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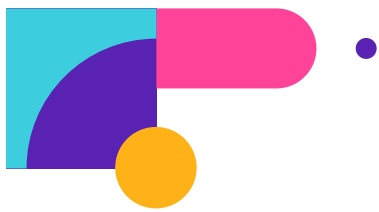
EMPOWERING ENTREPRENEURS ACROSS EUROPE

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Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Since 2012, Fundatia Danis has been supporting Romanian entrepreneurs through the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme, helping aspiring and new entrepreneurs learn directly from experienced business owners across Europe. Through these international exchanges, new entrepreneurs gain practical experience, explore new ideas, and build lasting professional connections. Over the years, Fundatia Danis has supported over 170 business exchanges, giving Romanian entrepreneurs a unique opportunity to learn in real business environments across Europe.

Highlights from 2024–2025

Over the past two years, the programme continued to support a new generation of entrepreneurs fostering valuable learning experiences and lasting professional relationships.



38 business exchanges between Romanian entrepreneurs and host businesses across Europe



85 aspiring entrepreneurs supported to join the programme



1,732 hours of mentoring provided to young Romanian entrepreneurs



€86,703 in financial support granted to participating entrepreneurs



222 participants attended in-person workshops on green entrepreneurship

ENTREPRENEUR STORIES: LAVINIA ERGHELAN



Photo: Lavinia with her mentor Maria Fiter, in Spain

Lavinia Erghelan (new entrepreneur from Bucharest, Romania) – Growing Through Mentorship

Lavinia Erghelan, an artist and interior designer, spent four and a half months in Barcelona developing her first collection of lamps with guidance from mentor Maria Fiter at Crea-Re Studio.

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Like many new entrepreneurs, I entered the programme eager to solve every dilemma facing my business, but I quickly learned that there is a time for everything and a place for everything. I took a few steps back to watch, listen, and learn from my mentor. Discipline became my most important lesson, and Maria guided me throughout the whole process.

This experience was a breakthrough for my growth mindset as an entrepreneur.

– Lavinia Erghelan

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[Watch Lavinia's full video](#)



ENTREPRENEUR STORIES: AUREL SEICIAN



Photo: Aurel Seician and his mentor Antonello Livrano, in Italy

Aurel Seician (new entrepreneur from Cluj-Napoca, Romania) – Turning Ideas into a Real Business

At just 23 years old, Aurel Seician from Cluj-Napoca joined the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme and completed a five-month exchange in Italy with Antonello Livrano. During their collaboration, they co-created Digital Architecture Office, a fully operational agency with a clear brand identity, defined processes, and its first client.

“EYE gave me the guidance and real business experience I needed to turn ideas into a concrete entrepreneurial path.

– Aurel Seician

ENTREPRENEUR STORIES: DANI DAISZLER



Photo: Narek Khalafyan and his mentor Daniel Daiszler, in Cluj-Napoca

Dani Daiszler (host entrepreneur from Cluj-Napoca, Romania) – Mentoring the Next Generation

Through the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme, Dani Daiszler, founder of Daisler Print House in Cluj-Napoca, hosted Narek Khalafyan, a young entrepreneur from Armenia. Dani guided Narek through the daily operations and strategic decisions of running a growing creative business, sharing his expertise and fostering a hands-on learning experience.

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The highlight of the exchange was definitely my host, Dani Daiszler. Working closely with his team gave me a completely new perspective on growing a business.

– Narek Khalafyan,
new entrepreneur

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Meeting Narek was truly enriching. His questions sparked meaningful discussions and encouraged us to reflect on our own growth. It was a two-way learning experience.

– Dani Daiszler, host entrepreneur

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Narek’s journey was later recognised internationally when he became a finalist at the EYE Innovator Awards 2024 in Kaunas, Lithuania.

EU Business Hub

Opening International Opportunities for Romanian SMEs

In 2024, Fundatia Danis contributed to the **Romanian launch** of the EU Business Hub – Japan and the Republic of Korea, an EU-funded initiative that supports the internationalisation of innovative European SMEs.

Together with Eurochambres, Fundatia Danis organised the national launch event in Cluj-Napoca, bringing together **over 60 representatives** from companies, universities, and business support organisations.

As a result, **five Romanian companies were selected** to participate in business missions to Japan and the Republic of Korea at the end of 2024. The initiative helped Romanian SMEs discover practical opportunities to explore and access Asian markets through EU-supported programmes.

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We are delighted to see the strong interest from Cluj’s business community. The EU Business Hub supports EU companies in expanding into dynamic Asian markets, with business missions playing a key role by offering practical and strategic support.

– Ana Sarateanu, Network Services Manager, Eurochambres

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Photo: EU HUB launch event, in Cluj-Napoca., June 2024



Building the next Chapter

As we look toward 2026, our commitment remains the same: to bridge the gap between ambition and experience. Whether you are an aspiring founder with a fresh idea or an established business owner ready to mentor the next generation, there is a place for you in our community.

Ready to Start Your Journey? Apply here ► www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu

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