

# Mitigating Population Decline with Entrepreneurship

## CALL

Urban Lab in Europe

5th Call for Proposals

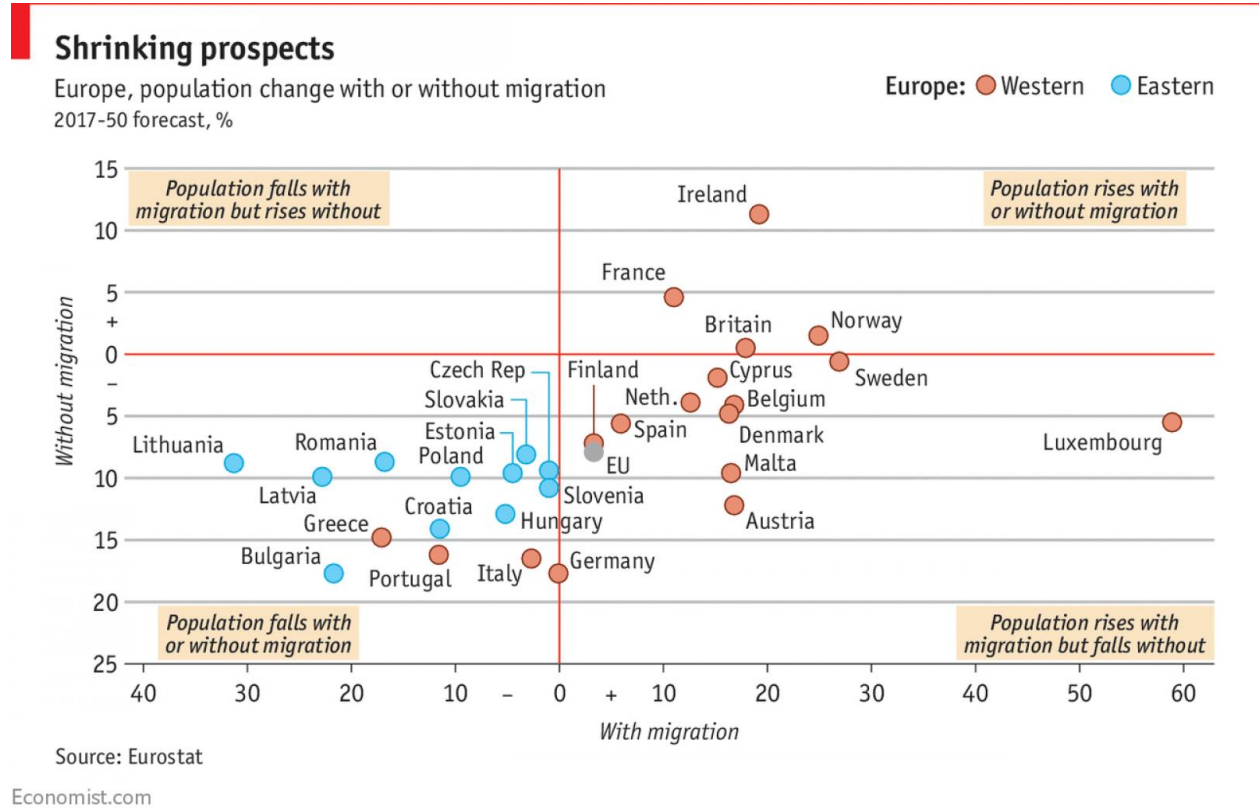
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## BACKGROUND

Population decline may be Europe's most deep-rooted problem, and its most serious. A new model is needed to create and support small business enterprises to hire, increase revenues, secure capital, innovate and create meaningful impact in their communities as a way to mitigate population decline, most acute in the Southern, Eastern and Baltic flanks of the EU, and especially onerous for rural areas.



By contributing to the economic development of an area through stimulation of competitiveness of enterprises and job creation through entrepreneurship, the Mitigating population decline with Entrepreneurship project seeks to engage our consortium partners to provide a mix of EntreComp entrepreneurship education training and support to promote and accelerate entrepreneurship that co-creates sustainable, inclusive social and economic prosperity.

## OBJECTIVES

The aims of the project are to:

- Create Resource Nodes strategically located in areas most vulnerable to emigration, the loss of population and an aging of the workforce that support training and a unique EntreComp Community of Practice that can be transformed into regional hubs upon completion of the project for networking, accessing resource, and sharing information and experiences.
- Provide EntreComp training through intermediary stakeholders to targeted beneficiaries and recruit learning facilitators to guide trainees through new coursework developed for the project and delivered via e-learning methodologies.
- Improve the adaptability of the EntreComp framework to unleash private sector-led growth that can be supported by public authorities at the national, provincial and local levels. Data from the Resource Nodes will be used to produce a series of case studies of business ideas resulting from sponsored activity and policy briefs of the issues.
- Increase the competitiveness and sustainability of enterprises through the application of EntreComp competences acquired by beneficiary trainees.
- Train a new cadre of skilled entrepreneurs and additions to the workforce with jobs created as outcomes of the project.

## PARTNERS SOUGHT

- Public bodies
- Universities
- Nonprofits
- SMEs

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