

# Entrepreneurial skills for young social innovators in an open digital world

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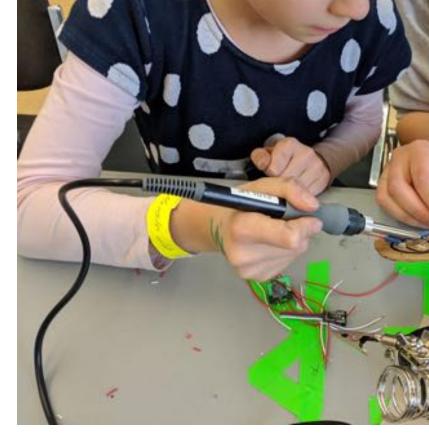
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- Closing RESEARCH gap concerning early entrepreneurial education with 1.000 children
- DEVELOPMENT of tools for 6 to 16 years olds and facilitators
- POLICY development support























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# EARLY ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION (6 TO 16 Y)

# Entrepreneurial Education

Develop the skills and mind-set which allow people to turn creative ideas into entrepreneurial action

European Commission's Thematic Working Group on Entrepreneurship Education





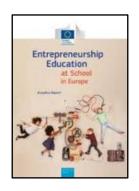
#### EARLY ENTREPENEURIAL EDUCATION

#### EC (2012): Rethinking Education



Requests: Provide at least one practical entrepreneurial experience in school

EC (2016): Eurydice Report



Assessed: Low levels of practical entrepreneurial learning in schools

JRC (2016) EntreComp



Identified: Important skills of (adult) entrepreneurs: e.g. self-efficacy, creativity

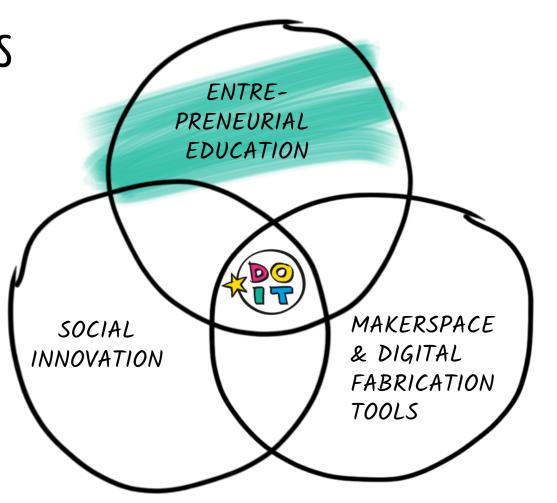
Status quo in 2017



Research gap: Effect of practical education on 6 to 16 years olds (making)

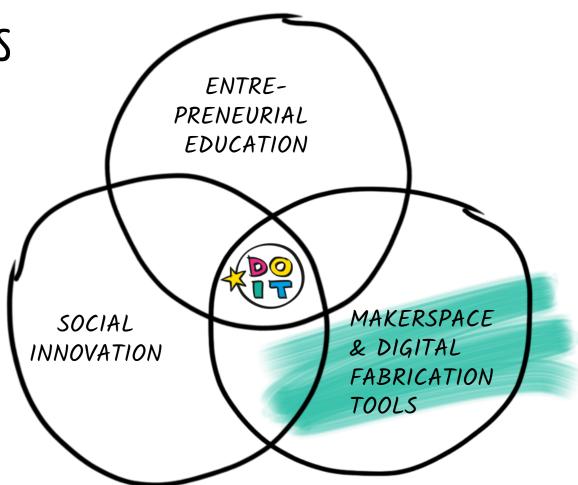
## THE DOIT LEARNING APPROACH

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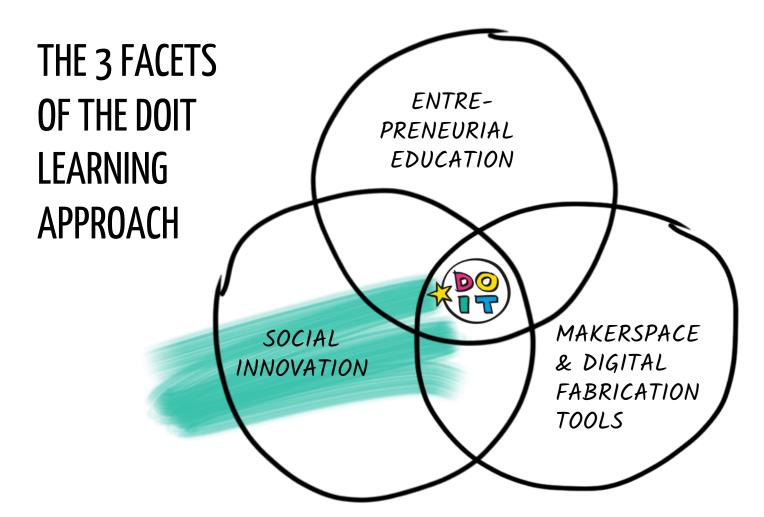




## Makerspace

Open learning space with digital fabrication tools for co-design and prototyping





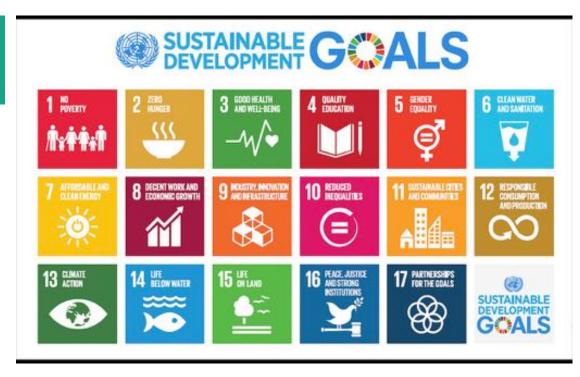




### Social Innovation

New ideas that work to meet pressing unmet needs and improve peoples' lives

Geoff Mulgan et al. 2007. Social Innovation. What it is, why it matters and how it can be accelerated. Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurship





### **OBJECTIVE OF THE DOIT LEARNING PROGRAM**

To support the development of all skills at a young age that are useful in an innovation project:

- Identifying social needs,
- joint development and design,
- prototyping, and dissemination of the idea or solution.















### THE DOIT LEARNING PROGRAM

#### 7 ELEMENTS FOR YOUNG SOCIAL INNOVATORS



































**SENSITISE** 

**EXPLORE** 

**WORK TOGETHER** 

**CREATE** 

REFLECT

**SCALE-UP** 

**SHARE** 

## SELECTED RESULTS

## MORE THAN 500 CO-DESIGNED PROTOTYPES



#### TECHNOLOGY-BASED AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE



Toilet Water Alarm, developed by MaCha

Green Keeper Alarm, developed by The Football



Massage Belt, developed by Yeet



Sensitive Jacket, developed by the Breathtaking Team



Hydroelectric Power Station Alarm System, developed by The Water Watchers

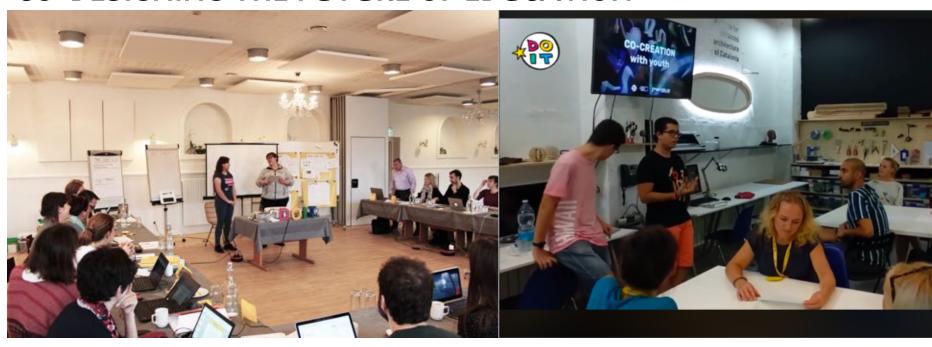


Acoustic Pollution in the School, developed by Noise



### YOUTH ENGAGED IN THE DOIT PROJECT

### **CO-DESIGNING THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION**



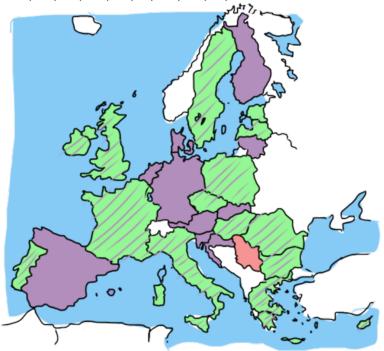
A girl, 14 years, talking about children's participation at school. 17 (PM2, Billund, 03/2018)

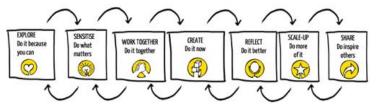
Changing roles: 2 boys, 14 and 15 years, hosting a maker workshop for our consortium (PM2, Barcelona, 08/ 2018)

## RESEARCH

#### **EVALUATION DESIGN**

In 10 countries and with 1.002 children (47 %female, 52% male, 1% missing/other) AT, BE, DE, DK, ES, FI, HR, NL, SI, SR





Each pilot had at least 15 working hours and is built upon the DOIT program

Evaluated skills of children: Self-efficacy, creativity, teamwork and others (tests, interviews etc.)

#### Diverse settings:

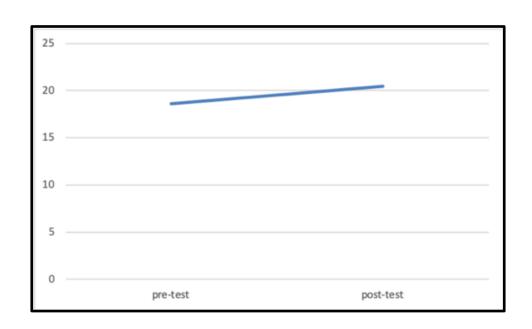
- Age range: 6-10 (30%), 11-16 (67%) years (3% m.d.)
- Span of actions from 2,5 days to 4 months
- in schools (79%), outside schools (21%)
- in fablabs and mobile makerspaces
- diverse topics (UN SDG)

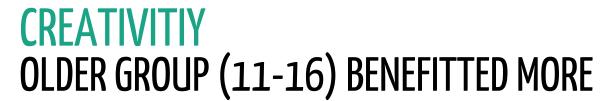
# CREATIVITIY



#### MODERATE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE

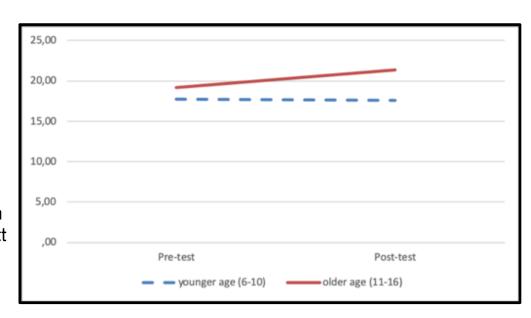
Results of standardized tests at the start and after the pilots. We used the TSD-Z test for creativity by Urban & Jellen (2010) (N=633, p=0,000).







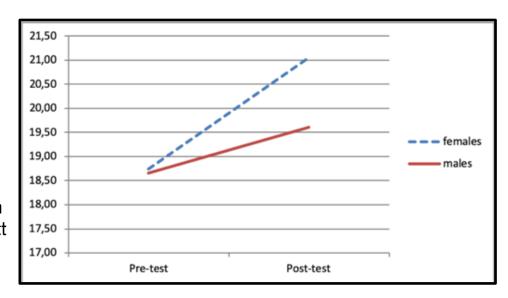
Results of standardized tests at the start and after the pilots. We used the TSD-Z test for creativity by Urban & Jellen (2010) (N1=178, N2=441, significant difference of the post-test).



# CREATIVITIY GIRLS BENEFITTED EVEN MORE



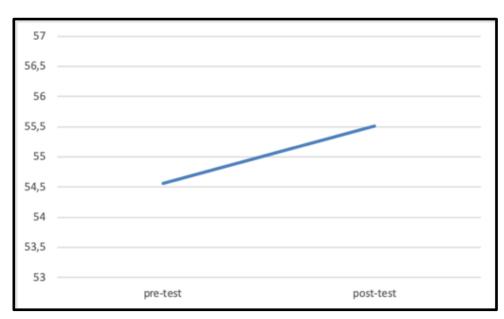
Results of standardized tests at the start and after the pilots. We used the TSD-Z test for creativity by Urban & Jellen (2010) (Nf=294, Nm=338, significant difference of the post-test).



#### SELF-EFFICACY MODERATE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE



Results of standardized tests at the start and after the pilots. We developed a questionnaire on self-efficacy and entrepreneurial intention (N=751, p=0.000).



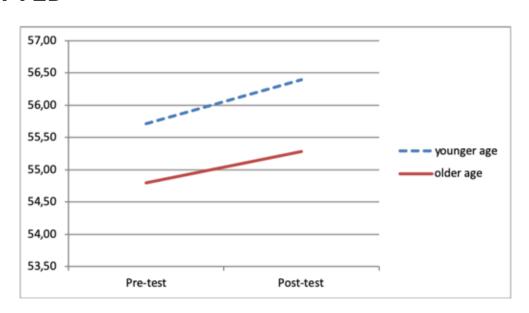
Source: Unterfrauner, E., Hofer, M. & Voigt, C. (2019). CC BY 4.0 DOIT – http://DOIT-Europe.net, H2020-770063

#### SELF-EFFICACY BOTH AGE GROUPS BENEFITTED



Results of standardized tests at the start and after the pilots. We developed a questionnaire on self-efficacy and entrepreneurial intention (N1=208, N2=555).

Programs without makerspaces report a decrease of self-efficacy regarding entrepreneurial intentions, e.g. BizWorld 5-day training course in primary schools (Rosendahl-Huber et al. 2012); 'mini-company' programme for college students (Oosterbeek et al. 2010).

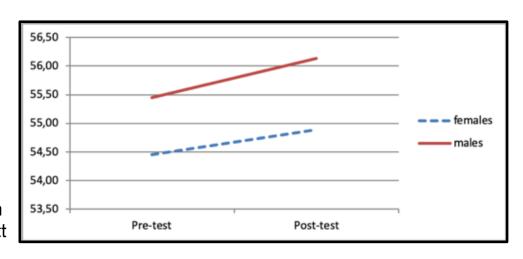


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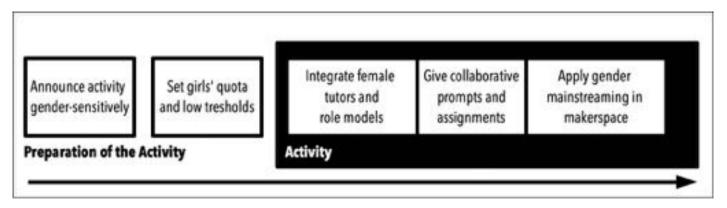


Results of standardized tests at the start and after the pilots. We developed a questionnaire on self-efficacy and entrepreneurial intention (Nf=371, Nm=404).









Overview: Guidelines to reach girls in makerspace settings - Recommendations based on literature research and own experiences (Source: Schön et al. (2020), Fig. 1)

Source: Schön S., Rosenova M., Ebner M., Grandl M. (2020). How to Support Girls' Participation at Projects in Makerspace Settings. Overview on Current Recommendations. In: Moro M., Alimisis D., locchi L. (eds) Educational Robotics in the Context of the Maker Movement. Edurobotics 2018. Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing, vol 946. Springer, Cham

## POLICY CHALLENGE & RECOMMENDATION

### SYSTEM COMPATIBILITY: 0?





#### **REASONS:**

- Interdisciplinary
- No blue prints for single lessons
- Open learning approach
- Cooperating with external people and organisations
- Need of own space and use of technologies

DOIT ACTIVE IN POLICY DEVELOPMENT

CO-DESIGNING THE AUSTRIAN ACTION PLAN

DOIT is part of Austrian
working group which develops
the "National Action
Plan Entrepreneurship
Education"

- Federal Ministry
  Republic of Austria
  Education, Science
  and Research
- Federal Ministry
  Republic of Austria
  Digital and
  Economic Affairs





# A DOIT EXPERIENCE FOR EVERY CHILD OUR KEY GOAL FOR EDUCATION POLICY



All young people should benefit from at least one practical entrepreneurial experience before leaving compulsory education.

Children should have the opportunity

- To experience being an social innovator through
- Developing an innovative prototype or solution
- <u>for a relevant societal topic</u> (UN Sustainability Goal),
- Co-designing with others and reflecting
- In a makerspace, i.e. an open learning setting with digital fabrication tools
- And publicly presenting the result and lessons learned

See EC rec.
Rethinking
Education (2012),
Council rec. Key
Competences
(2018, 2.5)

#### **DOIT RECOMMENDATIONS**

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#### FOR FUTURE ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION POLICY

- 1. Raise awareness of the potential of makerspaces as learning environments for practice-based development of digital, social and entrepreneurial skilled young people.
- 2. Expand the number of pilot makerspaces (infrastructure) in schools and increase the number of social entrepreneurial programmes in makerspaces.
- 3. Promote maker education with a focus on social and entrepreneurial mind-sets and skills.
- 4. Support collaboration of teacher trainings and local maker communities a.

#### DOIT'S first EC Policy Brief



#### DOIT RECOMMENDATION ON MAKERSPACES



# INCREASE PROGRAMS IN EXISTING MAKERSPACES

#### **Possible short-term**

- Over 1600 makerspaces exist already in the EU28+Serbia (690 FabLabs, 533 Hackerspaces, 400 Other spaces)\*
- Often with educational activities
- Training of facilitators needed
- Fast impact: e.g. 1000 spaces x 300 children/y= 300,000 children/year

# **EXPAND THE NUMBER OF PILOT MAKERSPACES AT SCHOOLS**

#### Long-term

- At an early stage
- Some pioneering schools (e.g. Nordic countries)
- Pilots in some countries (projects with 40-100 schools, no fixed makerspaces)\*\*\*
- Requires infrastructure in schools
- Training of teachers
- Slow impact (5-10 years)

Hackerspaces, https://wiki.hackerspaces.org (those marked as active); Other spaces, e.g. in community centres, libraries, museums (estimate based on various sources)

\*\* e.g. Maker@Scuola, IT, 2014-2018, 100 nursery and primary schools; Makerskola, SE, 2015-2018, 40 nursery, primary, secondary and special education schools

<sup>\*</sup> Fab Labs, https://www.fablabs.io/labs;

## INVITATION

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#### **DOIT FINAL CONFERENCE**



European Conference on Youth Innovation Education in Makerspaces

19. & 20. März 2020 im Konferenzzentrum St. Virgil, Salzburg

























#### INVITATION

## FREE DOIT **ONLINE COURSE**

see http://imoox.eu



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About IMooX

#### **Making Young Social Innovators**















#### General information about the course

How can children and young people develop social, ecological and entrepreneurial innovation skills to shape their future? How can we realise education for sustainable development? How can we support the development to be a game-changer and contribute to a better future?

Within this online course, we share future education methods building upon innovation development and hands-on activities using workshop designs as well as digital fabrication tools. Experts from Europe will share their approach, designs, tools, and experiences made in 10 European countries - Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Slovenia, and Serbia.

The online course starts on Thursday, 30th April 2020.



#### The DOIT project



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