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for Greater Development Effectiveness



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Through SKiM's facilitation and partners' efforts many resources to empower women, men, and youth to become entrepreneurs, launch start-ups and work on innovative processes and products have been shared. We share the main summaries to them.



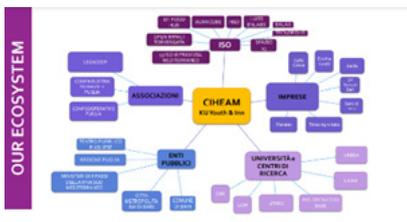
Today's challenge

Bridging entrepreneurship and research for sustainable innovation

Innovation	Entrepreneurship
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is it about? • Where does it come from? • How do we integrate it with entrepreneurship? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do we know about it? • Where does it happen? • How does it happen? • What can we do to make it happen?

From entrepreneurship and start-ups to the different types of innovations and how Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) work, CIHEAM Bari in partnership with H&D Partners have elaborated on key terms, trends and examples to these topics trying to clarify misunderstandings and compare technology transfer for R&D relative to technology transfer for companies. Read more [here](#).

CIHEAM Bari has also facilitated and organized training where lecturers have presented the basics of technology transfer offices' role, organization, and functions and the three main pillars of the TTO's activities using an interactive mode where participants have been invited to share their ideas. Colleagues from CIHEAM Bari have shared their experience and best practices implemented in the framework of cooperation projects targeting women and young people. Read more [here](#).

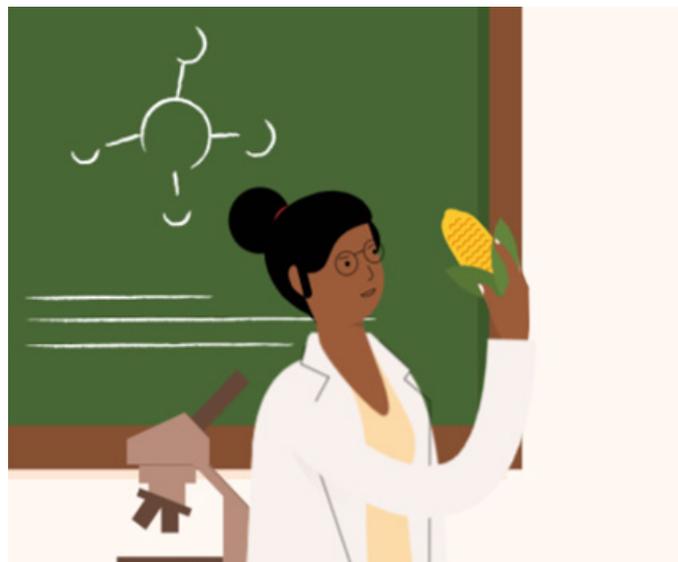


Damiano Petruzella from CIHEAM Bari has also provided the SKiM ecosystem with the “how to” and example of building an ecosystem composed of institutions from the private, public, academic sector to strengthen socio economic development efforts and successfully implement knowledge creation and innovation through TTOs. Read more [here](#).

The Mediterranean Innovation Partnership Network for Youth Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer in the Agri-food Sector presented by Jocelyn Jawhar from CIHEAM Bari serves to create the Mediterranean innovation ecosystem to support the creation of innovation among young agri-food enterprises. The objectives and corresponding activities fall under three main areas notably: training, sharing knowledge and cooperation. Read more [here](#).

Spotlighted product: Natural resource governance framework

The natural resource governance framework (the NRGF) is an innovative policy that aims at “increasing effectiveness, efficiency, inclusivity and sustainability of natural resource use” in Sudan. It has been supported by multiple international and national investors supporting Sudanese water, rangeland, livestock, forestry sectors. Among these organizations, IFAD has made significant contributions in advancing the NRGF. These contributions culminated in project [the Sustainable Natural Resources And Livelihood Programme](#) (SNRLP) of Sudan.



SKiM prepared a [Complete Scaling Readiness Study of the NRGF](#) and SNRLP to complement the programming and implementation of SNRLP from an innovation and impact perspective. The study synthesized about 50 documents about NRM governance in Sudan. It provides analytics on various novel components of NRGF, the SNRLP innovation package in Sudan and innovation management options for addressing the innovation bottlenecks.



If you are interested in developing such study, there is a free course offered in [scaling readiness](#). Read the whole newsletter and find out more in our [opportunities](#) section!

International women's day

This month, International Women's Day took place, the fight is real, and the gender component has been a cross-cutting theme to SKiM and partners' efforts. For this day, we would like to share a retrospective and recall the aim of one of the main initiatives of the project: the Learning Routes. Effectively, Learning Routes were introduced as a key knowledge management and learning methodology and they are a means to exchange between different participants and countries. SKiM and partners have used the Learning Route Methodology of the Procasur Corporation (PROCASUR) that has been recognized, replicated, scaled up, and institutionalized over the years.

For the special day that took place this month, we highlight how through the [learning route in Moldova](#) not only agriculture, youth and knowledge management were promoted but more specifically: women empowerment.

Through various case studies such as "Women's empowerment and best practices sharing; Anthology of female success stories, knowledge management practices" carried out by IDIS Viitorul including field work and inclusion of stakeholders such as UN Women.

Within the case study from CPIU IFAD in Moldova, main targets were women leaders. The aim of the case was to support regional development by encouraging women's social and economic activities and integrating gender equality in local communities of the Republic of Moldova. IDIS organized the national contest "Women success stories" within the project Civic education campaign to encourage the participation in local



elections of women's groups in the northern region and 3 cities of Gagauzia autonomy, financed by UNDP. Activities around entrepreneurship were included and more than 50 success stories were collected from women from all regions of the country. The project permitted women to:

- ✔ Get recognition for successes
- ✔ Exchange knowledge and recommendations
- ✔ Empower other women
- ✔ Access enhanced capacities

Participants from the learning route shared insights in relation to the empowerment of women. A key contribution can be found below.

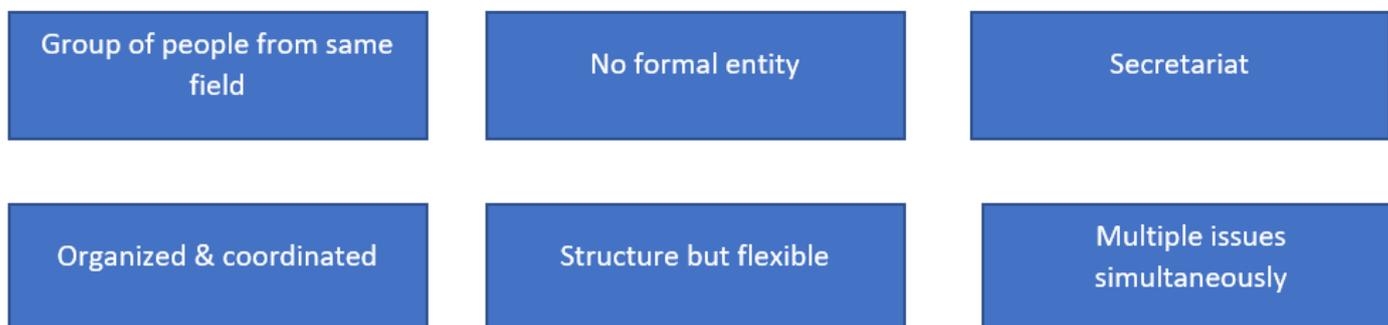
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"Thank you. The most important things we have learned here is from the presentation about women empowerment, how to involve within the community women, the role of women in the decision-making process, in the government, and how they can take decision according to the welfare of the community and to promote equality. I think some factors have been behind the moment for democracy, in which you women are the main factors, for example, is it a matter of education within cultural society or other factors should be considered when you would like to empowerment (women in Sudan, Morocco, Moldova). So, there is vertical integration, even those who believe that milk cattle they grow, they don't buy forage. There is vertical integration. This is very important. Thank you."

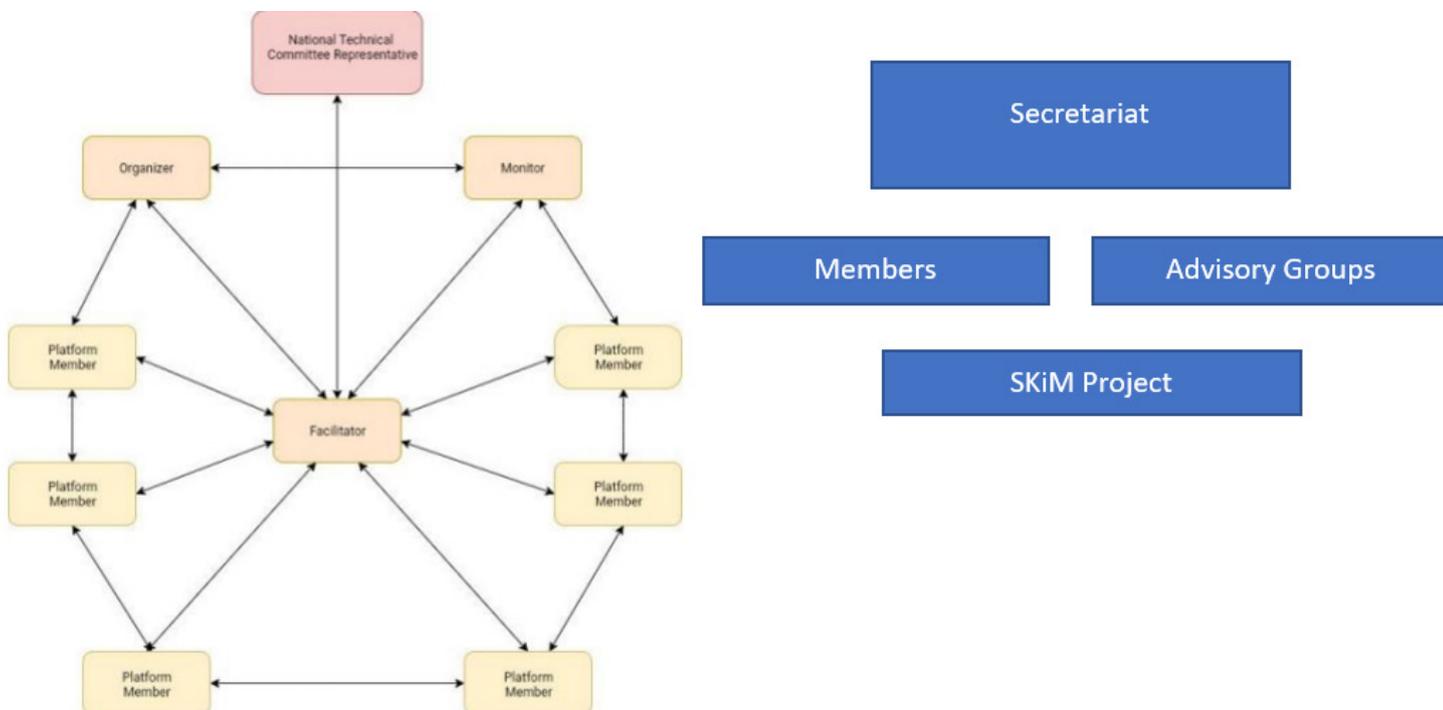
Back to basics: Communities of Practices (CoPs)

As you may know already a community of practice is a group of people who share common concern, a set of problems, or an interest in a topic and who come together to fulfil both individual and group goals. Here we share with you the essentials, basics and the what, who, where and why to developing communities of practice.

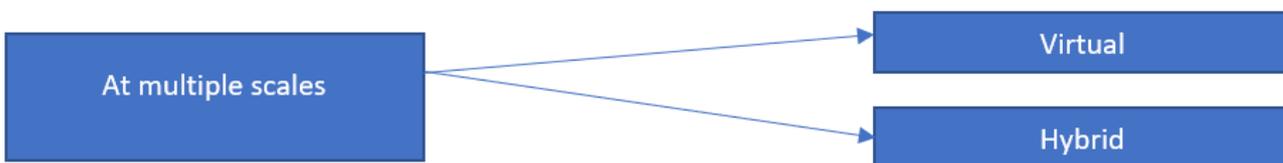
What?



Who?



Where?



Why?

Exchange information	Facilitate networking
Exchange knowledge	Develop solidarity
Facilitate learning	Prepare different ways of collaborating



Mohammed VI Polytechnic University and IAV Hassan II launch Agri-Food Tech incubator for agricultural and agri-food start-ups



The Agri-Food Tech incubator is a support structure for start-ups in the agricultural and agri-food sector, funded by the Erasmus+ AgriENGAGE project aimed at developing agri-entrepreneurship

and community involvement in East, West and North Africa.

The establishment of the Agri-Food Tech incubator is in line with the national vision of inclusive, sustainable, and innovation-driven agricultural development as articulated in the new 2020–2030 Green Generation strategy. Located on the campuses of UM6P in Benguerir and IAV Hassan II in Rabat, the Agri-Food Tech incubator's mission is to advance agriculture and agribusiness in Morocco by helping young people with innovative and high-potential ideas to create start-ups and transform them into sustainable and competitive businesses.

Quotes from key actors

“The African agricultural sector holds many opportunities for aspiring entrepreneurs and innovators. Through the establishment of the Agri-Food Tech incubator, we intend to support a new generation of entrepreneurs in the creation and growth of their activities in the fields of agriculture and agribusiness for the benefit of Morocco and the entire African continent,” said **Mr. Hicham El Habti, president of UM6P.**

“The Agri-Food Tech incubator will act as a catalyst for the promotion of innovation and the formation of agricultural and agri-food start-ups with high added value. Such a structure will provide a significant lever for the implementation of the new strategy of the agricultural sector,” said **Mr. Abdelaziz El Hraiki, Director of IAV Hassan II.**

Why?

As a major actor in the deployment of the National Strategy of Agricultural Training and Research, the Hassan II Agronomic and Veterinary Institute is a key actor, in research, development and training in the agricultural sector. The institute is playing a key role in capacity development and developing the human factor in agriculture.

What's included in the Agri-Food Tech incubation?



Facilitate learning:

Personalized curriculum and access to facilities (laboratories of UM6P and IAV Hassan II)



Exchange knowledge:

Training workshops and practical support



Networking:

Mentoring from qualified experts nationally and internationally and investors and collaborators at hand

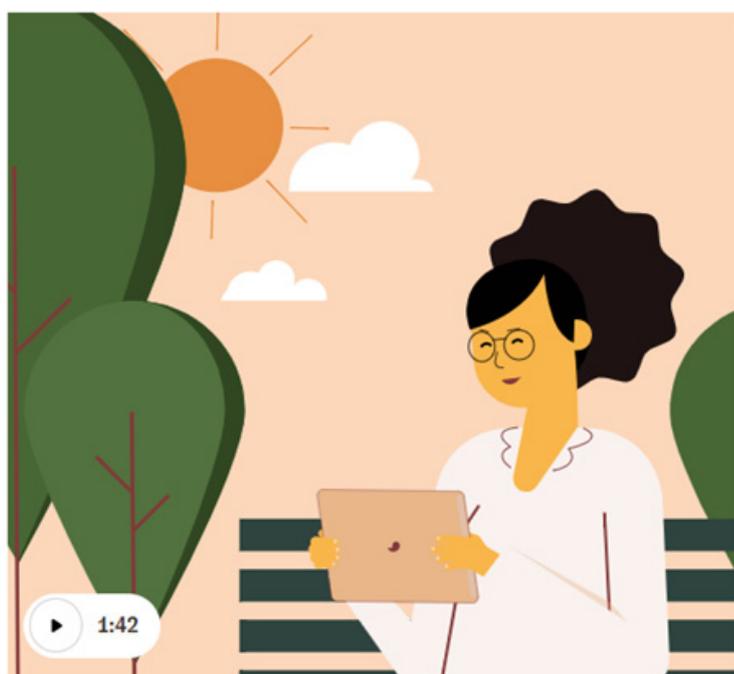
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