

# Business development driven by innovation and the entrepreneurial ecosystem

<b>Name of the initiative:</b>	<i>Espacio Ciencia</i> : virtual interactive center of science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship (STI-e)
<b>Duration:</b>	2021–2024
<b>Participating countries:</b>	Peru
<b>Objective:</b>	<p>Strengthen the science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship (STI+e) capabilities of young people to foster the inclusion of vulnerable populations and ensure readiness for Industry 4.0.</p> <p>Promote access to and dissemination of STI+e knowledge with the participation of key actors in the STI ecosystem, to support the education recovery process in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
<b>Activities:</b>	Creation of virtual learning and knowledge-transfer spaces. Development of thematic scientific knowledge modules and linkage for capacity building (advisory services, mentoring management, contests, workshops, citizen science projects). Workshop on logical thinking, STI project design, and programming.
<b>Cost and financing:</b>	US\$100,000 in seed capital from the Development Cooperation Fund (DCF) Country contribution: US\$25,643 (expected)
<b>Request for partners:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Additional financing.</li><li>- Digital skills development</li><li>- Project formulation and business management</li><li>- Technology ventures</li><li>- Best practices in the design of virtual spaces for STI promotion</li></ul>

## Sub-topics

- Entrepreneurship
- Innovation
- Digital transformation
- Science and technology

## Beneficiaries

- 67,466 students and 6,951 teacher-advisors at science clubs nationwide.
- 92 licensed universities

## Expected outcomes

- Platform built and conceptual and design proposal developed for the *Espacio Ciencia* (Science Space) program: Virtual interactive center for science, technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship (STI-e)
- Science Clubs pilot program implemented

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