SIT ALUMNI NETWORK

INITIATIVES IN SUPPORT OF SCALING IMPACT

2022
Dear SIT Alumni,

Not so long ago you were selected as one of the successful 15 finalists of the Social Innovation Tournament and you have started a journey with us. More than prizes, your venture become a member of the SIT Alumni Network. This means that all people working in your project can benefit from our initiatives.

The SIT Alumni network helps you build connections across sectors and countries with no boundaries. The SIT Alumni network helps you scale the impact of your project. As a member, you have the opportunity to expand your professional network. You benefit from numerous learning opportunities, participate in conferences and other events, learn about training and funding opportunities, share your successes with fellow alumni, and you can apply for small grants (SITolarships) to further your project.

All the opportunities are available on the SIT Alumni website. The website is regularly updated so we advise you to consult it on a regular basis. This catalogue will summarize and highlight all the opportunities you can access this year. So seat, relax and enjoy what we bring you.

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Impact measurement and management (IMM) remains a significant challenge for social entrepreneurs around the world. The EIB Institute and inFocus Consulting are partnering again in 2022 to offer the SIT Alumni (2022 cohort) e-learning courses on impact measurement and management (IMM), delivered in three levels. (I) Introduction, (II) Foundation, and (III) Builder courses are available only for SIT 2022 Alumni - for completion you can follow the course at your own pace and join a 90-minute group tutorial. An automated assessment follows at the end of each learning objective. Each of the levels includes a practical one-page guide and workbooks.

You can contact us to get more information.

IES STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL PLANNING PROGRAMME

SIT Alumni can now apply to attend the 2nd edition of an exclusive course organised in partnership with IES-Social Business School (IES-SBS). This online training course includes pre-recorded videos, live and one-to-one follow-up sessions. It will consist of four modules. The live sessions and videos will be provided from 3 October to 23 November 2022. The individual follow-up sessions will be held from November to March 2023, according to availability.

Applications close on 15 September 2022, 23:59 (CEST).
Discover how you can lift people. It all starts and ends with you.

Finding your voice as a transformational leader means understanding yourself on a level you may never have explored.

You can go on this journey and apply to attend the 2nd edition of an exclusive e-training: “A Journey in Transformational Leadership” (formerly called Designing Your Leadership Style), delivered by Kim Van Niekerk, a top communication coach.

This is a 10-week online course for a very restricted group of 10 participants who will explore how they inspire performance, commitment, self-confidence, active involvement, job satisfaction, loyalty and more in their teams.

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The SIT Alumni Meeting will take place on 30 September in Vienna, Austria, the day after the SIT 2022 Pitching Competition - Grand Finale. Besides attending all the SIT 2022 events, if you apply to the SIT Alumni meeting, you can choose to attend workshops such as Refocus; Resilience; Precious Plastic and Nature Reconnection. All that amongst a vibrant networking atmosphere and a beautiful city. The Institute covers travel and accommodation expenses for one person per selected impact venture.

Applications are open until 11 August only to 2012-2021 SIT Finalists. Available places will be given on a first come base. Email us to institute@eib.org

The EVPA Annual Conference will take place in Brussels, Belgium on 1-2 December 2022. Eight to ten SIT Alumni will showcase their innovative solutions at a session organised by the Institute. Registrations and free passes will be announced closer to the date.
Through our partnership with the Microfinance Center (MFC) you have access to a series of webinars on advanced topics of social media, leadership, and other technical topics.

The Solar Impulse Foundation "1000+ efficient and profitable solutions" initiative, attributes a label to profitable solutions with a positive impact on the environment in the fields of water, energy, smart city, mobility, industrial innovation, agriculture and circular economy. Solutions become qualified for further support from investors, resources and potential business opportunities.

The EIB Institute partners with WeChangers, an online community platform that enables people and communities to come together and collaborate effectively, at scale. You can create your account and access to exclusive content on the SIT Alumni Channel.

SIT Alumni can participate in the Amazon World Service (AWS) Activate Programme. AWS provides start-ups with the services needed to scale and grow any size business. Upon applying for AWS, SIT Alumni are eligible for $10 000 in AWS Promotional Credit valid for 2 years; 1 year of AWS Business Support (up to $5 000) and access to the AWS Technical and Business Essentials training ($600 value per course). Additionally you get 80 credits for Self-Paced Labs ($80 value).
The European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA) enables venture philanthropists and social investors to maximise societal impact through increased resources, collaboration and expertise. Every year, since 2017 we organise a showcase of Alumni that have attended the Scaling Impact Executive Education Programme.
The SIT Alumni have access to a network of experts from the EIB Group (European Investment Bank and European Investment Fund). Our colleagues are highly skilled professionals and experts working in different fields such as legal, accounting, finance, HR management, translation, IT, web-development, etc. And now, they would like to dedicate some time to helping social entrepreneurs scale their impact!

SIT Alumni can benefit from the services of Cuora Consulting, a pro-bono management consultancy whose members are talented university students and young professionals. Cuora Consulting has two hubs: one in Milan with students from Bocconi, Cattolica and Politecnico and one in Luxemburg supported by the Luxemburg School of Business, initiated by Global Shapers Luxembourg. Their clients are non-profit organizations, NGOs and social enterprises. Milan hub consulting services may last for approximately 3 to 4 months.

Call of interest will open soon.

SIT Alumni can benefit from small grants of €5 000 for any services or activities that would benefit the venture (conferences, training programmes, investors’ fairs, networking exercises, consultancy, etc.).
EIB GROUP EXPERTS
Get to know and connect with an expert.

"Awareness and protection for our environment, equality of humankind and to leave no one behind are the navigators in an ever-closer and interconnected future."

BJORN BRONGER, EIB
Expertise: Project finance (including PPP), structured finance, investment loans, collateralisation

"Any venture idea, any business dream should have the chance to become reality. Inclusive finance instruments are striving to support that."

CRISTINA DUMITRESCU, EIF
Expertise: Microfinance, Transaction Structuring, Trade Finance

"Being passionate about impact might lead you to make promises you cannot deliver. A lean impact framework shows transparency and accountability while ensuring your impact thesis does not drift along the way."

CLAUDIO CALI, EIB
Expertise: Impact Measurement and Evaluation

"With every single project or initiative, we are making a difference to people’s health and lives. Every one of these counts."

DANA BURDUJA, EIB
Expertise: Health economics, social services - including long-term care, integrated care and community care

"Social and sustainable strategies provide great opportunities to generate value for an organisation and for society."

ELLEN BOERSMA, EIB
Expertise: Urban development, clean energy and law

"I believe in knowledge sharing to build a better tomorrow."

GUY CHERIT, EIB
Expertise: Public-private partnerships, project financing, and infrastructure delivery models.
Fill out the application form on the website and send it to institute@eib.org.

"Sooner or later, something fundamental in your business world will change."

HARALD GRUBER, EIB

Expertise: Digitalisation of the economy, adoption and diffusion of digital technologies

"Always focus on the positive, both in yourself and in other people. Complement missing skills by adding diversity to the team and learn from each other"

JEROEN VIJVER, EIB

Expertise: Human resources management and recruitment

"Take a leap of faith. A step never taken is a lost opportunity to learn."

DITTA BEZDÁN, EIB

Expertise: Project and process management, project financing, proposal writing, contract negotiations

"The best way to make social ventures thrive is by making them financially sustainable."

LUIS VELOSA, EIB

Expertise: Venture capital financing, business plan preparation

"No impact without money. No purpose for money without impact."

THOMAS FERRÉ, EIB - THE EIC FUND

Expertise: GTM and customer acquisition strategies, growth strategies, finance and fundraising

"Stories are more powerful than ideas, numbers or facts."

SOFIA BENTO MONTEIRO, EIF

Expertise: Marketing and communication, branding, communication strategy and campaigns, events