

The pan-European Gateway to business and innovation

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Gate2Growth Thematic Network
for academics, researchers and other experts
in entrepreneurship, innovation and finance

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Supporting academia in entrepreneurship, innovation and finance

Gate2Growth Academic Network is a network of academic institutions (university and business school departments and other research centres), individual academics, researchers and teachers. The European Commission's Enterprise DG supports the initiative's activities.

The main objective of the Gate2Growth Academic Network is to develop the academic profession in entrepreneurship, innovation and finance. The Network supports the exchange and integration of available research and teaching experience on a pan-European scale. It actively assists the European Commission in formulating policy guidelines to stimulate entrepreneurship, innovation and venture finance. The following actions are key to become an important reference for supporting, generating and disseminating high-level academic research expertise and teaching practice:

- The support of junior researchers, Ph.D. candidates and post-docs
- An pan-European exchange programme for academics, researchers and scholars
- The dissemination of breakthrough research methods and findings, top teaching practice including case studies, etc. to a wider research, policy and business audience
- The translation of fundamental research into practical insights, policy recommendations and training formats (toolkits).

“The exchange and mobility of young researchers, organised by the Gate2Growth Academic Network, is recommendable to all students and researchers at a very early stage of their Ph.D.”

SIVA VIVEKARAJAH
University of Edinburgh (UK)



The Gate2Growth initiative

Gate2Growth is a pan European initiative supported by the Enterprise Directorate General of the European Commission. It combines networks and services that aspire to be a gateway to business and innovation in Europe. Gate2Growth is the ideal business platform for:

- **Entrepreneurs** seeking financing (Business Matching)
- **Investors** (InvestorNet)
- **Technology Incubator Managers** (Incubator Forum)
- **Industrial Liaison Officers** and **IPR managers** in academia (ProTon Europe)
- **Academia** (Academic Network).

The comprehensive website 'www.gate2growth.com' offers these audiences tools, services and information from this pan-European initiative.



Business Matching

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The **BUSINESS MATCHING** team is a dedicated team of experts with an outstanding track record in business plans development and evaluation that pro-actively matches entrepreneurs with investors from various industry sectors across Europe.



Academic Network

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The **ACADEMIC NETWORK IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP, INNOVATION AND FINANCE** is a pan-European network of academics, researchers and scholars that aspires to become the European reference for state-of-the-art academic research and teaching in the fields of entrepreneurship, innovation and/or finance.

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Incubator Forum

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The **INCUBATOR FORUM** is a pan-European network of professional managers of technology incubators and incubators linked to research institutes and universities. It aims to increase the skills of incubators and business support services through training and the exchange of good practice at European level.



ProTon Europe

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PROTON EUROPE is a pan-European network of technology offices linked to public research organisations and universities. ProTon Europe aims to boost the commercial uptake of publicly funded R&D throughout Europe by further developing the professional skills of those working in this field.



InvestorNet

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INVESTORNET provides a pan-European platform for knowledge-sharing among early-stage technology investors. The network supports its members with tailor-made activities that increase their ability to support growth and development of innovative firms.



Increasing research expertise and teaching practice

With the below activities the Academic Network aims to raise the number and educational impact of courses and research programmes in entrepreneurship, innovation and finance:

- A doctoral seminar series, called the Doctoral Track, incl. two 5-day doctoral workshops and one 3-day tutorial
- A Researcher Exchange and Mobility programme for junior and senior academics (mobility up to 12 months)
- A European Case Study writing competition (teaching cases and notes)
- A European Best Paper Award competition
- A Specialised Research Workshop
- A Yearly Policy Report for the European Commission

Cases, working papers, workshop proceedings, handbooks and series are available to all network members on the network's homepage.

Members enjoy the following benefits and entitlements:

- Free access to the Gate2Growth Academic Network "members only" website, including:
 - A pan-European searchable directory of academics, experts and service providers, with a listing of individual competencies and those of specific institutions
 - An expert interactive discussion forum
 - An electronic working paper and research report repository (library)
 - A network newsletter (updated quarterly)
- Admittance to the entrepreneur services, investor networks and events organised throughout Europe in the context of the Gate2Growth initiative

“The speakers, presentations and topics of the Doctoral Track were excellent and surpassed my expectations.”

AMPARO DE SAN JOSE RIESTRA
IESE Business School
University of Navarra (Spain)



The European Case Study competition is a unique chance to gain insight and experience in entrepreneurship, innovation and finance.

ELS VAN DE VELDE Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School (Belgium)



How to become a member of the Gate2Growth Academic Network?

To formally apply for membership and to learn more about the membership conditions please visit the Academic Network registration page on www.gate2growth.com/academicnetwork.asp

Both “institutional membership” and “individual membership” entitles to all of the above network benefits and requires the fulfilment of all membership conditions and obligations. Legal entities, i.e. academic institutions, and individual persons must comply with the following criteria:

- To show a clear expertise, involvement or interest in or being of academic relevance to the development of entrepreneurship, innovation and finance (or any cross-linking field)
- To be home-based in the EU or any EU-associated country

Gate2Growth Academic Network is co-ordinated by the **European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM)** and the **Vlerick Leuven Gent Management School (VLGMS)** on behalf of the European Commission’s Enterprise DG.



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