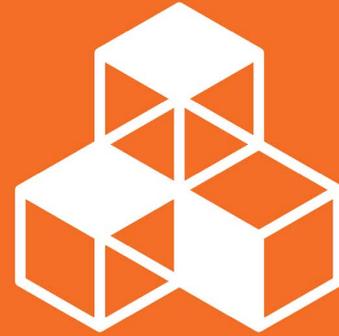




9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This module focuses on innovation policy and innovation systems, especially the linkages between policies and how the regional support system for innovation and entrepreneurship works in practice. The thematic focus is on the regional innovation ecosystem, but the module will also provide national and transnational perspectives. As an innovation system would be rather useless without its entrepreneurs, a clear focus area of the module is entrepreneurship – how to encourage, support and develop entrepreneurship through the innovation ecosystem.

The two-week module is given by Lund University in collaboration with Ideon Science Park, one of the first and largest science parks in Europe, and Region Skåne, with a permanent commission from the state to coordinate regional development issues and lead the work with creating a Regional Development Strategy. A number of other actors in the regional Triple Helix are also represented in the module. The composition of the module reflects the collaboration in the triple helix, both in terms of actors and in terms of the universities' role. The combination of various stakeholders and their experiences enables the participants to get a deeper insight in how to support and develop innovation ecosystems and entrepreneurship, as well as exchange experiences and establish new contacts and networks between all participating countries.

The main lecturers come from [Sten K. Johnson Centre for Entrepreneurship](#) (SKJCE) at [Lund University School of Economics and Management](#) (LUSEM). SKJCE focuses on knowledge development and dissemination aiming to strengthen entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs.

The overall objective of the module is provide participants, who are change-makers in their innovation ecosystem, with knowledge, tools and new networks, to develop the innovation and entrepreneurship support system, as part of a modern, sustainable public administration in collaboration with other actors.

The module aims to:

- Provide the participants with increased knowledge and understanding of the Swedish innovation ecosystem, in relation to the participating countries
- Increased ability to identify challenges and opportunities in the development of the innovation ecosystems in the Western Balkan countries
- Increased sharing of experiences and networking in the innovation ecosystem within and between the Western Balkan countries
- Give perspectives on the linkages between entrepreneurship/innovation and Agenda 2030



PROGRAMME SET-UP

The programme consists of three parts; a premodule with independent studies/task, a two week module in Sweden in May, and the opportunity to apply for follow-up activities. The module in Sweden is held at Lund University and Ideon Science Park in Lund Sweden. An average day has 5-7 hours of scheduled activities, with a mixture of lectures, workshops, seminars and study visits. Workshops and study visits at relevant organisations and authorities will connect the theoretical parts to practice, and will give the participants a chance to expand their networks. Participants will have access to an online platform and the Lund University e-library services.

TARGET GROUP

The target group is young professionals working with innovation ecosystem and entrepreneurship issues. Primary target group is professionals within public administration/government, but also key persons within civil society who are working in organisations connected to the innovation ecosystem (Triple Helix). Participants should have competence within the subject matter of the programme and/or work experience within the area. This could be, for example, persons who work strategically or practically with innovation and entrepreneurship, on a state/inter-governmental, regional or local level. Examples of positions could be policymakers, evaluators, academics, science park managers/officers, business coaches, entrepreneurship trainers, Technology Transfer officers, politicians, political advisors, employees at ministries for research/education/innovation/enterprise or similar. Participants from civil society organisations working with social entrepreneurship, women in entrepreneurship, young entrepreneurs etcetera are welcome to apply.

YOU CAN APPLY IF YOU

- are a citizen of and currently working in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro or Serbia
- are under 36 years old (born in 1983 and after)
- have good command of English
- have a relevant higher education (at least three years)
- are employed in one of the following groups: Policymakers (politicians, government officials, employees of political parties), Public servants (non-political civil servants working at government agencies) or Civil society workers (CSO/NGO volunteers/employees)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Dates in Lund: 13 - 24 May, 2019

Number of participants: 30

Cost: Participation in SAYP is free of charge and includes meals, accommodation and travel

Accommodation: Participants will have single rooms at a guest house

Language of instruction: English

Application period: 5 February - 4 March 2019

More information: For more information about SAYP and the application procedure, please click [here](#)

APPLY [HERE](#)

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