

PROTOTYPE TO INDUSTRY PROGRAMME

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The Prototype to Industry Programme

An intensive small-cohort incubation programme that helps you

**turn your prototype
into a validated, manufacturable product**

through hands-on support, industry access and expert feedback.

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Programme at a Glance

5 Thematic Sprints

- Focused on key challenges in hardware prototyping and product development

5 Industry Connection Days

- Direct exchange with manufacturing companies, expert feedback, and collaboration opportunities

24/7 Makerspace Access

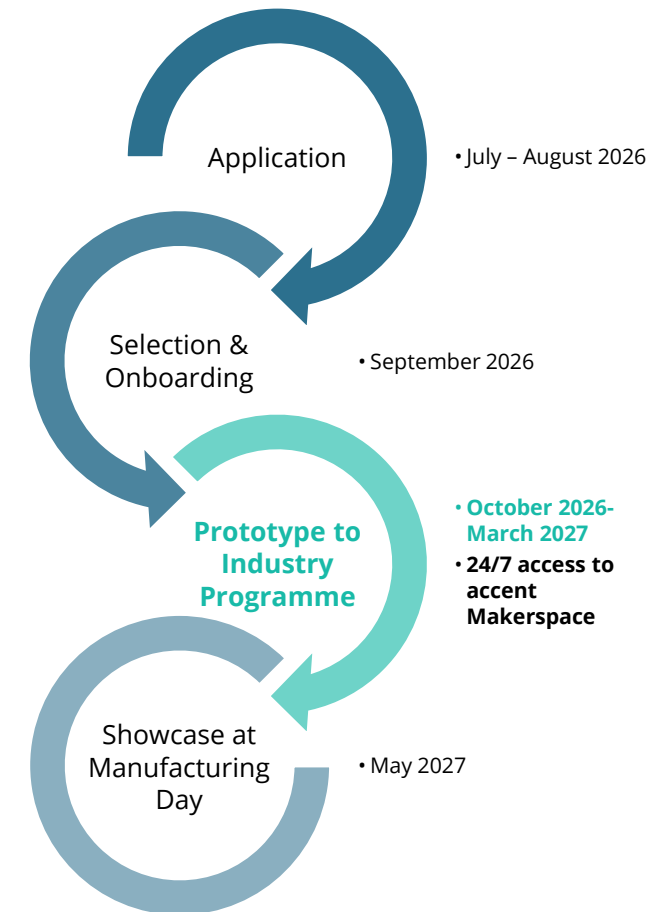
- Free access to accent Makerspace, a prototyping facility in Tulln, Lower Austria

Mentoring

- Technical and business mentoring tailored to startup needs

Peer Exchange & Ecosystem

- Connection with hardware-focused deep tech startups and innovators





Is for you if

You are a startup or innovation team (TRL 3–6) looking for:

transforming your prototype into a market-ready solution

access to **industry partners, manufacturing expertise and testing environments**

guidance on **validation, product development and commercialization**

expert feedback from engineers, researchers and industry professionals

tailored support to hardware, industrial and deep-tech ventures.



The Sprints

5 full day in-person workshops at the accent Makerspace – tailored to your needs.

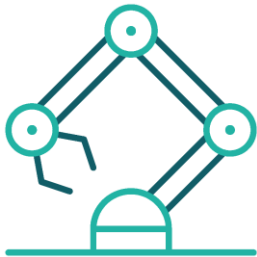
Strategic insights and hands-on support to help you:

- ✓ Make smarter product decisions
- ✓ Catch critical challenges early





The Sprints



Sprint 1 – Orientation & Prototyping to Manufacturing Strategy

Build a clear prototyping to manufacturing roadmap, understand key development stages, and identify critical risks early.

Sprint 2 – Human-Centered Design

Validate user needs, define product requirements, and align the prototype with real customer problems.

Sprint 3 – Regulation & Risk Assessment

Understand compliance requirements, identify technical and regulatory risks, and avoid costly late-stage surprises.

Sprint 4 – Materials & Production Realities

Explore materials, manufacturability, supply chains, and production trade-offs for scalable product development.

Sprint 5 – Design for Manufacturing

Plan your path to scalable production. Understand your key manufacturing processes and plan your next steps toward scale.



The Industry Connection

5 curated visits to manufacturing companies in Austria and Slovakia

1 custom experience tailored to your startup's needs

Connect with industry experts, visit real production environments.

- ✓ Validate your assumptions
- ✓ Gain feedback
- ✓ Explore collaboration opportunities





The Industry Connection



Company & Ecosystem Introduction

Get to know the host company: technologies, production processes, and key industry challenges

Site Visit & Demonstration

Tour production facilities, labs, and real manufacturing environments

Startup Pitches & Exchange

Present your solution, challenges, and prototype progress

Feedback & Matchmaking

Receive direct expert feedback and explore collaboration, supplier, pilot, or customer opportunities

Follow-up & Networking

Connect with relevant contacts and define next collaboration steps

Interested in participating?

Pre-registration is now open

Be the first to know when the official call opens and receive an invitation to the online info session.

👉 [Register Your Interest](#)

Online Info Session

📅 29 July 2026 · 🕒 10:00 CET

Learn more

📷 [Explore](#) the first pilot edition of the programme

More infos

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