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"Me and my colleague Barbora have had a chance to participate in the HEI InnoChange project. As we were newcomers in this field, it was a great opportunity to learn more about innovations and entrepreneurship. Within the work package 4 (WP4), led by Startup Wise Guys (SGW), we actively participated in several activities starting with the Upskilling workshop, an intensive two-day session led by a highly skilled mentor, Farid Singh. This workshop was very well done in terms of content, Farid was predominantly focusing on the practical exercises, explaining the perks of being an entrepreneur and how to stand out from the crowd and innovate. The second part of this WP was Acceleration programme shadowing – 40 hours in one week. Both me and Barbora attended different acceleration programme shadowing (SaaS and CyberXcelerator) which brought us wider understanding of the process of start-up creation in different fields. We both enjoyed this acceleration shadowing week a lot as we got to know people brave enough to start their own business and SWG presented their techniques of building the company with healthy environment that is meant to last. SWG made these sessions fun and educational at the same time by combining official and unofficial sessions.

At the end, we received a certificate of successful completion of these activities. "















