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**Similar initiatives to best practice  
examples from Germany, Austria and Italy  
in guiding youth to STEM  
- Danube region**

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## Introduction:

Objective of this report is to present most suitable solutions in guiding youth to STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) or in stimulating young researchers to work market oriented. Best practices from Danube region, besides the ones from Austria, Germany and Italy, are identified. Project partners of EEII executed a desk research to identify relevant programs. Those successful programs are knowledge base for future European Early Innovators Program.

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Country	Croatia
Name of the competition	National Scientific and Innovation Competition for Youth
Short description	INOVA is a traditional national exhibition of inventions which since 1971 has been regularly displaying the best of the technical inventive work in Croatia. INOVA is encouraging and symbolizing the innovative spirit in Croatia. Over more than 40 years of its existence INOVA has brought together, promoted and presented to the public thousands of domestic and hundreds of foreign inventions. INOVA – BUDI UZOR 2019 will offer ample opportunities for domestic inventors and entrepreneurs to meet their foreign colleagues and for the sale of inventions on the Croatian and European market.
Website	<a href="http://inova-croatia.com/">http://inova-croatia.com/</a>

Country	Hungary
Name of the competition	National Scientific and Innovation Competition for Youth
Short description	The First National Innovation Competition for Youth took place in 1991/1992. Through organising this competition Hungary was offered the possibility to be the first from Central-Eastern Europe to join the Competition for Young Scientists that has been organised by the 12th Directorate-General of the European Commission since 1988. The purpose is to promote cooperation among young scientist-candidates of 15 to 20 years of age in order to contribute to the development of promising young talents. The Hungarian competition is announced by the Hungarian Innovation Association, the Ministry of Education and Duna Television and the Hungarian Patent Office is also found among its supporters. Also the president of the Hungarian Patent Office participates as a juror. The consideration for competition and the delivery in the course of an event called INNOFÓRUM occurs at the end of May each year.
Website	<a href="https://www.innovacio.hu/en_3a.htm">https://www.innovacio.hu/en_3a.htm</a>

Country	Romania
Name of the competition	Olimpiade
Short description	Contests for different disciplines studied by pre-scholars and scholars are named "olimpiada" and are yearly carried at city, county and national level. These type of evaluation are cutumas in Romania. The purpose of these events is to promote the winners to further international contests.

Website	<a href="https://www.olimpiade.ro/">https://www.olimpiade.ro/</a>
Country	Ukraine
Name of the competition	Sikorsky Challenge
Short description	The purpose of this event is to identify the most interesting and up-to-date projects in various fields of technology, and to provide the authors with the best of their assistance in commercialization, the creation of successful start-up companies, and the emergence of innovative products in the national and international markets. The Sikorsky Challenge startup contest is one of the most important annual events in the field of innovation in Ukraine. It usually involves project developers in many fields of science and technology and representatives of large investment business.
Website	<a href="https://www.sikorskychallenge.com/">https://www.sikorskychallenge.com/</a>

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