

A tool for empowering rural youth through responsible and innovative entrepreneurship

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About Hekima)

We address social inequalities by placing young people at the centre of positive change.

- Driving impact in education, gender equality, entrepreneurship, and youth empowerment
- Creator of the Practice Enterprise 2.0 concept –
 integrating responsibility and innovation into
 entrepreneurship education
- Transformed entrepreneurial education in 180 secondary schools in Slovakia with the Slovak Institute for Vocational Education
- Inspiring young people to become leaders, changemakers, responsible entrepreneurs
- Supporting women entrepreneurs in North Macedonia (Tetovo)



Agenda

- Practice Enterprises vs Practice
 Enterprise 2.0
- How it works in practice
- How PE 2.0 addresses rural youth challenges



The challenge

Rural areas risk losing their young talent unless we create meaningful opportunities.

Rural youth face:

- Limited access to quality education & training
- Few employment opportunities

- Poor infrastructure & weak support systems
- Lack of finance and entrepreneurial support

Result: migration & depopulation

The opportunity

Untapped rural potential:

- Sustainable and climateintelligent agriculture
- Rural tourism
- Green transition & renewable energy

- Digital economy
- Animal therapy

Key: empower youth to become entrepreneurs, experts & changemakers





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PROBLÉM

Practice Enterprise: Traditional Model

- A school-based simulation of running a company
- Students choose a business subject
- Rotate through finance,
 HR, marketing, production

- Trade with other practice enterprises (national & international)
- Benefits: safe learning environment, teamwork, hands-on practice



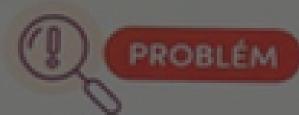


- In Slovakia: coordinated by the Institute of Vocational
 Education under the Ministry of Education
- In other countries: operated by companies, NGOs, universities, training institutions
- Part of PEN Worldwide → 40+ countries, thousands of enterprises
- Provides international exchanges, competitions, awards

Traditional Model (Ecosystem)



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Howit works?

Looking for a business subject

- Students start with a global/local problem (e.g. poverty, climate change, gender inequality, food security)
- They design a business solution to solve it (e.g. rural tourism, organic food, renewable energy, climate entrepreneurship)



Howit works?

Work in departments

- Students learn about responsible business practices and SDGs
- Each department integrates responsibility principles: fair pay, ecodesign, transparency, circular economy, inclusion and diversity, etc.
- Ensure inclusion, fairness, sustainability in all departments



Howit works?

Students...

- ...test & refine ideas in a safe simulated market and get real feedback
- ...build critical thinking, ethical decision-making, value-based leadership
- ...become junior experts in their respective fields



Howit works?

Students...

- ...participate in national and international trade fairs
-compete in categories such as
 Green Company, Responsible
 Company, Best Employer, Best
 Business idea











- Goes beyond profit → purpose and responsibility
- Links SDGs, circular economy, social entrepreneurship, inclusion, diversity, climate entrepreneurship
- Students learn to visualise themselves as entrepreneurs, creators, farmers, craftpersons, etc.
- In result, students become skilled professionals + responsible global citizens & changemakers



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What Practice Enterprise 2.0 brings to rural youth.

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PROBLÉM

1) Tackling limited opportunities for rural youth

- Rural youth often lack access to quality training and entrepreneurship support.
- Practice Enterprise 2.0 offers an accessible, school-based, low-risk environment where they can learn how to run a business.
- It gives them practical entrepreneurial skills while instilling values of sustainability and responsibility.
- Builds resilient and rooted youth - instead of rural youth seeing entrepreneurship only as migration to cities, Practice Enterprise 2.0 helps them create value locally and addresses the concern of youth retention in rural areas.

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2) Making entrepreneurship a realistic pathway

- Rural youth frequently leave as they don't see viable futures in their communities.
- In Practice Enterprise 2.0, students don't just simulate random companies they
 design enterprises around local or global problems, which could include:
 - sustainable agriculture
 - rural tourism
 - food security

- renewable energy in rural areas
- digital services

This trains them to identify opportunities at home and build solutions that directly benefit their community.



3) Linking to policy priorities and EU experience

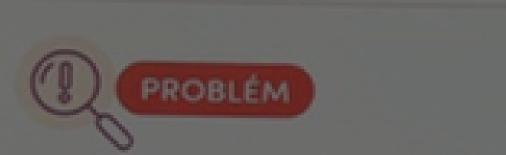
- The EU emphasises generational renewal, innovation, and sustainability in rural development.
- It shows how education can become a pipeline for youth-led rural innovation, echoing CAP and Erasmus+ initiatives mentioned in the event description.
- Fits well with EU and regional policies promoting youth entrepreneurship and skills development in rural areas. Practice Enterprise 2.0 is fully aligned: it integrates SDGs, circular economy, inclusion, and climate entrepreneurship into learning.
- Offers a ready-made model that ministries (Education, Agriculture) can embed to meet youth, employment, and rural development goals simultaneously.

How can governments and ministries integrate *Practice Enterprise 2.0* into broader rural development and youth employment strategies?

What partnerships (schools, local governments, farmer associations, NGOs, EU programmes) are needed to make it effective?







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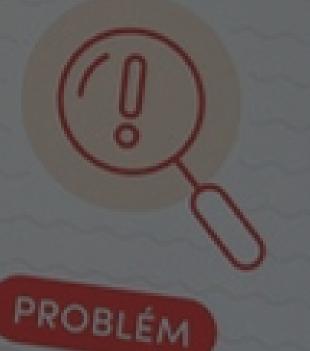
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Youth Mobility & Incentives

- It is normal for young people to migrate and explore new opportunities
- The challenge is to create programs that motivate them to stay, return, or settle in rural areas
- Design incentive systems (housing, start-up support, access to finance, quality services) and support agro-entrepreneurship
- In Slovakia and other EU countries, young families and women are starting to return to rural areas — North Macedonia should encourage and support this trend





Women's potential as a driving force

- Do not forget the potential of half of the population
- Promote women's entrepreneurship and women in agriculture
- Women play a key role in driving rural economies and communities
- Supporting women means unlocking new talent, innovation, and resilience in rural development



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