## EIT HEI Initiative

Innovation Capacity Building for Higher Education



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## Online Pre-Accelerator

This Online Pre-Accelerator activity is directed at new teams of young researchers and entrepreneurs created within the five partner Higher Education Institutes (HEIs). The OPA is an 8-week long online program with occasional mentoring sessions, weekly assignments, and a virtual Demo Day at the end of the program with the option to proceed to a full-time acceleration program, and it is designed to help startups in a very early stage to test their idea and to get prepared for scaling it internationally. Upon successfully completing the OPA, the best startup teams should be ready to apply for one of the investment-based SWG accelerator programs, if interested. An OPA activity ended by DEMO DAY.

## Supported startups:

3 startups of which 2 are registered as a company (OPA Demo Day took place on 24 November 2021)

## Feedback Online Pre-Accelerator:

The InnoChange startup teams are graduating from the OPA tomorrow after attending the Demo Day. Qualitative feedback gathering is in progress, but so far teams expressed their gratitude and received suggestions on what to focus on in their business, next steps to undertake etc.



















