

A photograph of three students in a workshop setting. A young woman in the center, wearing safety glasses and a blue lanyard, is focused on adjusting a metal rod on a blue and orange mechanical assembly. To her right, a young man with a tattoo on his left arm, also wearing safety glasses and a blue lanyard, is working on the same assembly. In the foreground, the back of a student's head is visible, looking towards the project. The background shows workshop equipment and a green wall.

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

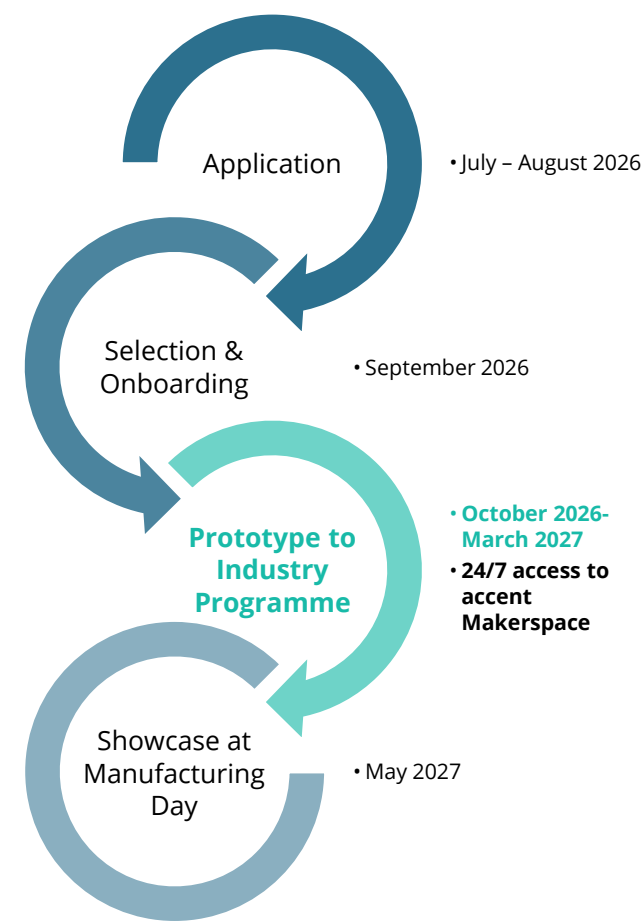
- Free access to accent Makerspace, a prototyping facility in Tulln, Lower Austria

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.

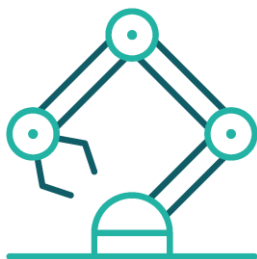
Strategic insights and hands-on support to help you:

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





The Prototyping Sprints Series



 **Venue:**
accent Makerspace
in Tulln (AT)

Sprint 1 – Human-Centered Design | 13 October 2026

Understand real customer and user needs and translate them into actionable insights to guide prototyping decisions.

Sprint 2 – Idea to Success - Planning the Product Journey | 12 November 2026

Understand key prototype development stages.
Define your path from idea to market, identify risks early.

Sprint 3 – Materials for Scalable Production | 10 December 2026

Explore supply chain implications and manufacturability trade-offs of your material selection for scalable product development.

Sprint 4 – Regulation & Risk Assessment | 21 January 2027

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

Sprint 5 – Design for Manufacturing | 18 February 2027

Understand key manufacturing processes and plan your path towards scalable production.



The Industry Connection Day

5 visits to manufacturing companies
in Austria and Slovakia

**Connect with industry experts, visit
real production environments.**

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



The Industry Connection Day



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?

Apply by 17 August 2026

👉 [Full call details and application](#)

Online Info Session

📅 29 July 2026 · 🕒 10:00 CET | Register: julia.bauer@accent.at

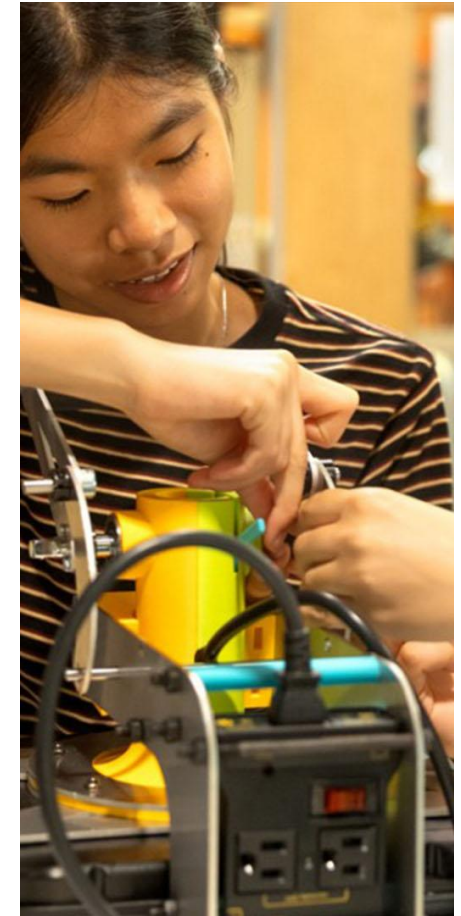
Learn more

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

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