Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) | 2026

Futurepreneurs: Innovative Startups for Tomorrow's Europe

Dates for physical activity | 9 – 13 February 2026

Proposed period for virtual component | 4 – 6 February 2026

Objectives and Short description:

- Prepare university students to lead the next generation of European startups with social and environmental impact.
- Develop practical skills in business creation, digital prototyping, and effective pitching.
- Foster intercultural collaboration and the use of emerging technologies within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- Enable participants to create innovative businesses aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Promote critical thinking and international collaboration in entrepreneurial contexts.

BIP Language and location of physical activity

- English
- School of Technology and Management, Viana do Castelo (Portugal)

Coordinating Institution
Polytechnic University of Viana do Castelo

How to apply: Procedures for registration will be sent to selected and nominate students by home Universities to internacional@ipvc.pt
Places are limited to 25 participants and will be filled in strict order of registration.
ECTS issued | 3 ECTS

Field of Education | 0410 Business and Administration

Project base learning activity | Problem Solving

Priorities addressed | Digital Transformation

Dates for physical activity and programme
Physical mobility schedule (40 hours):
Intensive week with group dynamics, visits, and hands-on project work.

Monday, February 9th, 2026

- 10:30 – 11:30 | Welcome Aboard – Registration and reception

- 11:30 – 13:00 | Meet Your Crew – Participant introductions and group photo
- 13:00 – 14:30 | Taste the Start – Lunch at ESTG (School of Technology and Management)
- 14:45 – 18:00 | Discover the Blueprint – Guided tour of Viana do Castelo, exploring the region's potential (VivExperiência)
- 19:30 | Connection Dinner – Networking dinner for teachers and students

Tuesday, February 10th, 2026

- 09:30 – 10:00 | Morning Boost – Coffee at ESTG
- 10:00 – 12:30 | Innovation Insights – Visit to Datacolab and seminar on data analysis and trends
- 12:30 – 14:00 | Fuel Up – Lunch at ESTG
- 14:00 – 18:00 | Team Synergy Sprint – Teamwork to consolidate initial solutions and presentations
- 18:00 | Evening Recharge – Free time

Wednesday, February 11th, 2026

- 08:30 | Departure to Valença by bus, to the School of Business Sciences (ESCE)
- 09:30 – 13:00 | Innovation on the Move – Field trip, discovering examples of local entrepreneurship
- 13:00 – 14:00 | Regional Tastes – Lunch at ESCE
- 14:00 – 17:00 | Ideas in Action – Visits to In.Cubo (Innovation Incubator) and Citin (Center for Technological and Industrial Innovation)
- 18:00 | Sunset Break – Return to Viana do Castelo and free time

Thursday, February 12th, 2026

- 09:00 – 11:15 | Build the Future – Intensive teamwork to refine projects
- 11:15 – 11:45 | Idea Recharge – Coffee break at the ESTG library
- 11:45 – 13:00 | Feedback Lab – Presentations and mentor feedback
- 13:00 – 14:00 | Shared Meals – Lunch at the ESTG
- 14:15 – 17:30 | Wave of Innovation – Surf lesson at Cabedelo Beach
- 17:30 | Blue Horizons Evening – Free time

Friday, February 13th, 2026

- 09:00 – 10:30 | The Final Frontier – Final pitch session, project presentations to the jury
- 10:30 – 11:00 | Celebration Coffee – Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:00 | BIP Reflections – Program summary, conclusions, and insights
- 12:00 – 12:30 | Moments Captured – Group photo and certificate delivery
- 13:00 | Farewell Feast – Lunch and departure

Virtual Component Description
Theoretical preparation, practical activities, and virtual collaboration.
Initial Online Phase (20 hours):

- Interactive webinars: Emerging trends in European entrepreneurship.

- Practical workshops (asynchronous): Use of digital tools for MVP creation.
- Idea Presentation Challenge: Multicultural teams create solutions for real-world problems.
- Online Mentorship: Each group is supported by mentors throughout the process.

Methods
Methods and Outcomes:

- Experiential Learning: Solving real-world problems through challenges and prototyping.
- Intercultural Collaboration: Multicultural teams fostering global competencies.
- Emerging Technologies: Use of tools like AI, blockchain, and data analysis.
- Focus on Sustainability: Ideas aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Methods and results:

- Business plans aligned with European market trends.
- Development of global networks and acquisition of transversal skills.
- Certificate of Participation awarding 3 ECTS.

Main Topics

- Digital and Sustainable Entrepreneurship.
- Technological Trends: AI, Blockchain, and Circular Economy.
- Disruptive Business Models.
- Tools and Strategies for Rapid Prototyping.
- Pitching and Persuasive Communication

Target Audience

- Students from diverse fields (business, IT, sustainability, digital arts, etc.) with a creative profile.
- European university students (Undergraduate and Master's) interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, and social impact.
- International representation with at least three Erasmus+ partner institutions.