## Open Education Challenge: innovation in education starts here

Submitted on 07 Feb 2014 by Montse Delgado

Are you part of a start up using innovative PSI reuse practices in the area of education? Then the <u>Open Education Challenge</u> is your opportunity to showcase your work and get funding!

The Open Education Challenge, launched in partnership with the European Commission, is a new opportunity for entrepreneurs and innovators passionate about education to develop, strengthen and fund their start-up. This new European-wide initiative is part of the <a href="Opening up Education">Opening up Education</a> initiative and of <a href="Startup Europe">Startup Europe</a>, and is under the patronage of Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, member of the European Commission.

Applicants may be aspiring entrepreneurs or existing startups in the first stage of development. All projects are welcome; the only condition is that they must contribute to transforming education. Your proposal can address, for instance, one or more of the following:

- Learning contents
- Devices, tools and connectivity
- Learning assessment and analytics
- School management and organisation
- Learning communities.

We accept applications from all over the world. All selected startup teams must commit full time to the incubation process and will be required to have registered or register within the EU.

Twenty finalists will get a chance to go to Barcelona to pitch their idea in front of a European jury, chaired by <u>Lord Puttnam</u>. We will select the 10 most promising startups to join our Incubator:

- 12 weeks -24x7.
- In successive European cities: Paris, London, Berlin and Helsinki.
- With the best European experts in education, technology and entrepreneurship.
- Seed funding of up to  $\in 20,000$ .
- Access to Our Open Education Investment Club from day one.

Applications are open until March 17.

Visit the <u>Open Education Challenge</u> website for more information and stay connected on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.