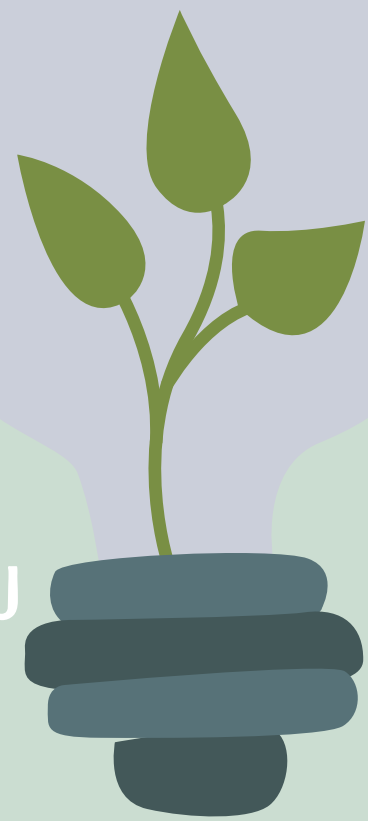


# CONTEMPORARY DEVELOPMENTS IN GREEN ECONOMY AND GREEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT BOTH THE EU AND NATIONAL LEVEL



## Green Economy in Europe:







- EU has set ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency to meet its commitment to the Paris Agreement on climate change.
- The European Green Deal and Circular Economy Action Plan are key policies to promote sustainable development and minimize waste.
- The Europe 2020 Strategy, the 8th Environment Action Programme, and the European Consensus on Development further support green and circular economy initiatives.
- The European Investment Bank and programs like Horizon 2020 and the European Investment Fund offer funding and support for green start-ups and businesses.

## Green Entrepreneurship in Europe:

- Green entrepreneurship covers a range of sectors, including renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, eco-tourism, and green technology.
- Increasing demand for environmentally sustainable products and services drives growth.
- Funding and support for green start-ups and businesses are widely available.
- New business models and practices prioritize sustainability and social responsibility.



## Initiatives:

-  **Ireland:** the Environmental Protective Agency's (EPA), Urban Uplift Fund, Green Transition Fund, Green Team Network.
-  **Italy:** ISPRA - Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale (Institute for Environmental Protection and Research).
-  **Greece:** Green Entrepreneurship Network (GEN), National strategy for green entrepreneurship.
-  **Poland:** European Funds for a Modern Economy (FENG), Green Technology Accelerator (GreenEvo).
-  **Romania:** National Plan for Energy and Climate, National Strategy for Green Jobs.
-  **Spain:** National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), Green Entrepreneurship Program.



Overall, the shift towards green economy and green entrepreneurship in Europe represents an important step towards a more sustainable and resilient future.

The Irish, Italian, Greek, Polish, Romanian and Spanish Governments have implemented so far various initiatives to support the growth of green economy and entrepreneurship. There are also several funding mechanisms and support programs available for green start-ups and businesses.

