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Technology and Innovation

Problem Identification

- Interviewed roughly 60 stakeholders (start-ups, professors, students, multinationals)
- The tech is good
- The soft skills are not

Assumptions

- New graduates will contribute to the transition of the tech and innovation economy towards value added positions
- Working with university professors as future change agents



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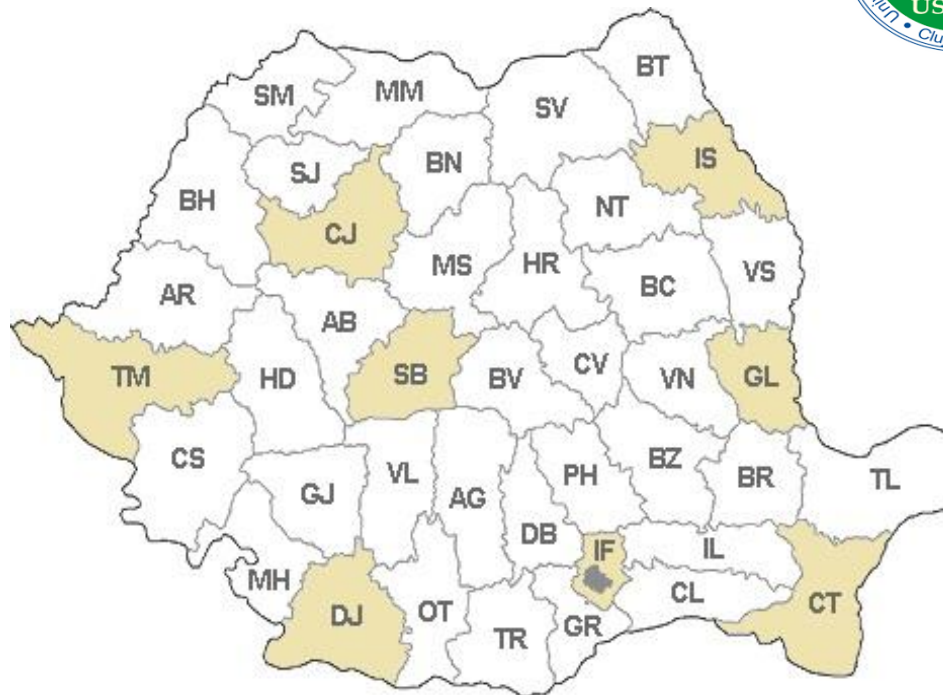
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RAF Programming

- Innovation Labs expansion
- HE-Innovate Self Assessment
- Fulbright-RAF Scholar Award

Program highlights

Innovation Labs:

- 400 students annually
- Multidisciplinary - Health Tech, Agri Tech, Fin Tech,
- Currently in Bucharest, Iasi, Cluj, Sibiu, and Timisoara

Program Highlights

HE Innovate:

- 29 Universities conducted self assessments
- 180 University Administrators and professors actively contributed to their assessments
- 16 Innovation Hubs have been established, many in partnership with Google.
- New grant - created with stakeholder feedback

Program Highlights

RAF - Fulbright Scholar Award:

- 11 universities
- 24 professors will have benefitted from a customized one-semester program
- Integration of University administrators

Program Highlights

RAF - Fulbright Scholar Award:

- New entrepreneurship courses for students
- New maker spaces
- Courses adapted to include elements of the business model canvas, design thinking, idea generation.
- New alumni association