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The Commission attaches high importance to fostering youth entrepreneurship across the EU, including in the digital field.

In the 2014-2020 programming period, which is currently closing, the Youth Employment Initiative mobilised over EUR 500 million to finance training, work experience and entrepreneurship support programmes for unemployed young people in Greece. Similar measures are currently funded by the European Social Fund Plus allocation (at least approximately EUR 700 million) in the 2021-2027 programming period.

Furthermore, the Digital Europe Programme¹ provides funding for equipping the workforce with the advance digital skills. The education and training offer in digital areas like AI, data, computer science, quantum, cybersecurity, robotics is available throughout all Members States, with Greece well represented².

Under Horizon Europe, promising companies, such as Brite Hellas in Greece, are supported. In addition, the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) through its Knowledge and Innovation Communities offers a wide range of entrepreneurship activities³. Moreover, the EIT implements the EIT Regional Innovation Scheme, which aims to reduce Europe's regional innovation disparities. Under the latter, an EIT Community Hub operates today in Athens.

Finally, the Commission collaborates with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, for instance with the 'Missing Entrepreneurs' publication series⁴ and the Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy (recently terminated)⁵, to help Member States to fully develop their youth entrepreneurship potential and hopefully reduce existing disparities within the EU.

¹ Digital Europe Programme includes funding for advance digital skills topics of EUR 400.5 million in the period 2021-2027, https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/digital-europe-programme_en.

² Greece's participation in the Digital Europe Programme Advanced digital skills signed grants: Greek entities are present in 26 ongoing projects out of total 59, and Greece EU funding amounts to EUR 19.46 million.

³ For information on the amount of funds committed in EIT grants towards Greek entities and key results achieved in Greece, see

<https://www.eit.europa.eu/sites/default/files/2025-07/Greece%202024%20Country%20Factsheet.pdf>.

⁴ https://www.oecd.org/en/publications/the-missing-entrepreneurs-2023_230efc78-en.html.

⁵ <https://yepa-hub.org/>.