Community Learning for Local Change

our flexible international study programmenow including community innovation labs

























What is Community Learning?

A partnership of universities with their local communities fostering innovation for sustainability.

The methodological framework is called participatory action research (PAR).

Amongst others, this includes design thinking, business planning and partnership.

























What is Social Innovation?

applying practical, innovative and sustainable ideas and tools to benefit society, especially those who are marginalized, and the global environment



Picture: http://socialentrepreneurs.strikingly.com

"Social entrepreneurs are the essential corrective force. They are system-changing entrepreneurs. And from deep within they, and therefore their work, are committed to the good of all."

- Bill Drayton, Founder of Ashoka





















What is Social Entrepreneurship?

measuring success not by monetary profit alone, but by the degree of social impact



In our programme, social entrepreneurship can be an answer to local sustainability challenges. But not only. The solution can also be a new cooperation, an organisational innovation or simply a traditional business.

















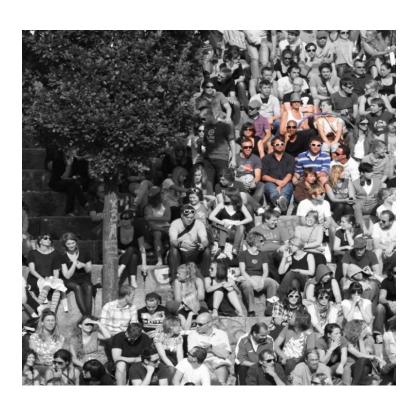








Get involved



Do you want to confront social and environmental problems in an entrepreneurial way?

Do you want to learn how to work with local communities?

Do you want to use your skills to design change?























Get involved





THEN JOIN OUR PROGRAMME!!!

We are looking for students from these areas:

- Business administration
- Economics
- Agronomy
- Urban planning and landscape architecture
- Art therapy

and **ANYONE** who is interested and curious.













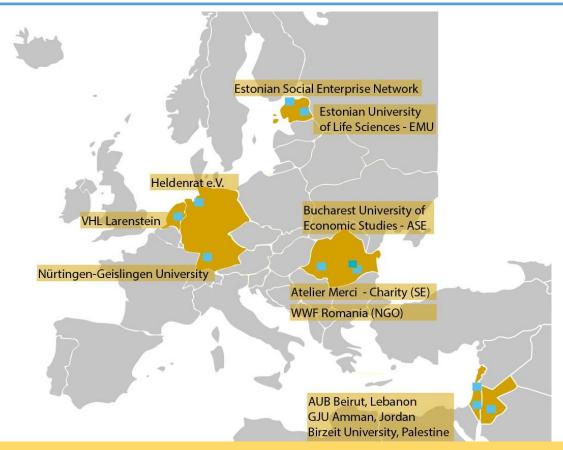








Who we are: our project team



+ we cooperate with the DAAD-funded Middle East Social Innovation Lab (MESIL)























What we offer

- 12 live sessions on the internet with international lecturers, successful local community initiatives, social entrepreneurs
- interactive learning with online teams in tutored sessions
- Real-life collaboration in our community innovation labs
- Interdisciplinary and international group work with students from Romania, Estonia, Netherlands, other European countries and the world
- If the pandemic situation allows, we might be able to fund you to attend on site workshops in Romania, Estonia or Lebanon.
- Core knowledge for developing your community innovation project:
 - Identifying communities
 - Setting Goals
 - Designing ideas
 - From idea to implementation





















Your benefits

- Gain hands-on and practical skills for developing social innovation and social business ideas and involving communities
- Gain valuable international experience by working in intercultural teams, practicing your English language skills and applying your knowledge in a virtual context
- Learn new methods and distinguish your CV with holistic and much-needed competencies including design thinking, entrepreneurial skills and social responsibility





















Designing ideas with your local community





















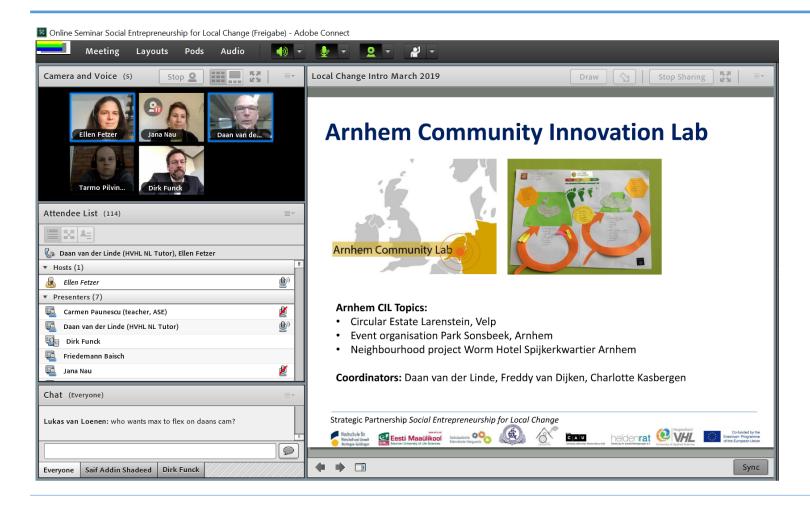








Meet international experts online

























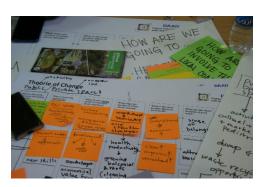
Discover methods you can use in your entire professional life



Roundtable and empathy mapping



Collective knowledge construction



Theory of Change



Prototyping



Business Model Canvas





















Present your ideas with and for the community

















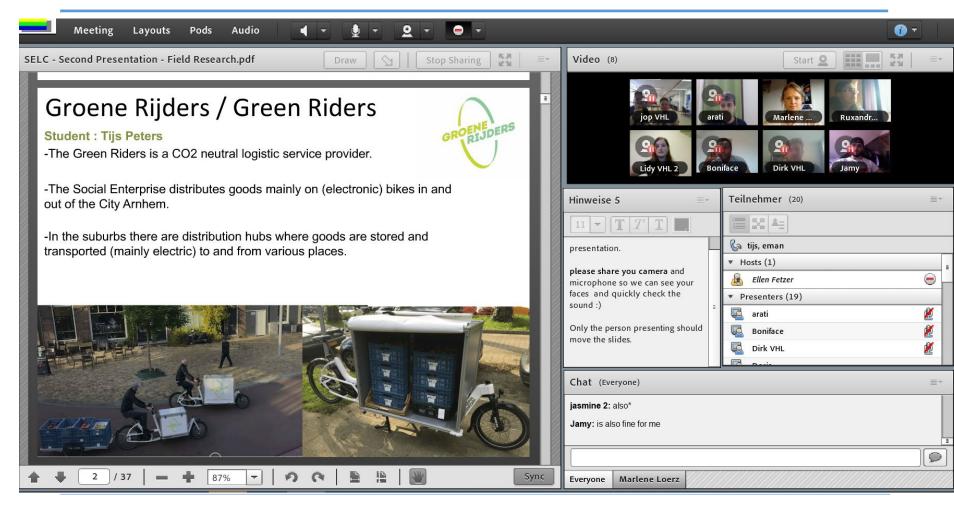








...and also to your online partners

















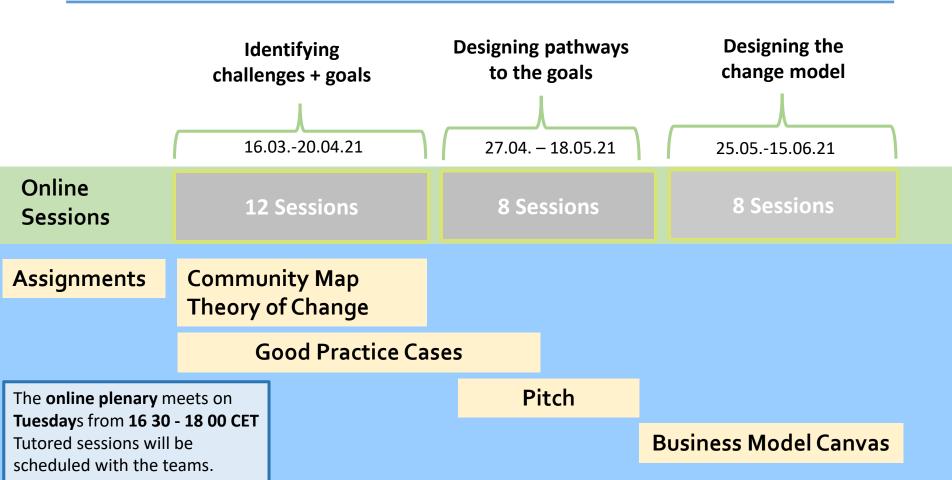








Seminar Structure Summer 2021

























Full CLLC Seminar Programme 2021

March - June 2021

Part 1

Online Seminar

Community Learning

for Local Change

Intensive Study Programmes +

Community Innovation Labs

Outcome Part 1: Innovation Idea

October 2021 – January 2022

Part 2

Online Seminar From Idea to Implementation

Working on the Business Plan +

Community Innovation Labs

Outcome Part 2: Business Plan

















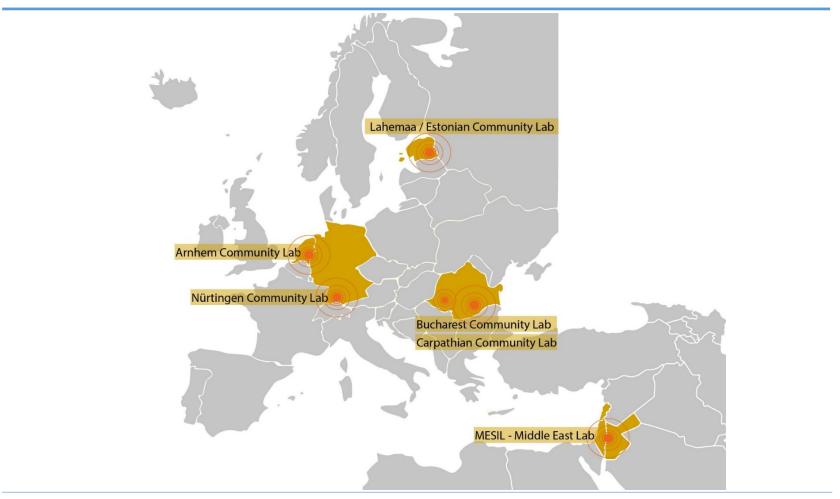








Community Innovation Labs 2021



























Community Innovation Labs 2021

Focus Topics 2021:

Arnhem, Netherlands: sustainable neighbourhoods and circular economy

Lahemaa National Park, Estonia: sustainable and nature tourism, rural entrepreneurship

Nürtingen, Germany: sustainable neighbourhoods, urban nature + edible cities

Bucharest, Romania: waste management, upcycling and circular economy

Bison Hillock, Carpathians, Romania: nature tourism and rural entrepreneurship

Lebanon: disaster recovery in Beirut, neighbourhood development

























CIL Activities 2021



























Nürtingen Community Innovation Lab (DE)





- Biodiversity meets urban culture: How to secure the cultural and natural heritage of orchards
- How to enhance urban gardening as a catalyst for cultural integration
- Fair-Trade-Town Nürtingen: How might we bring this new label to life?























Arnhem Community Innovation Lab (NL)

- Sustainable neighbourhood development in the Spijkerkwartier
- Food forest & Circular Economy for the VHL Campus























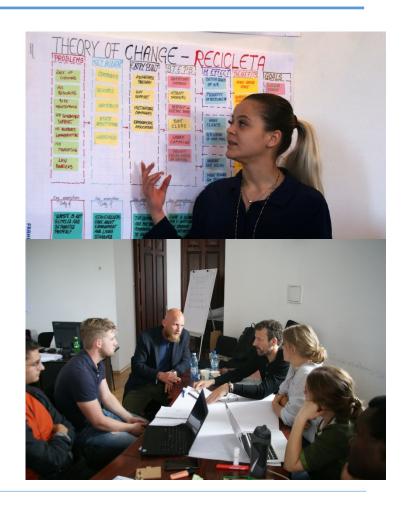


Bucharest Community Innovation Lab (RO)

The Bucharest Lab is linked to the local social entrepreneurship community.

It provides a unique chance for diving into existing business models and to explore social innovation in depth.

- Circular economy
- Sustainable fashion and food
- Waste management

























Lahemaa Community Innovation Lab (EE)

Online Lab embedded in this online course

Workshop Depending on pandemic situation: maybe in late summer

Hosts EMU Tartu and SEV Estonia together with the Lahemaa CIL

Lahemaa National Park + EMU Tartu Location

A rural landscape on the Estonian Baltic Sea

with a unique local community





























Lahemaa Community Innovation Lab (EE)





- Lack of occupational opportunities and high seasonality
- Rural outmigration
- Restrictions on land use
- Lack of collaboration, cooperation and partnerships between state, locals and municipalities
- Local entrepreneurs lack a number of skills: online marketing, social media content creation, guiding, law, making their services suitable for different target groups etc.























Bison Hillock Community Innovation Lab (RO)

Online Lab embedded in this online course

Workshop Depending on pandemic situation: **maybe** in late summer

Hosts ASE Bucharest + WWF Romania together with the Armenis people

Location Pilot site Bison Hillock - Armenis, Romania

Largest European wilderness stronghold,

WWF priority landscape and keystone species rewilding site























Bison Hillock Community Innovation Lab (RO)





Context and focus

Context Largest European wilderness stronghold in the Carpathian Mountains

Environment Nature tourism, sustainable landscape management, innovative local products and services

Community The local community of the Armenis village and vicinity, local stakeholders

Goals Aligning nature and local development interests at landscape level, healthy ecosystems powered by socio-economic wellbeing

Relevance Addressing challenges the villagers face through co-design with the local community

















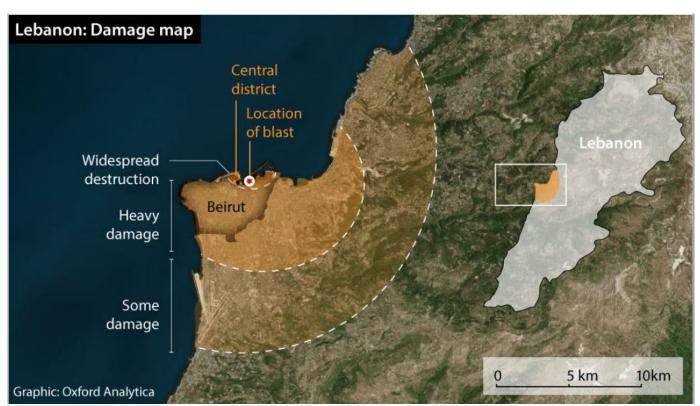






Post-disaster recovery in Beirut - Lebanon

Community Lab: embedded in this online course Coordinator: American University of Beirut, Lebanon

























Post-disaster recovery in Beirut - Lebanon



Lab researchers survey a resident of Mar Mikhael (Photo: Ribal Amaneddine)

Context Beirut downtown neighbourhood

Environment Dense urban fabric of high cultural and social value, now heavily damaged by the harbour explosion in August 2020

Community Residents of the most affected neighbourhood near the Beirut harbour, local NGOs, university groups et al.

Goals Finding new opportunities for postdesaster recovery (housing, social live, local economy), building on the collective experience.

Relevance Addressing challenges through codesign with the local community























Formalities

- Participation in this course is open to students of any study programme. The online course is free of charge.
- The online course is combined and synchronized with local workshops in the community innovation labs (CILs).
- Academic recognition for successful completion will be as follows:
 - 5 ECTS for the online portion + attending CIL workshops
 - Students are responsible for individually seeking academic recognition at their respective universities. Individual agreements might be up to 8 ECTS depending on local curricular context.
- Successful participation in the online portion might qualify for receiving a travel grant to attend workshops in Estonia or Romania. At the time of this writing, we cannot plan physical mobility due to the COVID-19 restrictions.





















Formalities

- There is no limit regarding the number of participants in the online course. Any interested student (or graduate, young professional) is invited to attend.
- All participants who successfully complete the assignments for the online course will be issued a certificate on behalf of all academic institutions involved.

• Also, passive participation (i.e. "listen-only") in the online course is possible, but no certificate will be issued for this participation mode.





















Registration and deadlines

Our social innovation programme requires online registration.

Registration is collected centrally, even if you also registered internally within your institutional systems.

Application deadline: 15th of March 2021

Registration/application link:

http://www.localchange.eu





















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