The SPEED Plus Project

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Overview

- 5 local universities
- £4m project
- 2012 – 2015
- Part funded by ERDF
- Match funded by partner universities
The Offering

- Pre-business start-up support
- Business development residential weekend
- Network of support
- Additional development sessions
- External business consultancy support
- Incubation space
- Financial support
Eligibility

- Students/alumni/staff/partners of the university
- Full-time or part-time degree courses
- Undergraduate or postgraduate
- UK, EU and EEA nationals or have ILR
- Associate applicants (for teams)
The Process

- Pre-panel session
- Invitations to panel
- Panels
- Appointment to programme
- 6 months duration
- On-going support
Challenges

• Uncertainty - fixed term funding available
• Recruitment – attracting applicants
• Professionalism – business like behaviour
Beneficiaries Feedback

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