Synergies & complementarities between the EIT Community and EU policy & funding instruments

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EU priorities in Education and the EIT

Importance of education in the innovation process
- Emphasis put on the human capital aspect of innovation
- Need to capitalize on the EU pool of talents

Need for different set of skills in a rapidly changing society
- Real or perceived skills mismatch
- Lifespan of technical skills is decreasing - Life-long-learning
- Need for transversal/entrepreneurship skills
- Develop a risk-taking culture

Need to modernise education
- Make universities more entrepreneurial/innovative
- More involvement of business sector in education
- Entrepreneurship at all levels of education
- Modernise methods of teaching and learning
What we do at the Commission

Identify and promote best practices
• No subsidiarity - Soft power
• Workshops, working groups, conferences, etc.
• Commission Communications (ex. Renewed agenda for higher education, Digital Education Action Plan, etc.)

Support initiatives - Erasmus+
• Entrepreneurship: University-Business Forum, Knowledge Alliances, HEInnovate, etc.
• Innovation in Education: SELFIE, etc.
• EIT and its Innovation Communities
What we do at the Commission with the EIT

EIT education activities
• Modernisation of education
• All education levels - Schools to professionals
• Strong entrepreneurship and innovation components
• No duplication but added-value

Collaborations Commission - EIT
• Development of the EIT Label (entrepreneurship, mobility, etc.)
• Sharing of best-practices - Entrepreneurship competences, business involvement, e-learning
• Concrete collaborations: Digital Education Action Plan, Copernicus Programme, etc.

Thank you for your attention!
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