasmus University Rotterdam, Delft University of Technology and Leiden University to facilitate various programs that inspire, educate, support and connect tomorrow’s leading entrepreneurs in South Holland.
<u>Network for Training Entrepreneurship (NFTE)</u>	Belgium	By initiating young people into the world of the entrepreneur and giving them the spirit of the entrepreneur, NFTE tries to revitalize youth who have had difficulty fitting into the conventional business world or the formal education system.
<u>Polish Agency for Enterprise Development</u>	Poland	The mission of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development is to act for the benefit of Polish economic and social development.
<u>Social Entrepreneurship Network (SEN)</u>	Poland	The Social Entrepreneurship Network (SEN) comprises managing authorities of the European Social Fund and

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<u>University Industry Innovation Network (UIIN)</u>	Netherlands	social enterprise organisations from nine countries and regions of the European Union. The University Industry Innovation Network (UIIN) is a dynamic network of academics, practitioners and business professionals passionate about advancing university-industry interaction, entrepreneurial universities and collaborative innovation.
<u>Young Entrepreneurs Organization of the European Union (JEUNE)</u>	Belgium	JEUNE is the biggest organization representing young entrepreneurs across Europe reaching more than 1,660,000 passionate young people throughout Europe.
<u>Young Entrepreneurs initiative (YEi)</u>	France	The Young Entrepreneurs initiative (YEi), started in 2006, is an accelerator designed to help entrepreneurs grow their business in France and Europe.
<u>CONNECT Latvija</u>	Latvia	CONNECT is an organization that links entrepreneurs with the financial, technical and business development resources they need to create and develop innovative companies in Latvia.
<u>EAS - Enterprise Estonia</u>	Estonia	Established in 2000, Enterprise Estonia promotes business and regional policy in Estonia and is one of the largest institutions within the national support system for entrepreneurship, providing financial assistance, counselling, cooperation opportunities and training for entrepreneurs, research institutions, the public and non-profit sectors.
<u>ECN</u>	Austria	The ECN is a platform for interdisciplinary networking and promotion of entrepreneurship at the university level.
<u>Enterprise Ireland</u>	Ireland	Enterprise Ireland is the government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Irish enterprises in world markets.
<u>Entrepreneurs Organization Germany</u>	Germany	The Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) is a Global business network of 11,000+ leading entrepreneurs in 150 chapters and 48 countries.
<u>FED - Future Entrepreneurship of Denmark</u>	Denmark	Future Entrepreneurs of Denmark (FED) is a diverse talent network that was established to bridge the gap between companies, the academic world and entrepreneurs.
<u>Fivosz - Young Entrepreneurs Association Hungary</u>	Hungary	FIVOSZ is the largest nation-wide organization which brings together the Hungarian young entrepreneurs and business-minded young people into a community of success.
<u>INNA - innovation network austria</u>	Austria	The purpose of the company was focused on technology transfer, valuation and marketing of innovation, financing and participation of start-up projects and consulting on strategic issues relating to corporate development.

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<u>Institute for small business and entrepreneurship (ISBE)</u>	UK	The Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (ISBE) is a network for people and organisations involved in small business and entrepreneurship research, policy, education, support and advice.
<u>Irish Social Enterprise Network</u>	Ireland	We are here to help social enterprises, social entrepreneurs and social innovators in getting their idea off the ground and providing the supports to grow.
<u>Munichnetwork - entrepreneurship & innovation</u>	Germany	With a broad-based backbone in technology and industry, Munich Network is a techindustry driven independent but not for profit organization geared to promote innovation and entrepreneurship.
<u>Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum</u>	Sweden	Swedish Entrepreneurship Forum is the leading network organization for generating and transferring policy relevant research in the field of entrepreneurship and small enterprise development.
<u>The Entrepreneurs Network</u>	UK	The Entrepreneurs Network is a think tank designed to bring entrepreneurs to the forefront of political discourse and help make Britain the best place in the world to start and grow a business.
<u>The Women Entrepreneurs of Finland</u>	Finland	The goal of the Association is to promote the economic, social and operating conditions of women entrepreneurs.
<u>TIC - Technology Innovation Centre Ltd.</u>	Czech Republic	The establishment of the Technology Innovation Centre is a joint project of the Tomas Bata University in Zlín and of the Zlín Regional Government.
<u>Vision Entrepreneurs - The Network of Responsible Innovators</u>	Germany	Vision Entrepreneurs works closely with the other institutions together which was initiated by the Genisis Institute for the purposes of building a diverse infrastructure for Social Innovation and Social Impact Business.

North America

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<u>Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs</u>	USA	The Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE) is a global membership network of organizations that propel entrepreneurship in emerging markets.
<u>Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)</u>	USA	(AUTM) is an organization devoted to promoting technology transfer between universities and colleges and private enterprise and/or the government.
<u>Futurepreneur</u>	Canada	Futurepreneur Canada has been fueling the entrepreneurial passions of Canada's young enterprise for nearly two decades.
<u>Stanford Entrepreneurship Network (SEN)</u>	USA	The Stanford Entrepreneurship Network (SEN) is a working group of university programs and student groups offering opportunities for the Stanford community to learn and

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<u>Start Up Canada</u>	Canada	explore various aspects of entrepreneurship. Startup Canada is a grassroots network of entrepreneurs working together to build an environment for entrepreneurship in Canada.
<u>The Indus entrepreneurs - TIE Network</u>	USA	The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), was founded in 1992 in Silicon Valley by a group of successful entrepreneurs, corporate executives, and senior professionals with roots in the Indus region.
<u>WECAN - Woman Entrepreneurs Connecting and Networking Inc.</u>	Canada	At WECAN, we are dedicated to promoting and celebrating Canadian women in business. We pride ourselves in the relationships that we foster and are motivated by the real-life stories and experiences of female pioneers in the world of business.
<u>WEN - Womans entrepreneurial network</u>	USA	The Women's Entrepreneurial Network, is a great place to make friends and grow your business. That is our mission and we are committed to local area business owners who are looking for additional tools and resources to grow their business.

Asia

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<u>Center for Entrepreneurship</u>	Russia	Center for Entrepreneurship is one of the leading forces for developing entrepreneurship in Russia. CFE is an entrepreneurship training, education and development organization that promotes economic opportunity, helps build a strong middle class, and enhances the relationship between Russia and the US.
<u>National entrepreneurship network</u>	India	The National Entrepreneurship Network was established in 2003 with a mission to inspire, educate and support high potential entrepreneurs while driving entrepreneurship as a catalyst to create millions of high-value jobs.
<u>TEN - The entrepreneurs network</u>	Hong Kong	TEN was established at the end of 2005 as an association for entrepreneurs in Hong Kong through which they can access a network of peers and information from a practical perspective.
<u>The entrepreneurs Club</u>	Hong Kong	The Entrepreneurs Club has impacted many entrepreneurs throughout the years and is one of the longest running English speaking organizations for Entrepreneurs in Hong Kong.
<u>USRIC - US-Russia Innovation Corridor</u>	Russia	Administered by American Councils for International Education, the US-Russia Innovation Corridor (USRIC) is a platform to identify, organize and advance US-Russia connections around research commercialization, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
<u>WENA - Woman entrepreneur network</u>	Malaysia	Association of Bumiputra Women Entrepreneur Network of Malaysia (WENA) is a not-for-profit association, dedicated

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<u>of Malaysia</u>		towards championing women's right in business and profession.

Africa

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<u>SAWEN - South Africa women entrepreneurs Network</u>	South Africa	SAWEN will represent and articulate the aspirations of all women entrepreneurs (existing and potential) that operate within the South African SMME sector.
<u>The African network of entrepreneurs</u>	Ghana	The African Network Of Entrepreneurs (TANOE) is an award-winning social enterprise that assists African entrepreneurs to build sustainable businesses.
<u>The network of egyptian entrepreneurs</u>	Egypt	Egyptpreneur is the network of Egyptian entrepreneurs that empowers you to start and grow your business. Aiming to establish Egypt as the modern Mecca of global trade and investment, we believe the answer lies in fueling entrepreneurship among Generation-Y.