



entrepreneurial skills pass

What is it?

The Entrepreneurial Skills Pass (ESP) includes a full-year in-school mini-company experience and an international examination of business skills and economic knowledge. The ESP certifies that students have the entrepreneurship experience, competence and understanding to start a venture of their own or be successfully employed.

Who can take the Pass?

Students from 15-20 years old

Benefits for students

Students develop their creativity; their ability to generate ideas and turn them into action. They learn to work well in a team, take initiative and accept responsibility. They experience what it means to manage a real enterprise, learning how economics and finance contribute to the project's success. They apply their math, science, language, writing, IT skills, or specialized technical skills in new ways.

Benefits for employers

The ESP certifies that a young person has had a real entrepreneurship experience and has the relevant competence, skills and knowledge to add value as a young employee. The ESP is a valuable complement to standard academic qualifications.

Benefits for schools

Entrepreneurship and taking initiative is one of the 8 key competences agreed by the European Union. The ESP offers schools a full package to support entrepreneurial learning outcomes including the mini-company programme, teacher training and international exam.

A real entrepreneurship experience

Students set up their own Mini-Company at school.

An international written exam

Students take an exam that tests their entrepreneurial acumen in economic knowledge and business skills.

Recognition and further opportunities

The ESP is endorsed by SMEs, large businesses, top higher education institutions, international organisations and the European Union. Students with an ESP will find multiple avenues to pursue their business ideas, their career development or further learning opportunities through these organisations.



I've learned to turn my ideas into action.
I feel confident about achieving my goals.
I can take initiative.
I can work in a team and take responsibility.
I know I can persevere in a project, even if
there are difficulties.

I learned about how businesses are created and organised.
I learned to coordinate production of a product.
I learned to write a plan and to present it to potential investors.
I learned about selling and customer focus.
I learned about all the financial aspects of running an
enterprise and how to generate profit.
I learned to recognize market opportunities.



National partner



European partners

