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

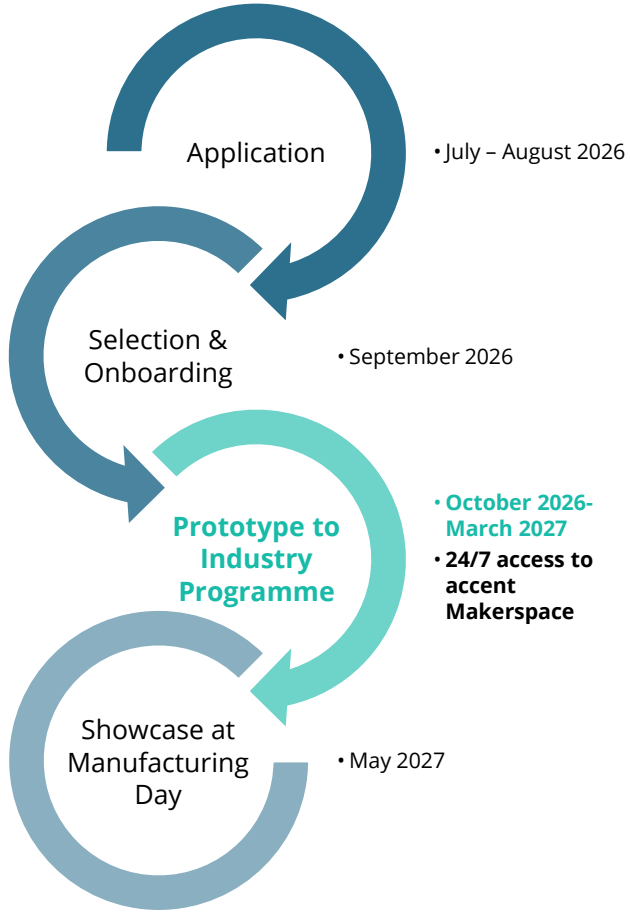
- Free access to accent Makerspace, a prototyping facility in Tulln, Lower Austria

Mentoring

- Technical and business mentoring tailored to startup needs

Peer Exchange & Ecosystem

- Connection with hardware-focused deep tech startups and innovators



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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

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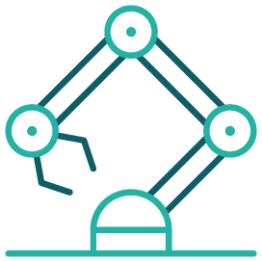
The Sprints



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

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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

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