# **SMU Incubator**



#### **Context: Why?**

- As part of our thriving entrepreneurship ecosystem, SMU is aiming to celebrate its students' and Alumni's voices and uncover their inspiring stories of trials, hope, and success in everyday life.
- One of the career center's key responsibilities is to follow up with its students & Alumni. It is done through surveys, in order to showcase their career path in owning and operating businesses all over the world, as well as to learn more about their business profiles.
- As a part of Needs Assessment, in collaboration with Noomen Lahimer, MSB Professor, the CAC by Hela Chaari, Career Center Director, conducted 20 one-to-one interviews with students and Alumni Entrepreneurs. Each interview took one hour, aiming to get closer to interveners' needs and to provide the best of SMU in their support.
- We have recorded through the surveys a rate of 10% of graduate-all programs combined-that embark on entrepreneurship.
- Among the startups that participated in the first launch of the SMU incubator event on **16th of September 2020 at SMU campus**, 13 have been identified and selected.
  - → <u>The Objectives are</u>: To better assess entrepreneurs' needs and provide personalized support to startups.

# 13 Entrepreneurs presented their pitches with success



# **Africa Smart Glamping**

The other way to make luxury meet nature

Africa Glamping solution: A digital
Booking solution in the Tourism &
Hospitality field.

@asg\_glamping

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Mohamed Ramzi

Jihene Doss

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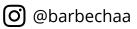
Ines Soyah

Chiheb Karoui

# **Barbecha**

Responsible shopping begins here

A Digital platform of E-commerce: in the clothing and fashion field.



Barbechaaa







MedTrip (BookMyMedTour)
Your true health companion

Medical & Tourism agency.

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Achref Msakni

Sabra Gargouri



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Skander Ben Sassi

# **EAT&FIT**

Nice to fit you

A digital Platform for Healthy food delivery in the consumer retailing field







#### Flow

Get the most out of your money

An online wallet where asset transfer and exchange of assets is facilitated in the Finance & IT fields.

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flow-wallet.com

Omar Guizani

Lilia Lasram

# **Unwasted**

Cradle to cradle

UNWASTED develops 100% eco-friendly, plant-based and socially responsible health/wellness products.



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Unwasted





Youssef Meksi

#### Histoire d'une Fleur

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A Florist artisan in the consumer retailing field.

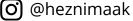
(©) @histoire\_dune\_fleur

Khalil Ben Mabrouk

# Hezni Maak

Spread the carpool trust

An Android and iOS mobile community-based carpooling app that allows people from the same community to travel while reducing the cost of transportation for both drivers and passengers in the service field.





(#) heznimaak.com





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# My Oya

let MY-OYA vibes steal you away

A Tunisian brand that offers swimwear and other accessories in the consumer retailing field.

(O) @My.Oya

myoyaswimwear my-oya.com

Oumeyma El Kefi

Sarra Khmakhem

Narjess Ben Slimane

## **TCHOU TCHOU**

Tracking App Smart & Safe management system

A school bus tracking application that will manage student flows in the service field.





Tchoutchouapp



#### **WOCK'T**

Wood & Leather Experience

A Tunisian brand that brings together two noble materials: wood & leather. A handmade product introducing naturalness into our daily life while merging authenticity & modern style in the consumer retailing field.



@wock\_t



www.wockt.com

Hassen Cheikhrouhou

Mohamed Ali Kaddour

# **Xkeep**

₩ Wocket1

A cloud accounting solution democratizing technology, making the power of Al available for every small business regardless of their size, all while protecting the accounting profession, making it more comfortable and more scalable in the IT field.





#### **IFIX**

IFIX is a digital Platform Specialized in electronic devices repairing (smartphones, laptops, tablet......)

Khalil Ben Mabrouk

# The Launch of The FIRST SMU INCUBATOR COHORT:



16th of September was the launch of the first SMU incubator cohort. Our first entrepreneurs made their first pitch in front of a jury member composed of potential investors, alumni and faculties.

- 7 Alumni from different backgrounds and companies like Baco Sport, Stecia, Sotuver, Bee, AMA, Amen Bank, and Pfizer.
- 5 external partners with various backgrounds and companies like IntilaQ, TAEF, Tuniinvest, Medina, and UBCI.
- Faculty and staff members from different departments
  - → They all participated to assess entrepreneurs' projects and pitches and provide them with their feedbacks.





During this event, our guest Salma Ines DHAOU, demonstrated to the SMU incubator entrepreneurs how to have a great branding and positioning.

The 30th of September 2020 is the date of the first workshop dedicated to SMU Incubator. It was the beginning of a joint adventure between SMU and 13 wonderful projects.





We had the pleasure to receive exceptional guests that talked about Business Law and Partnership in the Startup field.

During this session, we assigned Mentor to every Start up.





#### Mentees:

- Mohamed Ramzi
- Jihene Doss
- Ridha Mahjoub
- Farah Hentati

#### Mentor:

· Ramzi Akrout



#### Mentees:

- Ines Soyah
- Chiheb Karoui

#### Mentor:

• Zeineb Gana



#### Mentees:

- Sabra Gargouri
- Achref Msakni

#### Mentor:

• Karim Labidi



#### Mentees:

Skander Ben Sassi

#### Mentor:

• Radhia Kammoun



#### Mentees:

• Omar Guizani

#### Mentor:

- Ons Hantous
- Sami Gargouri



#### Mentees:

• Lilia Lasram

#### Mentor:

Bacem
 Chiekhrouhou



#### Mentees:

• Youssef Meksi

#### Mentor:

Yahya Bouhlel



#### Mentees:

Khalil Ben Mabrouk

#### Mentor:

• Nourchene Mezni



#### Mentees:

- Oumeyma El Kefi
- Sarra Khmakhem

#### Mentor:

- Souheil Ben
   Abdallah
- Lasaad Abdelmoula



#### Mentees:

• Narjess Ben Slimane

#### Mentor:

 Khansa Ben Farhat Bouassida



#### Mentees:

• Hassen Cheikhrouhou

#### Mentor:

Sadok Siala



#### Mentees:

 Mohamed Ali Kaddour

#### Mentor:

Mourad Fradi

The role of mentors is to supervise and provide the necessary assistance to entrepreneurs with their positioning within the ecosystem. Therefore, each week Incubated projects have the possibility to attend workshops, so they can show their advancement with their mentors.

SMU entrepreneurs had the opportunity to pitch their project and share with us the beginning of their experience with SMU incubator.



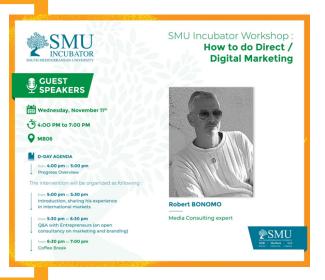


During this event, our guest Salma Ines DHAOU guided the SMU incubator entrepreneurs into having great branding and positioning.



On the 6th of November, our entrepreneurs had the opportunity to attend a workshop dedicated to project management and Agile development.

We were pleased to receive Robert BONOMO. He animated a workshop about direct and digital marketing.





On November 18th, our guest Salma HAMZA prepared a creative problem-solving session based on the principles of design thinking.



We had the pleasure to enjoy two sales process workshops with Ramla Jaffar, founder and CEO of MASS Analytics.
One on November 25th and another on the2nd of December.

Ms. Jaffar, introduced the importance of sustaining the growth of the startup.



A workshop dedicated to the storytelling technique when communicating the concept of a project, was presented by Noomen Lahimer and Pattie Ceresani.





An enriching workshop animated by Hassine Labaied, co-founder of Skilla, was held in 2021.

He shared his personal experience and knowledge acquired at his company.

We had the honor to receive Najmeddine Boukhari, Project Manager and International Cooperation Programs Manager at API. He shared some tips about procedures and funding.





Chehir Chehibi animated a workshop about the topic of financial forecast and valuation. This workshop's goal was to enable entrepreneurs to make an efficient business plan. Thus, tools and procedures were shared.

On January 27th, some of our entrepreneurs got the opportunity to pitch their ideas and progress to our guests:
Samia Tnani and Onyema
Nwigwe from AFRICINVEST.
After the pitching, feedback sessions were provided.
Also, our guests shared some additional tips about the financial forecast and valuation.





SMU entrepreneurs pitched their ideas, with our guest Noomen Fehri being present.

Noomen Fehri is the CEO at B@Labs and was the minister of ICT from 2015 to 2016.

Later, a workshop about the Intellectual Property Concept was held.



The DemoDay event was held on the 24th of February 2021. It marked the end of the first SMU Incubator Cohort. The event was hybrid, the entrepreneurs pitched their projects to some guests and partners on campus. The event was also broadcasted live on our social media and on Zoom.



Wednesday, February 24th From 2.00pm to 6.00pm



South Mediterranean University MSB . MedTech . LCI



1º SMU entrepreneur 210 PM - 215PM : Omar Guizani: Founder "Flow"

2" SMU entrepreneurs 220 PM - 225 PM : Achref Msekni & Sabra Gargouri: Founder "MedTrip"

3" SMU entrepreneurs 2.30 PM - 2.35PM : Farah Hentati & Ridha Mahjoub & Jihène & Ramzi: Founder "Africa Smart Glamping"

4º SMU entrepreneurs 2.40PM - 2.45PM : Narjess Ben Slimène: Founder\* Tchou Tchou\*

5" SMU entrepreneur: 250 PM - 0255 PM: Youssef Meksi/Maher chekir: "Hezni Maak"

Break B001 2.55PM -3.10PM : BREAK

6" SMU entrepreneurs: 3.10 PM - 03.ISPM : Skander Ben Sassi "EAT & Fit."

7" SMU entrepreneurs 3:20PM - 3:25PM: Oumayma Kefi & Sarra Khamakhem "My Oya"

8" SMU entrepreneurs 3.30PM - 3.35PM; Chiheb Karoui & Ines Soyah; Barbecha"

9" SMU entrepreneurs 3.40PM - 3.45PM; Hassen Chelkhrouhou; Founder "Wock"t"

1014 SMU entrépreneurs 3.50PM - 3.55PM : Lilla Lasram: Founder "Unwasted"

117 SMU entrepreneurs 4.00PM - 4.05PM : Khalil Ben Mabrouk: Founder "Histoire d'une Fleur"

Coffee break 4.10PM- 6.00PM: Networking: interaction with entrepreneurs + coffee break

The objective of the Demo Day is to connect with the 11 Startups for potential investment or partnerships. The Startups (blockchain money transfer, alternative tourism, smart transportation, gift market...) went through four months of hard work, developing their ideas, building prototypes, acquiring customers, and preparing to scale up. Due to COVID, places were limited on campus. We decided to invite only 27 guests:

- SMU representatives such as Leila Triki (Dean of MSB) and Imed Hamouda (Dean of Medtech).
- Investment funds representatives from CEED, Africinvest, UBCI, Taysir Finance, Carthage Business Angel, and some private investors
- Some Alumni, press, and partners.

A networking session was held after the pitches were over, in order to enable entrepreneurs to share more details about their projects. Unfortunately, the 42 participants on our Zoom and Facebook live could only attend the pitching session.

# **Accomplishments:**

- Eat & Fit started its operating during the Demo Day week
- Flow participated in another Incubator in Barcelona
- Tchouchou participed to TheNextWOMEN Challenge, she won the second prize
- 11 Projects continuing the journey with us and 2Projects left SMU Incubator program























# The second SMU incubator cohort will take place in September 2021.

