Youth and entrepreneurship

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Issues from the draft report

Local vs national governance arrangements
• Collective engagement with national level administration
• Local experience shaping national policy

Education & training
• Youth entrepreneurship promotion critical for competitiveness, growth & employment
• Entrepreneurship key competence vs entrepreneurship skills
• More developed entrepreneurship support for vocational trainees, with view to start-ups (local mentors)
• Higher education – ‘cross campus’ entrepreneurship, incubator support
Issues from the draft report

Good Practice

• Share good practice between local and regional authorities – youth entrepreneurship eco-systems
• Define objective criteria for good practice
• Peer review good practices (municipality to municipality)

Differentiate start-up training for better impact

• Training initiatives (locally or donor funded)
• Promote culture and capacity in evaluation
Issues from the draft report

Diaspora

• Leverage experience, knowledge and networks (Turin Chamber of Commerce)
• Identify and engage returning entrepreneurs

Young women entrepreneurs

• Women’s entrepreneurship is not a gender issue, its an economic issue
• Support systems should be sensitive to women
My recommendation

• **ARLEM annual prize/recognition efforts to support youth entrepreneurship**
  – develop intelligence on what’s out there,
  – build networks of influencers (political, practitioners, private sector)
  – Share knowledge, know-how through peer learning, twinning.
Thank you!

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