

**Idea: Providing SME access to university laboratories
(college or other educational institution)**

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Idea description

Title:	Providing SME access to university laboratories (college or other educational institution)
Idea objective	<p>The main aim of this activity is to support the development of innovations in the city by improving cooperation between SMEs and local educational institutions.</p> <p>All parties remain in the winnings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMEs have lower costs for the development of innovative products and services and can also receive consulting assistance; • Students can get practical skills in the field of innovation, and the educational institution can involve businessmen and practitioners in the training of students; <p>This activity corresponds to European approaches in the field of supporting innovative activities, and cities can, together with educational institutions, receive additional funding from external funds.</p>
Sharing process (max 1000 characters)	<p>It is better to implement such action in two stages.</p> <p>The first stage is to present such an idea to local businesses and local educational institutions, to find interested educational institutions, and to identify with them laboratories that may be of interest to the business. Help educational institutions and businesses create a couple of pilot examples of how businesses can use educational institutions' laboratories.</p> <p>The second stage is to develop a system of actions and rules on how to use laboratories of educational institutions in the city. These are not necessarily university research laboratories. Ordinary mechanical workshops of vocational education institutions can become such laboratories. It is important to ensure a system of informing businesses about the availability of access to the laboratories of educational institutions and the procedures for reserving time and compensating the expenses of educational institutions.</p>
Restrictions/rules (law, skills, time, other)	<p>This idea needs to be adapted to the existing legal restrictions on the use of equipment and premises of educational institutions. Educational institutions themselves may be subject to various state and local authorities.</p> <p>Here, it is important to provide compensation for the costs of educational institutions to ensure access of SMEs to the laboratories.</p>
Procedures (if applicable)	To implement this action, it is necessary to develop detailed procedures for access to the laboratories of educational institutions.
Costs for public institutions (if applicable)	The costs of educational institutions for business access to laboratories must be compensated by business or targeted projects that can be financed by the city or external donors.
Expected result (if possible)	Development of innovations in the city and improvement of the educational process in local educational institutions.