

Finnova presents the 5G-DiGITs Project in Brussels to young beneficiaries of the GENIUS Program from the Provincial Council of Tarragona



5G-DiGITs Co-funded by the European Union

Training session on European funds

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5G-DiGITs is committed to education in advanced 5G technologies to empower European professionals

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- **Digitalization training aims to equip Europe with the necessary skills to face the technological era, promoting the development of technological and sustainable competencies.**

Brussels, February 26, 2025. Yesterday, **Tuesday, February 25**, Finnova hosted at its headquarters in Brussels the **Welcome Day** of the **Genius Program** from the **Provincial Council of Tarragona**, an international mobility program through which **ten young people from Tarragona** benefit from a professional stay in Brussels to later transfer the acquired knowledge to a municipal entity in the region. During the session, **Alberto Navarro, Finnova's Human Resources Director**, presented **5G-DiGITs**, an ambitious **Erasmus+-funded project** aimed at preparing Europe for the **5G era** by developing **digital and sustainable skills**.

The **5G-DiGITs project**, which spans **36 months** from its launch on **November 1, 2024**, has a total budget of **€1,745,421** and brings together a consortium of **European partners** committed to **digital transformation** and the training of professionals in **emerging technologies**.

Among its main objectives are the **development of essential digital and green skills** for the integration of **5G across various sectors**; the **promotion of collaboration between academic institutions, businesses, and public administrations** to create synergies in

professional training; and the **advancement of sustainable innovation** through digitalization and the **efficient use of new technologies**.

GENIUS: An Opportunity for Young Talent

Since **2020**, young people **under 35 years old, residing in the Tarragona region**, holding a **university degree**, and registered as **job seekers**, have been eligible for the **Genius program**, a scholarship initiative offered by the **Provincial Council of Tarragona**. This program enables participants to benefit from a **professional stay in Brussels**, where they gain valuable experience before transferring their acquired knowledge to a **municipal entity in the region**.

GENIUS is an **international mobility program** that provides young people with opportunities through **training stays in Brussels**, aiming to prepare participants in **strategic and relevant sectors for the region**. The driving force behind this initiative, supported by the **Finnova Foundation** for program **management and monitoring**, is to **professionalize candidates in European policies and legislation**, focusing on areas such as **tourism, energy efficiency, sustainability, the primary sector, and the circular economy**.

The program offers **financial aid of €9,300 per participant**. The professional stay lasts a total of **seven months**, five of which take place in **Brussels**, where participants acquire **knowledge and practical experience**, followed by **two months in a local entity**, transferring **improvement proposals** and developing **European projects** at the local level.

The **program participants** were selected through a **rigorous process** and are **highly qualified university graduates**. During their stay, they receive a **monthly financial allowance, medical coverage, and funding for travel expenses**. In addition to their **internships at host entities**, participants take part in a **specialized training program** provided by **Finnova**, covering key aspects such as **European funding calls, institutional communication in the EU, and the legal framework of the European Union**.

During this **Welcome Day**, beneficiaries participated in a **specialized training session on European projects**, delivered by **Finnova experts**. The session covered **European funding opportunities** and presented various **projects** in which the **foundation** is involved, equipping attendees with **key tools** to navigate the field of **European funding acquisition**.

Since its inception on **January 7, 2025**, this program has provided young people with the opportunity to **integrate into the European ecosystem, develop their professional**

skills, and expand their network of contacts in the fields of **innovation and digitalization**.

By presenting the **5G-DiGITs project**, Finnova reinforces **training in 5G** as a **key tool for employability and professional growth**. This project highlights the **importance of 5G** in the evolution of sectors such as **industry, education, and mobility**. Finnova reaffirms **its commitment to training, technological innovation, and transnational collaboration** to foster **talent** and build a **more digital and sustainable Europe**.