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Berytech
The Ecosystem
for Entrepreneurs

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Agrytech

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Berytech Overview

- Berytech is an entrepreneur's ecosystem, leading on multiple programs mainly related to:
 - the agri-food sector
 - the water, energy and food nexus
 - the clean energy, water and waste management
 - social entrepreneurship
 - women empowerment / women leadership
 - SME business development



The Program - Agrytech

- A program under the ACT Smart Innovation Hub
- Yearly 3 phases Program
- Funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

- Nurturing and growing **ideas**, and **prototypes** that has a **disruptive scientific, technological, or business model** solution with a focus on any of the **agri-food sectors**.



The Program



Startup Funding

Up to \$37K cash injection in accelerated startups



Prototyping Facilities

Access to an electronics & hardware Fabrication Lab with technical support



Business Coaching

Bootcamps, training sessions and master classes developing entrepreneurial competencies



Customer Access

Promotion and visibility in local & international markets



Industry Connections

Linkages to Agri-Food community & pool of dedicated experts



Follow-On Mentoring

Intensive mentoring trajectories with follow-on immersion in Europe



The Program Goals



Creating Jobs

Innovative startups contribute to job creation and sustainable economic development.



Developing The Sector

Exchange with like-minded institutions from the Netherlands and Lebanon coupled with dynamic academia contribute to the improvement of the local business environment and private sector development.



Advancing The Ecosystem

Improved policies and business linkages contribute to an enriched ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in food and agriculture led by the private sector.



Contributing to SDGs

As a member of the Global Compact Network Lebanon, Berytech enacts the 10 principles of the UNGC and the Agrytech Accelerator Program falls under Berytech's mission to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals.



Previous Batches



69 Startups admitted



23 Startups graduated



1 M\$ in grants

1200 hours of training



100 jobs created

300 jobs expected in the coming 2 years



The Challenges

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FARMING

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RANGELANDS AND FORESTRY

Background image: A landscape with hills and trees.

TRACK 2

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FOOD INDUSTRY
PACKAGING & MARKETING

Background image: Food packaging boxes.

TRACK 4

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FISHING & AQUACULTURE

Background image: A fish in a body of water.

TRACK 5

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MANAGEMENT SUPPORT
LEARNING & EXTENSION

Background image: Hands holding a tablet and a pen.

Challenges and Opportunities

Crop Production

- Access to finance and cashflow management
- Access to markets, supply management and compliance
- Import substitution of input supplies
- Extension tools
- Land, crop and productivity optimization
- Post Harvest practices

Food Production

- Raw material supply and availability and cost
- Import Substitution at end product level
- Productivity, quality and competitiveness

Animal Production

- Feed availability and alternatives
- Optimization of Cattle farming
- Upgrade of the small ruminants' value chain



Thank you...

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