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Graduates' testimonials





The InfraBooster Foundation and Practitioner program is a great auxiliary mechanism for the valorization of scientific research results and the strengthening of cooperation between academic institutions (faculties and institutes) and industry representatives. The program helped me to shape the knowledge and skills I already have, but also to acquire new tools with which the extremely valuable results of research and innovative projects can be offered to the market and used in practice. Both levels of the program have a very meaningful flow, structure, and dynamics, I liked that there was both individual and team work, and the fact that it works on an example of a real research infrastructure adds value and opens up real opportunities to shape it to fit the needs of real customers/users.



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Kristina Stevanović

Associate Expert at Science Department,
University of Belgrad, Serbia



Thanks to the Infrabooster Practitioner program, I now feel encouraged to take our blockchain research infrastructure to market and make a tangible impact on both academia and industry. I highly recommend this program to any researcher looking to bridge the gap between research and development, innovation, and commercial success.



Nemanja Zdravković

Dean of Faculty of Information Technology at
Belgrade Metropolitan University, Serbia



We were fortunate to be selected and pass the Infrabooster Practitioner training organized by EIT.

Although initially developed for the food industry, we found it extremely useful for the manufacturing industry as well. The team from the Smart Learning Factory – Skopje encourages EVERY researcher to apply for it and test their laboratory in this fully developed methodology. The organizers go deeply in the analysis and are encouraging every trainee throughout the process.



Bojan Jovanoski

Head of Smart Learning Factory – Skopje at
Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia



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Participating in the InfraBooster 2023 edition as the Head of the Centre for R&D of the University of Sarajevo was a profoundly enriching experience. The course's structured approach to understanding the competitive edge of research infrastructures and the meticulous design of innovative infrastructure-based services has been pivotal in enhancing our strategic outlook towards industrial partnerships and outreach.

One of the most impactful aspects of the program was learning how to approach research infrastructures as organizations which are market-oriented, and which can communicate the unique benefits and differentiators of their services. This has been instrumental in sharpening our focus on the needs of specific industries and companies, enabling us to identify and engage potential clients more effectively.

Moreover, the InfraBooster Practitioner module provided us with invaluable insights into initiating service sales processes, which has significantly contributed to our professional growth and the expansion of our Centre for R&D's reach into the industrial sector.

The interactive sessions and the opportunity to network with other professionals have fostered a collaborative environment that has enriched our experience further.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of such a forward-thinking program and am excited about the potential it has unlocked for us in terms of innovation and industrial collaboration.



Maja ARSLANAGIĆ-KALAJDŽIĆ

Head of Centre for Research and Development at the University of Sarajevo



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Participation in the Infrabooster training has helped us develop our knowledge of research infrastructure exploitation and has brought us new perspectives and ideas. So far, we have been conducting experiments aimed at publishing results in specialized journals and participating in project competitions organized by the Ministry of Research or the EU.

We have learned that our research infrastructure, including the recirculating aquaculture system, earthen ponds, feed production facilities for fish, as well as other analytical equipment, could be of interest to the economic environment, such as feed producers, supplement manufacturers, or aquaculture farms. We have learned how to understand the relevance of an economic sector in a specific country or in the EU in terms of the number of operators, employees, and revenues using the Prodcom database and NACE codes. We have learned how to initiate collaboration with an economic agent starting from the Persona and communication methods. We have also learned to promote our research activity and research infrastructure through One Pager.

The courses are taught by friendly professors and super specialists. They are engaging and easy at the same time, so the information is learned from online attendance and consolidated through individual and team tasks. Also, it's a great opportunity to find researchers to collaborate with from other countries.

Personally, I was thrilled to learn how to address the economic environment with our research infrastructure so that the entire society can benefit as quickly as possible from our research results and to obtain additional funding for research. Many thanks Infrabooster Team!



Marian Burducea

Researcher at the Research and Development Station for Aquaculture and Aquatic Ecology, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania



Participating in the InfraBooster 2023 edition was a transformative experience. As a researcher in agro-economy, this course has equipped me with essential skills in crafting services grounded in research infrastructures, enabling their efficient utilization to drive innovation within agricultural and food companies. The ability to identify and articulate key differentiators of these services, as well as effectively communicate with targeted industrial sectors, has significantly enhanced my professional capabilities. Moreover, it forms the foundation for positioning the Agricultural Institute Skopje competitively in its developmental endeavors. I highly recommend the EIT InfraBooster program to anyone seeking to bridge the gap between scientific research and industrial innovation.



Marija Gjosheva Kovachevikj

Research Associate at Institute of
Agriculture, Ss. Cyril and Methodius
University, North Macedonia



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We are delighted to share our experience with the InfraBooster program who has guided us in clarifying our project idea objectives but also pointing our strengths, potential customer base, team dynamics, service offerings, and our position within the research market. We are happy to say that, after the InfraBooster Programme our team applied for funds to increase our ECO-VR infrastructure potential. We hope that this step will open new doors for our project, enabling us to scale our research and development activities. We are grateful for the InfraBooster team members, through weekly trainings they really unlocked our infrastructure potentials. We highly recommend the InfraBooster experience to any research team or academic institution aiming to amplify their infrastructure impact and refine their strategic approach.



**Uendi Cerma, Manjola Zeneli,
Frida Gjermani**

Participants from Aleksander Moisiu University of
Durrës, Albania



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Companies' testimonials





The R&D services provided by the University of Life Sciences "King Mihai I" of Timisoara (ULST) have been highly valuable to our company. They supported the development of bakery products using oilseed by-products like sunflower, rapeseed, and linseed pomace, improving nutritional profiles with higher protein and beneficial unsaturated fatty acids. Additionally, lavender essential oil boosted antioxidant and antimicrobial properties, extending shelf life and enhancing health benefits.



Adina BRINZEU, Executive Director, S.C.PROSPERO, Romania



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AGRO-KALEM is highly satisfied with the services of the Institute of Agriculture's Laboratory for Seed Control and Plant Health Analysis. Their professional 'one-stop-shop' service saved us time and resources, and the confirmation and recommendations were essential for obtaining a valid certificate for the health status of our mother plants. We highly recommend the Institute for its professionalism, expertise, and efficient service.



**Vaska Mojsovska, Owner,
AGRO KALEM DOOEL, North
Macedonia**



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We greatly value the R&D services from the Laboratory of Food Quality and Safety at Trakia University. Using the MALDI-TOF MS system, we quickly identified microorganisms in our food products, significantly reducing analysis time compared to standard ISO methods. This technology has helped us analyze microbial communities, predict shelf life, and assess hygiene, all of which will enhance our production processes.



Denitsa Kaleva, Quality Control, SAMI-M LTD, Bulgaria



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Laks Export-Import d.o.o. is pleased with its cooperation with the Institute for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology at the University of Sarajevo. Their services supported the launch of a new softmouth trout production line. Genetic testing confirmed the brood stock's indigenous origin and integrity, ensuring no hybrids with other salmonid species. The service was timely, comprehensive, and included valuable recommendations for our long-term precision breeding strategy.



Tanja Handžar, Director, Laks export-import d.o.o, Bosna and Herzegovina



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