

FOSTER STRONGER ENGAGEMENT IN LOCAL REGIONAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

2023

ViA joining the project as one of nine pilot higher education institutions testing the Accelerate Future HEI methodology.

2024

ViA refined its transformation strategy and strengthened internal capacities for implementation.

2025

- Project moved from planning to implementation:
- Vidzeme Innovation Week
 - Youth Innovation Forum
 - Business Laboratory
 - International Project Activities
 - etc.

2026

Final year consolidate results, evaluate impact and embed successful practices into the university's long-term operations.

ENTREPRENEURIAL COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT

ViA created new opportunities for students and young entrepreneurs to develop entrepreneurial skills, build networks, and test business ideas. Through collaboration with municipalities, mentors, and regional partners, the project strengthened the university's role in the regional innovation ecosystem.

342

PARTICIPANTS IN
YOUTH INNOVATION
FORUM

300+

STUDENTS INVOLVED IN
OTHER ENTREPRENEURIAL
ACTIVITIES

23

BUSINESS
COUNSULTATIONS
PROVIDED

101

PARTICIPANTS
ENGAGED IN BUSINESS
LABORATORY

BUSINESS LABORATORY 2024-2026

101

PARTICIPANTS ENGADED IN
BUSINESS LABORATORY

8

IDEAS SUPPORTED BY
MUNICIPALITY GRANTS

3

PARTNER MUNICIPALITIES
INVOLVED

56

BUSINESS MENTORS (ALUMNI,
ENTREPRENEURS) INVOLVED



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

40%

RESPONS RATE
IN TRAINING
NEEDS SURVEY

32

SUPERVISION
SESSIONS

65

PARTICIPANTS IN
INTERNAL
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING

32

PARTICIPANTS IN
EXTERNAL
LEADERSHIP
TRAINING

ViA strengthened the leadership and innovation capacity of university staff through training, mentoring, and supervision activities. These activities supported the development of entrepreneurial thinking, strategic leadership, and organisational change management skills.



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