


WEBSITE NEWS:


Upcoming Knowledge Rise Project Workshop: "Training and Mentoring Entrepreneurship in Higher Education" – Sharing Best Practices Across Europe

The **University of Zagreb Faculty of mining, geology and petroleum engineering** is pleased to announce the first workshop in a series designed to strengthen innovation and entrepreneurship capacities in higher education institutions, as part of the **Knowledge Rise** project, funded by the **EIT HEI Initiative**. This workshop is part of a broader effort to boost the innovation capacity of universities and strengthen the integration between higher education and the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Workshop 1: "Training and Mentoring Entrepreneurship in Higher Education"

 Date: November 20, 2025

 Time: 15:00 – 16:30 CET

 Target Audience: Teachers and mentors involved in our entrepreneurship-related courses, and any educator interested in entrepreneurial education in higher education.

This interactive workshop brings together leading experts from Ukraine, Slovakia, and Croatia to share hands-on experiences and lessons learned in training and mentoring future entrepreneurs in academia. The event will focus on developing effective support systems for student innovation, creating strong mentor-mentee relationships, and integrating entrepreneurial thinking into educational ecosystems.

Why Attend?

Participants will:

- Gain insights into successful startup ecosystems and educational approaches across different European countries.
- Learn practical strategies for running acceleration programmes and supporting deep-tech ventures.
- Explore how to foster impactful mentor-mentee relationships within entrepreneurial courses and projects.
- Network with educators, mentors, and innovation professionals engaged in transforming higher education.

Guest Speakers and Topics:

- **Jane Klepa** – Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, SET University, Ukraine
Topic: Success Stories of Innovation and Deep Tech in Ukraine: Startups, Ecosystem, Education
Jane brings extensive experience in leading innovation projects and mentoring startup teams in Ukraine's fast-evolving tech scene.
- **Rory Taylor** – Head of Public Funding, G-Force, Slovak Republic
Topic: Lessons Learned During Acceleration Programmes

With years of experience designing and managing acceleration programmes, Rory will share critical takeaways for supporting entrepreneurial growth.

- **Deni Nurkić** – CTO/Founder, Nucleus; Service Manager, European Digital Innovation Hub Crobohub++; Innovation Center Nikola Tesla (ICENT), University of Zagreb, Croatia
Topic: Experience of The Acceleration Programme Including Context of “Team – Mentor” Relationship

Deni will delve into the dynamics of team-mentor relationships within deep-tech acceleration contexts, offering actionable guidance for educators and mentors.

 **Participation is free** – Registration link: <https://forms.gle/rgF7xyqmJyid32w8A>

You will receive the ZOOM link after registering. Please make sure you enter the correct email. Stay tuned for more updates on the Knowledge Rise project and upcoming events in this exciting workshop series.

The "Knowledge Rise: Advancing Sustainable Blue-Green Economies via Deep Tech – Innovation Capacity Building in Higher Education" project (<https://knowledge-rise.eu/>) supports SET's mission to enhance digital transformation and innovation capacity. It is part of the broader CloudEARTH initiative and is funded by the European Union through the EIT HEI Initiative, coordinated by the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT), Cohort 4. During the kick-off the EIT project officer was also present. The consortium has discussed the basic arrangements and has agreed on the next steps related to identifying gaps in deeptech courses available in the EU and each partner country.

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Upcoming Workshop Alert!

"Training and Mentoring Entrepreneurship in Higher Education"





 **Nov 20, 2025** |  **15:00–16:30 CET**

 **Online** | **Free Registration**

Join us for the **first workshop** of the **Knowledge Rise** project — bringing together top innovation experts from **Ukraine, Slovakia, and Croatia** to share best practices in mentoring and teaching entrepreneurship in higher education.

 **For:** Teachers, mentors, and all educators passionate about building entrepreneurial mindsets in universities.

Why join?

-  Learn from real startup success stories & deep-tech ecosystems
-  Discover what works in acceleration programmes
-  Improve mentor–mentee collaboration strategies
-  Connect with innovation professionals across Europe

Speakers:

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◆ *Rory Taylor* (G-Force, Slovakia)

◆ *Deni Nurkić* (Nuqleus & University of Zagreb, Croatia)

✉ **Register now (free):**

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