Name of Module: Business Development labs

Credit Points (ECTS): 3 in Semester 1 + 5 in Semester 2

Module-ID: BDL intro (code EMEIE102 for 3 ECTS) in semester 1 (part of the S7-UE3 Innovation & Entrepreneurship block), and a course (without a specific code, but accounted for 5 coefficients) in semester 2 (included in S8-UE3 Innovation & Entrepreneurship block)

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1. Prerequisites for Participation
According to general prerequisites for EIT Digital Master School programs; attendance to the I&E Basics module.


- Making [V]alue judgments and sustainability competencies (EIT OLO 1): The ability to identify short and long term future consequences of plans and decisions from an integrated scientific, ethical and intergenerational perspective and to merge this into a solution-focused approach, moving towards a sustainable society.
- [E]ntrepreneurship skills and competencies (EIT OLO 2): The ability to translate innovations into feasible business solutions.
- [C]reativity skills and competencies (EIT OLO 3): The ability to think beyond boundaries and systematically explore and generate new ideas.
- [I]nnovation skills and competencies (EIT OLO 4): The ability to use knowledge, ideas and technology to create new or significantly improved products, services, processes, policies, new business models or jobs.
- [L]eadership skills and competencies (EIT OLO 7): The ability of decision-making and leadership, based on a holistic understanding of the contributions of Higher Education, research and business to value creation, in limited sized teams and contexts.
2.b. Intended Learning Outcomes

1. [C, E] The ability to explore and create ideas or modify existing ideas for business concepts and organizations with a customer/user-centric perspective.

2. [I] The understanding of product/services design processes, methods and tools and the ability to apply them for the development of a new product or service concept with a customer/user-centric perspective.

3. [E] The ability to perform a business solution planning and development process (dynamics of developing the business, organization needed to implement it, go-to-market).

4. [V] The ability to include ethical, societal and sustainability considerations when developing a new product/technology and business concepts and models, and the required implementing organizations.

5. [L] The ability to reflect upon the applicability of used concepts, methods and tools in the context of their project.

3. Content

Business modelling and development in phases – (a) idea recognition – (b) concept design – (c) Business modelling and planning – (d) Business plan presentation.

Application of subjects from Basics or introduced in Bus Dev Lab:

- Business Model Canvas (9 boxes)
- Methods and tools for customer discovery, customer validation, evidence-based decision making, market analysis
- Business ethics, sustainability
- Entrepreneurial finance concepts, methods and tools (cash flow management, financial scenarios)
- Other business planning concepts methods and tools (strategy, marketing, market entry)
- Financing, fund raising
- IP and intellectual assets Management
- Pitching and oral communication

These contents are normally introduced and applied through the Bus Dev Lab project (learning by doing)

4. Teaching and Learning Methods
The Business Development Lab module lets students work in teams on several business plan development project. The teams are multidisciplinary in nature also containing students from other disciplines (according to availability), one BDL work per semester.

In each semester, the BDL is split in two phases: a short one, focused on applied lectures, and a longer one, focused on learning by doing through a project.

Students start by choosing an entrepreneurial idea/challenge/problem either brought in from the students themselves or inspired/indicated by business partners or academics. Ability to do actual customer/hypothesis is considered. The subject relates to ICT and involves technology to some extent. Associated to the BDLs per se, the students are being offered Moodle on-line specific EIT Digital courses and a design thinking full day seminar.

**Course 1: mini-BDL (2 ECTS, First semester)**

The Business Development labs module start with this 1st course scheduled as a 6 weeks period, early in the semester. Within this period, the goal is to rapidly present the business development process, taking a tiny but innovative business case as an example. Students form small teams preferably merging different cultural, scientific background. The course is organized as 6 x 3 hours sessions. In each session, one specific theme is addressed, and the teams also work in a lab mode to develop their business idea that they will present at the end of the course.

Starting the BDL module with such a compact and rapid tour overview will show the following benefits:

- It serves as an overall motivation for the other I&E courses (be they from Basics in I&E or from this BDL same module). Indeed, it provides some structuration and respective articulation of the various concepts in business, concepts that are more deeply handled in other I&E courses. Besides, as it happens at the very beginning of the university year, it allows the students to rapidly get to know each other.

Course plan is:

- Session 1 : Introduction to innovation – Basics
- Session 2 : How to launch innovation : writing the Business Plan (I)
- Session 3 : Business Plan - BP (II)
- Session 4 : Entrepreneurship supports and funding
- Session 5 : Business Plan (III) – Ready to Pitch?
- Session 6 : BP presentation (written & oral)

Evaluation for this course is based on both the written and the oral presentation for a total of 80%. Out of these 80%, 20% of the mark is individual and consists in ranking students according to their personal participation during the course.

As a complement, students are being offered a one day organized at SAP Labs premises on Design Thinking

**Additional on-line courses (1 ECTS, First Semester)**

The mini BDL semester 1 course is complemented for 1 ECTS, with on-line courses from the EIT Digital Moodle platform

- Design thinking (50%)
- IP Strategies plus IPR and Patent management (25%)
- Leadership (25%)
Course 2: BDL core (4 ECTS starts in 2nd semester)

In this course, students are introduced to some business development experiences. EIT Digital thematic action lines partners propose some business cases to work on. Project ideas can also be proposed by some local partners or by students themselves. Business cases will be selected preferably from the Data Science and Autonomous systems fields.

Small teams of students are set up, through a team building process mixing personal competencies, and a debriefing about proposed business ideas to develop.

The BDL is assessed by the final pitch in front of a jury, composed of academics and industrials. Alternatively, and whenever feasible, participation in a business challenge will be encouraged.

Additional on-line course (1 ECTS, Second Semester)

Some specifically targeted sessions are organized to more deeply address:

- Business Ethics and sustainability
- Technologies Commercialization strategies
- Technology watch, standardization
- Advanced business models

Estimated Workload

For the mini BDL (2 ECTS):
- 20 classroom (10hC, 10h TD), included the Design Thinking one-day seminar
- 40 individual and group work

For the on-line / Sakai courses (1 ECTS): 20 hours in total

For the BDL Core (4 ECTS) + additional course (1 ECTS):

Since this module is heavily oriented towards in class preparation work, the amount of expected home work is about 100h

The workload distribution of on-site volume of 50 hours is:
- In depth BDL applied lectures (IP, BNC, Go to market, etc …) by Galena Pisoni: 3x3h
- Entrepreneurial finance (vs. corporate finance): accounting basics , cash flow, P&L, … including how to go to market (fund raising, venture financing, valuation, etc), financial aspects of the Business Plan [M. Callois, Nice Métropole], 3x3h
- Living labs part [Brigitte Trousse], 1x3h
- Coached group work and pitching sessions: 10h onsite (Cedric Ulmer, David Queva, Brigitte Trousse), 10h
- Individual work on online assignment: 17h (assistance on demand, Galena Pisoni)

5.a. Assessment and Grading Procedures
For the 1st semester course “mini BDL”, evaluation is based on both the written and the oral presentation for a total of 80%. 20% of the mark is individual and consists in ranking students according to their personal participation during the course. For the Moodle on line courses, peer review and self-evaluation is used.

For the 2nd semester course “Core BDL”, see above the respective percentages. Overall bear in mind that assessment is based on Evaluation of final oral presentation + evaluation of final report deliverables: Deliverables include: slideware (progress and/or project pitch) + written report (BM, BP). Evaluation includes a share (minimum 20%) of individual evaluation, and a share (5%) of groups evaluation by your peers. For the Moodle on line courses, peer review and self-evaluation is used.

At the end, the evaluation is split as follows:
- 20% of mark: Final pitch and business project oral presentations by group
- 5% of mark: Group evaluation by your peers about your performance
- 65% of mark based on the final delivered written group report containing the business model, and including a section describing some technical choices that would be requested in case a prototype of the proposed innovative product would be needed. Included (for 10% out of the 65%) is a section on Living lab
- 10% of mark: Online modules performance

### 5.b. Grading Criteria
### 6. Workload calculation (contact hours, homework, exam preparation,..)

See above

### 7. Frequency and dates

Once fall term

### 8. Max. Number of Participants

--- 20

### 9. Enrolment Procedure

--- Automatic enrollment of EIT Digital Master 1 students. (Reserved seats)

### 10. Recommended Reading, Course Material

For the basis courses: per addressed topic:

- Business Model Generation: A Handbook for Visionaries, Game Changers, and Challengers
  Authors Steven G. Blank, Bob Dorf. K&S Ranch Publishing LLC, 2012
- Strategor. Authors Laurence Lehmann- Ortega, Frédéric Leroy, Bernard Garrette, Pierre Dussauge, Rodolphe Durand ; Collection: Livres en Or, Dunod 2013 - 6ème édition - 704 pages - 190x240 mm

### 11. Other Information (e.g. home page of module)

Grading criteria include:

- [C] Invents or finds solutions to address and solve his/her project main challenges (customer problem, functionality, business model, development,..)
- [I] Drives his project according to the dimensions of (1) customer problem/solution discovery (including in relation to the product technical development) and (2) market discovery (related to strategic thinking) in ways that are relevant for the situation.
- [E] Addresses key steps in a BM/BP/BD project/activity. Plans / diagnoses / recommendations or actions are well supported and appropriate. Identifies appropriate strategies for risk reduction.
- [L] Is able to initiate and carry out design projects, achieve milestones, do problem solving, understand team roles, handle conflicts, negotiate, have good verbal, written and visual communication skills, ability to interact with stakeholders.
- [V] Apply ethical perspectives and theoretical concepts in relation to the topic of the work or its results. Consider and discuss future consequences of these in different situations and/or for different societal groups from a sustainability perspective. Show a solution focused approach.
- [V] Relate the value proposed in his project/study/activity to all relevant stakeholders including producers, customers, shareholders, communities, ecological systems and policies as appropriate
General EIT Digital I&E Minor structure at UCA:

Note that the **S7-UE3 Innovation & Entrepreneurship** of 9 ECTS of semester 1 (aka S7 for semester 7) includes three courses, each with coefficient 3, and the average total mark permits to collect the 9 ECTS as soon as it is >= 10 over 20. One of the three courses pertain to the BDL for a coefficient of 3. The two other courses, each having a coefficient of 3, pertain to the category Basics in I&E EIT Digital module (basis and entrepreneurship, each for a coefficient of 3).

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Note that the **Business Development Lab and Summer School** of 9 ECTS of semester 2 includes the mandatory summer school mark for a coefficient of 4, and the rest pertains to the BDL for a coefficient of 5.

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Overall, spanning the two semesters, the BDL overall material and work is accounted for 8 ECTS.

Note that for **S8-UE3 Innovation & Entrepreneurship** block, you should reach 15 ECTS in total, that means that you should choose two courses out of the 3 options below. In addition, you may choose from available DS4H courses (TBC). They complement both the I&E minor specifications (Basics in I&E and BDL prescribed by EIT Digital minor).

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Overall, the minor in I&E in the EIT Digital UCA Data science track accounts for a total of 24 ECTS.
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