

Report on the activity in the framework of the European Inventor Network



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Short description of the activity

Explanation of the importance of an “extended team”

Date and place of the activity

1st of February, 2026 – San Marino – Sala Polivalente Auditorium Little Tony, Serravalle

Audience (number and age of the participants)

Around 60 boys and girls, aged 12 to 18, attending local but also more remote secondary schools, and a part of their families. They came for the “Jump’in Robotica” event.

Outcomes and achievement

Ex: qualitative information , such as testimonials or success stories

After a good day of playing and working out robot strategies, I invited the audience to reflect on the meaning of “team work” in real life. Leveraging on the example of an imaginary soccer team made up of 11 strikers, I explained how “hardcore innovators” are not enough to bring an idea to success. And based on our own experience in Varionova, I explained how a team of 6 engineers had to be flexible enough to cover non-technical functions (communication, administration, etc) to get traction, even if we had a breakthrough innovation in store.

Recommendations

Ex: any recommendation for Future activities based on the Experience and outcomes of This grant-funded activity

Having worked for years in the “open innovation” sector, I am deeply concerned with the path leading the idea to the market. We tend to always focus on the figure of the “innovator”, which is good, but it is important to stress on the importance of other roles contributing to the success of his ideas. This means discouraging individualism, encouraging partnerships with different profiles, and also encouraging children less interested in STEM to join innovation pathways.

Attachments: Any supporting documents (such as photographs, testimonials or other relevant materials) that help illustrate the activity’s impacts and effectiveness should be sent to mchopinaud@epo.org. These supporting documents might be posted on the European Inventor Network webpage.



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