

Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Project Number: 1.1.1.7/1/25/A/001

Project Title: LBTU Innovation Grants for Students

Funding Recipient: Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies

Cooperation Partners:

- Green and Smart Technology Cluster
- Development Fund of the Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies
- Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry
- Institute of Horticulture
- Rīga Stradiņš University
- University of Latvia
- BirgerMind Ltd.

Project Objective:

To implement the LBTU Student Innovation Programme, which provides a systematic and sustainable approach to developing students' innovation potential, promotes research-based entrepreneurship, strengthens collaboration with industry, and contributes to the implementation of the national Smart Specialisation Strategy.

Main Project Activities:

1. Implementation of the Student Innovation Programme:

- Idea Bank – a digital platform for collecting and systematically developing ideas
- Student Innovation Programme Guide – a structured methodological framework for participants and mentors
- Selection, implementation and monitoring of student innovation proposals – a quality assessment and individual development process
- Innovation Practice Day "Shadow & Showcase" – job-shadowing and best-practice exploration in cooperation with enterprises
- Demo Day – presentation of developed solutions to a wider audience and receiving feedback from an expert jury

2. Organisation of Other Student Innovation Programme Events:

- Competence development training – modular training across different stages of the innovation cycle
- Innovative thinking workshops – structured sessions at individual, group and interdisciplinary levels, using creative, user-centred methods for idea generation, development and initial validation
- Practical growth and collaboration sessions – targeted meetings with mentors, industry representatives and other participants to support idea development, mutual feedback and co-creation opportunities
- Student Entrepreneurship Forum "Impact Pitch Arena" – idea pitching to potential investors and industry experts
- European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) "Global Growth Labs" – international training in cooperation with EIT Food Latvia to foster European-level innovation growth

Project Budget: EUR 1,230,514.04. ERDF funding – EUR 1,034,370.10 (84.06%); State budget co-funding – EUR 60,787.40 (4.94%); Private co-funding – EUR 135,356.54 (11%)

Role of the RSU: Cooperation partner

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