

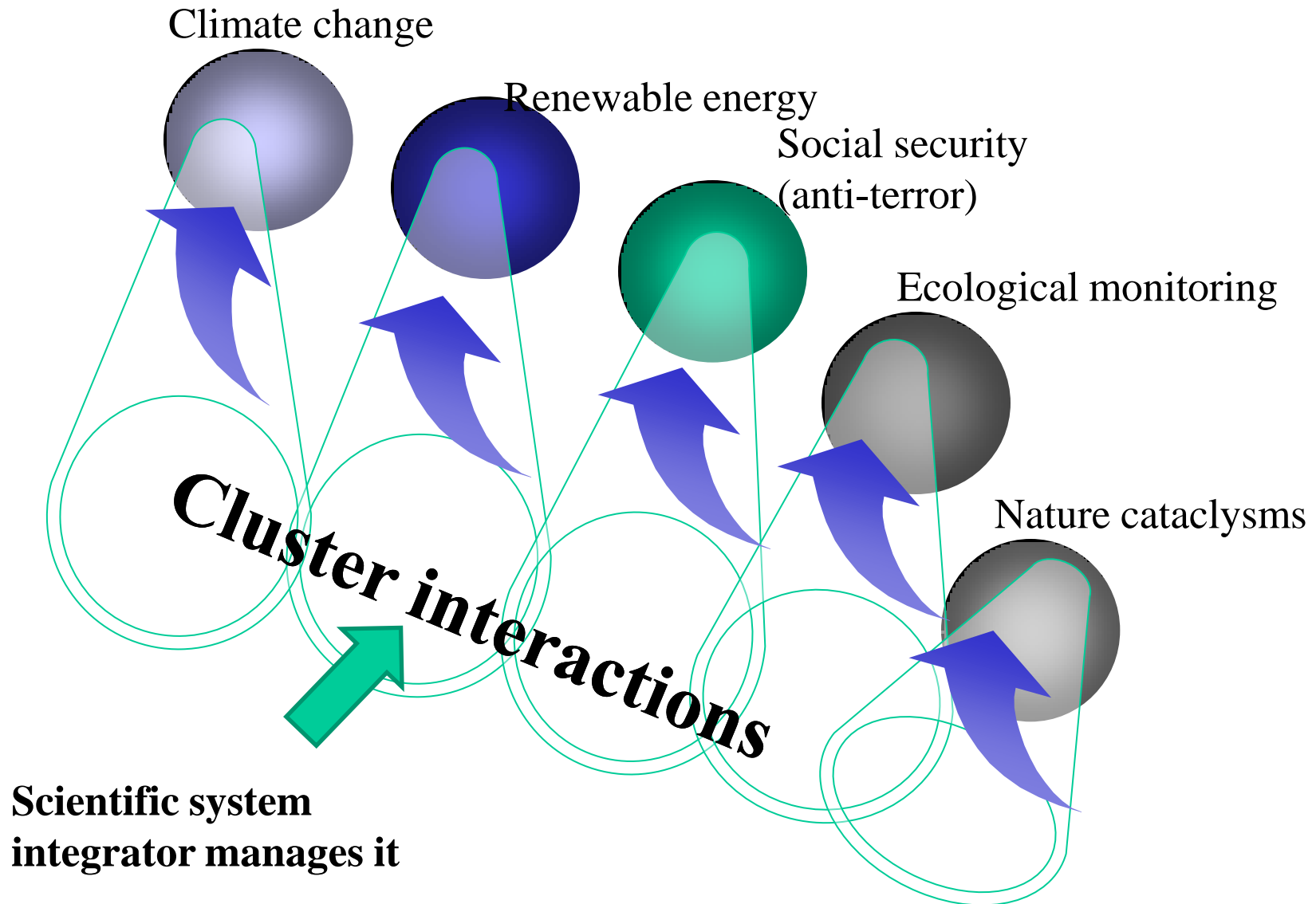
Youth to innovation



# Alexey Leontiev

- In 1982 was born in Zelenograd – perspective “Silicon Valley” of Russia
- In 2005 graduated **Moscow State Institute of Electronic Technology (MIET)** in 2005 as a specialist in management of organization
  - Started working for **Zelenograd innovation and technology center, technopark and business incubator MIET**
  - Attended **post-graduate program in MIET** and became professor assistant in innovation management seminars
- 2005 – until now – gained personal experience in:
  - Business incubation of **start-up companies** in the field of micro- and nanoelectronics.
  - Local and international **commercialization of MIET R&D projects**
  - Consulting and assistance for innovation companies in participating in FASIE programmes.
  - **Practice work in the international networks (ECAbit, EEN, EBN) and programmes (FP7)**
- In 2009 **defended PhD thesis** “Management of innovation development on the base of scientific system integrator and cluster interactions”

# Scheme of cluster interactions management



## Examples of potential customers

- Transnational organizations that have a demand for **cutting edge multi-sector innovation projects**
- Governmental agencies that have a demand for **industrial innovation products** that will increase the industry's competitiveness



**Dean Krstevski**

Managing Director

Broker Inc.

**Age: 23**

**Country: Macedonia**

**Interests: Finance & IT**

**Education: BsC. E-business**

**Life-style: Observe the masses and do the opposite!**

# What is FinexPro?



**FinexPro** is web-based financial advisor for private individuals, legal entities and micro entrepreneurs. It offers the most relevant information about the real cost and benefit from different financial operations and guidance through the different processes in the financial world.

Interest  
rates

Commissions

24/7 support

Documentation

Instant results

Fees and provisions

Calculations

Procedures

# Phase of development



Business plan: **Done**

Gathering the team: **Done**

Building database of financial products: **Done**

Software development: **Partly done**

Office construction: **Partly done**

# Steliana Economu



## **Steliana Economu – Founder of the Ithaca Journey**

- Born in Romania and for the first ten years grew up in Camena, a small village SE of Romania
- Studied in Constanta, Ovidius University and graduated with a Master in Project Management
- Track record in career development and learning including the design and the delivery of learning programs in companies like Kraft Foods, Vodafone, Nike and Royal Dutch Shell
- Currently living in The Netherlands and working for Shell ,therefore understanding the life in a village and at the same time the struggle of the professionals in the middle of their career that want to remain true to their dreams.

# Ithaca Journey



When was the last time you reflected on what makes you happy?

The modern life is a race – we are constantly striving to stay one step ahead of the competition. In these fast-paced times, in pursuing success we have too often moved away from many of the things that are essential to us as human beings.

In the rural communities, life is different. Their traditions and rituals are still being carried out, preserved by word of mouth and practiced for thousands of years. We at The Ithaca Journey believe that we have something to learn from the simple rural way of living.

Ithaca is a learning centre located in the Romanian village of Camena where urban professionals can experience the rural lifestyle and develop themselves through our week-long program of personal coaching and learning.

The Ithaca Journey aims to bring together the representatives of two cultures – the urban professionals and the rural villagers.

# Ithaca Journey



## ***Workshops***

### ***All about You***

Talk about what is important in your life (your goals, your dreams) and gather 360 feedback . Receive input and feedback from fellow participants and career coaches.

### ***Change & Attitude***

Find out what is stopping you to follow your dreams and learn ways to overcome the inner and outer barriers. (e.g Workshops on personal change, risk taking, etc)

### ***Relationships***

Improve your interpersonal communication skills through practicing new techniques (clarifying and confirming, managing differences, feedback). Receive direct and on the spot feedback.

### ***Start your Own Journey***

Enhance your entrepreneurial skills by learning from successful entrepreneurs. Initiate your own entrepreneurial journey towards your dream.

### ***Work with Others***

Team simulation of the rural life for 1,5 days. In the last days you will be engaged in a team simulation of the rural life and you will use the new learned skills. This is the time to show your entrepreneurial skills and run the farm.

## ***Experiencing rural life***

Learn how to bake bread, make wine, make cheese, milk the sheep, build a clay oven etc.

## ***Participants***

Professionals from western Europe, in the middle of their career and wondering whether they are “on the right path or in the wrong boat”.

## ***Ithaca Team***

Facilitators  
Guest speakers  
Host families

## ***Enrolment***

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