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Mini Track on The Role and Impact of Physical and Virtual Incubators and Accelerator Programs on Early-Stage Startups

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In recent years, the significance of incubators and accelerators in research has surged, drawing attention to their benefits for early-stage startups. This Mini-track is designed to delve into their pivotal role and impact, fostering a forum for debate and the exchange of insights from both research and hands-on experiences.

Focused on best practices and methodologies for promoting early-stage startups forward, this Mini-track includes a variety of pivotal themes, interculturality, entrepreneurial education, innovative business model cultivation, expansive networking strategies, funding, and entrepreneurial ecosystems. The overarching objective is to offer pragmatic solutions that directly address the multifaceted challenges confronting entrepreneurs and early-stage startups at the outset of their journeys.

This initiative holds relevance for a diverse audience of individuals, including scholars, researchers, educators, policymakers, entrepreneurs, startup pioneers, and anyone engaged in the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Suggested topics include but are not limited to:

- Incubators and accelerators challenges
- Business Model Innovation
- Co-Creation Support Programs
- Interculturality
- Online Support Programs
- Startup Ecosystems
- University Support Programs



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Submission details

In the first instance a 300 word abstract is required, to be received by 23 February 2022. Submissions must be made using the online form at: <http://www.academic-conferences.org/conferences/ecie/ecie-abstract-submission/>

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