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**INNOTAL Project**  
**Integrating Talent Development into Innovation Ecosystems in Higher Education**  
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## About the Project

The INNOTAL Project (**Integrating Talent Development into Innovation Ecosystems in Higher Education –INNOTAL**) is implemented in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, Action - Capacity Building in Higher Education. The project is carried out with partnership of 5 European Union (EU) partners (4 of which are universities) from Bulgaria, Greece, Finland, United Kingdom, 4 Universities from India, 2 Universities from the Philippines, 2 Universities from Nepal and 2 Universities from Sri Lanka.

## Project Objectives

The INNOTAL project aims to build the capacity of universities in the Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India to embed graduates' employability in their core activities and to facilitate the development of student talent through co-curricular and extracurricular innovation activities involving key stakeholders, with a view to contributing to youth employment, inclusive growth and sustainable development.

## Capacity building Intervention

**The capacity building intervention has three key dimensions:**

- enabling an institutional culture of strategic planning and change in the direction of improving the relevance of education
- launching Talent Co-Creation Labs in the participating universities from the Philippines, Nepal, Sri Lanka and India, which would support co-curricular and extracurricular live projects focused on student and stakeholder co-creation in innovation and engaging students with the world of work and the local communities
- developing tools and teaching resources to support staff and faculty implementing the new tasks

All dimensions seek to re-design students' learning experience, introduce a challenge-driven learning model, improve graduates' employability skills, strengthen Partner Country universities' interactions with business, and involve external stakeholders in student talent development.



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## **About INNOTAL - TALENT CO-CREATION LAB (TCCL)**

The Talent Co-creation Lab, support live innovation projects with the participation of both students and external stakeholders, and to carry out academic and industry training for students in areas such as innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainability. Thus the labs are expected to deepen the engagement of students with the world of work and the local communities.

The trainings at the newly established lab aim to provide capacity building for students, staff and faculty in order to optimize the employability potential of students as well as to foster entrepreneurial spirit among students. Further, the trainings aim to familiarize Talent Co-Creation Lab staff and collaborators with the ways to use the INNOTAL learning materials in Lab trainings, as well as to share and discuss effective approaches in improving the relevance of higher education and enhancing the employability of students through both curriculum development and stronger university-business collaboration.

### **HOW TCCL WORKS:**

The Talent Co-Creation Lab is housed / equipped with necessary infrastructure facilities such as computers with internet connectivity, printer and white board to enable the lab to organize training programmes and workshops for students with the partnership of external stakeholders/ practitioners, industry experts, public sector and trainers through a variety of activities such as delivering lectures, live project demonstrations and case studies etc.

Different university existing centres such as Entrepreneurship & Career Hub, USAB, UICIC, Technology Incubation Centre are invited to participate in the lab in order to have effective coordination with external stakeholders and also design and delivery of new collaboration activities and training programmes and promotion of internships, with the ultimate purpose to develop student's transferrable skills.

TCCL prepares a programme schedule for every month in consultation with external experts on the nature of training/workshops and it will be disseminated to students through social media/e-mail/circular notifications to enable them to register.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN TCCL?**

Participation: It is open to all UG, PG and Research Students of University of Madras and affiliated colleges, any discipline are eligible to join the training/workshop organized at TCCL. However, prior registration is required for all participants.

Collaboration: TCCL invites external stakeholders, entrepreneur, experts from non-profit and public sector and faculty to collaborate and utilize TCCL space, facilities and the Open Research E-Lab to train the students to improve their creative ability and innovative skills/ideas; encourage students to venture in business and develop their entrepreneurial mindset and skills.



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The student participants would benefited and help them to get employment and also contribute for the social –economical development activities of the nation.

**Online Platform:** TCCL has an online platform for cooperation as well as to share ideas and project to jointly work with University of Madras. The platform has User login and Admin Login.

User Login Link: <http://open-research.unwe.bg/login>

### **INSTRUCTION TO USERS:**

- Students /participants are required to sign in the TCCL User Register with e-mail and contact numbers.
- Lab will be opened from 10.00 AM TO 5.45 P.M. Lunch break between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. All working days from Monday to Friday will be opened for students and faculties.
- **To whom should contact at TCCL:** Students, Faculty and External stakeholders/partners /Trainers are requested to contact: Dr. N. Godhantaraman, **INNOTAL Lab Coordinator, Human Resource Development Centre, Chepauk Campus, Chennai – 600 005** (mobile 9444895145 & E-mail: [innotaltcl.uom@gmail.com](mailto:innotaltcl.uom@gmail.com)). Contact Person at Lab: Mr. Sidge, Lab Technician.

### **INNOTAL Project E-Bulletins**

**<http://innotal.unwe.bg/page/e-bulletins>**

### **INNOTAL Lab – at University of Madras**

**<https://youtu.be/AReuS8GFttU>**

**<https://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/chennai/2021/aug/06/talent-co-creation-lab-setup-at-university-of-madras-2340851.html>**