

LEVERAGING LEADERSHIP FOR RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN TERRITORIES

Task 5.3 - Good Practice in Sabadell and Catalonia

Emprenedores Teixint Sabadell

(Female Entrepreneurs weaving Sabadell)

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Emprendedores Teixint Sabadell

- Association of female entrepreneurs for networking, giving themselves visibility and promoting their business in the area of Sabadell.
- The association entrepreneurs come from different fields, including health, communication, design, housing, fashion, perfumery, wellness, industry, services, art, parenting, tourism, hospitality, finance, food and small business, among others.

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Basic characteristics/elements of *Emprenedores Teixint Sabadell*

- *Emprenedores Teixint Sabadell* was born in January 2020 to fill the need of a space for female entrepreneurship
- The associated members are only female
- Some of them became entrepreneurs as a result of motherhood, others as an opportunity to create and offer products or services with their own principles and ethics
- There are around 40 members whose ages range from 25 to 60 years old linked to Sabadell area

Year	Members	Training Actions / Networking	General Assembly
2020	25	4 / 2	-
2021	29	9 / 2	1
2022	41	In progress (1 in Feb 22)	1

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Integration of RRI Keys (*Public Engagement, Open Access, Gender, Science Education, Ethics*) to the **Good Practice/Success Story:**

- **Gender** balance is the most obvious implemented RRI key, since the association works for the promotion and visualization of women's role in entrepreneurship which usually is predominantly masculine.
- **Public engagement** plays an important role too. They organize regular public events in order to get to engage Sabadell's society:
 - Training actions, open to general public (businesses, associations, citizens and public administration participation)
 - Networking and social events (lunch, dinner), open only to members to share experiences, problems and common challenges
 - Currently we have established first contacts with research and academic agents who are interested in entrepreneurship

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Integration of AIRR Dimensions (Anticipation, Inclusiveness, Reflexivity, Responsiveness) to the Good Practice/Success Story:

- **Anticipation**, 3 month planning
- **Reflexivity** post activities and events
- **Responsiveness**, starting new strategic lines based on previous findings

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Concluding Remarks

- The association is an example of support and reinforcement of female entrepreneurship whose characteristics and needs differ from those of male.
- Due to the nature of the association, it can easily integrate other RRI keys (open access and scientific education).
- It has the capacity to interweave different agents from the territory improving the innovation ecosystem.