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# YoPeVa Entrepreneur Multiplier Event: Fostering Youth Entrepreneurship Across Europe

**Suceava, November 2, 2023** - In a gathering of distinguished stakeholders, professionals, and esteemed organizations, the YoPeVa Entrepreneur Multiplier event unfolded at the ACDC office in Suceava. This dynamic event, held on November 2, 2023, served as a platform to disseminate knowledge, share insights, and pave the way for collaborative initiatives aimed at empowering youth entrepreneurship across Europe.

#### A confluence of visionaries

The event commenced with a warm welcome from Vasile Gafiuc, President of ACDC, who set the stage for a day of thoughtful discourse and collaboration. The opening session was graced by the presence of Ioan Cristian Sologon, Subprefect from the Institution of Prefect from Suceava County, and Teodora Munteanu, Vice Mayor of Suceava City Hall, Sala, both emphasizing the vital role of entrepreneurship in community development.

## **Unveiling the YoPeVa Entrepreneur Program**

Francisco Loras, Project Manager from Fundesplai, took the podium to unveil the YoPeVa Entrepreneur program. In a comprehensive presentation, Francisco Loras outlined the program's objectives, structure, and anticipated impact on the entrepreneurial landscape. Participants gained valuable insights into the transformative potential of the program for young entrepreneurs across Europe.











#### Strategies for effective training implementation

Pedro Gallo, representing the University of Barcelona, provided a virtual presentation on strategies for the effective implementation of YoPeVa Entrepreneur training courses. This session equipped participants with practical knowledge on optimizing the training curriculum for maximum efficacy, aligning with the program's mission to enhance entrepreneurial skills.

### Dynamic group discussion and regional insights

A spirited group discussion followed, featuring prominent figures in the field, including Carmen Podani (Vice President, ACDC), Lena Liljeström (Almåsgym Borås), Francisco Loras (Fundesplai), Giorgia Marinelli (CESIE), Nynke de Jager (BDF), Juliana Viegas (Fundação da Juventude), and Lene Borvik (Fønix). Diverse perspectives on the challenges and opportunities of entrepreneurship enriched the collective understanding.

The event also hosted a panel discussion on regional practices and policies, moderated by Vasile Gafiuc. Speakers, including Carmen Fediuc (Organization of Women Entrepreneurs from UGIR), Carmen Năstase (Stefan cel Mare University), Anca Capverde (Suceava County Employment Agency), and Gabriela Pâslaru (Assist Software, ICT Company), provided nuanced insights into regional entrepreneurial landscapes.

#### **Collaborative next steps**

As the event concluded with an interactive Q&A session and a press conference, Vasile Gafiuc expressed gratitude to all participants and emphasized the collaborative spirit propelling the YoPeVa Entrepreneur program forward. Discussions on next steps included crucial elements such as course development and piloting, the establishment of an online support system, and the implementation of a comprehensive guide for the YoPeVa Entrepreneur system.

# **Empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs**

The YoPeVa Entrepreneur Multiplier event stands as a testament to the collective commitment to fostering youth entrepreneurship in Europe. As the knowledge disseminated during this event takes root, it is anticipated that the seeds of innovation and empowerment planted here will continue to flourish, shaping a future generation of confident and visionary entrepreneurs.

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