

CREDIT4CE Startup Accelerator

Application Form Template

(to prepare answers for the online application form - not to upload)

*Please note: To submit your application, you must complete an [online application form](#). You can download this template to prepare your answers and documents. Please do **not fill out or upload this document** - simply have your answers ready for the online application form.*

About the CREDIT4CE project

The CREDIT4CE project strengthens the capacity of regions that struggle to accelerate SME decarbonisation and advance the green transition. Throughout project activities, the partners work with both SMEs and innovation actors to speed up the development and adoption of innovative technologies needed for achieving “net zero”. The project supports SMEs by addressing their decarbonisation challenges and barriers, while also delivering a new framework for ClimateTech innovators. This framework includes targeted interventions for technology transfer, research commercialisation, and a dedicated support programme for ClimateTech startups. Overall, the model accelerates the transfer of cutting-edge technologies from lab to market and scales up green solutions to create new business opportunities.

The CREDIT4CE project brings together 10 leading institutions and organizations from across six European countries and integrates education, research, and innovation:

- Slovak Innovation and Energy Agency - Slovakia
- G-Force - Slovakia
- Primorska Technology Park - Slovenia
- Confindustria Emilia Area Centro - Italy
- Wroclaw University of Science and Technology - Poland
- North-West Croatia Regional Energy and Climate Agency - Croatia
- Energy and Sustainable Development Cluster - Italy
- Zagreb Innovation Centre - Croatia
- Adam Mickiewicz University Foundation - Poznan Science and Technology Park - Poland
- WEIZ - Weizer Energie-Innovations-Zentrum

Credit4CE Accelerator Program

The CREDIT4CE Accelerator is designed to support early-stage startups developing solutions enabling decarbonisation and to empower them to roll out their products across Central

Europe and beyond. By combining tailored business coaching, peer learning opportunities, community- and relationship-building activities, and engagement sessions with investors and potential customers, the programme addresses common challenges faced by early-stage ClimateTech entrepreneurs in the Central European region. In particular, the small and fragmented market, limited access to capital, insufficient business experience, and the lack of targeted support structures.

CREDIT4CE Accelerator aims to onboard **20 promising startups**, helping them **strengthen customer traction, enhance fundraising capabilities, attract venture capital to the CE region, and ultimately contribute to decarbonising the manufacturing sector.**

Structured as a **two-cohort scheme**, the program will run in **two 3-month cycles** (both cohorts in 2026). It will welcome innovative teams from across Central Europe that are ready to grow, learn, and scale. While it **does not provide direct financial support**, the program delivers high value through personalised coaching, mentoring, peer-learning activities, and expanded access to investor networks and potential customer pipelines.

By joining the CREDIT4CE Accelerator, your startup gains:

- Access to expert mentors, business coaches, and innovation advisors
- Interactive workshops tailored to startup growth
- Bespoke business coaching
- Peer-learning activities leveraging collective knowledge and experience
- Increased visibility within innovation and investment ecosystems
- Enhanced access to pipeline of potential customers
- And much more!

Applications are now open for Cohort 2.

Ready to take your startup to the next level?

Start your application today - and discover what you'll need to prepare before you begin.

Confidentiality and Data Privacy

The CREDIT4CE project's Consortium is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. The [privacy policy](#) complies with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (General Data Protection Regulation - GDPR) of the European Parliament and the Council, relating to personal data processing and disposal. By submitting the application form, the applicant allows the personal data collection and processing by the CREDIT4CE team for the purpose of the application. Data will be retained for 5 years after the end of the project. Personal information submitted through the form will be used for the selection, communication and administrative purposes, related to the CREDIT4CE project or communication regarding future activities of the partners' organisations of similar nature. By applying, the Applicant consents to the processing of their data for program purposes.

Agreement to the terms and conditions of this call and consent to the use of your personal information:

I agree to the terms and conditions of this call and consent to the use of my personal information. Yes/No

Questions of the application form:

Section 1: Company information

- **Name of your company**
Please provide the legal name of the company
- **Provide a brief (1-2 sentence) introduction summary of your company**
Provide an introduction of the company, if different to the solution itself
- **Is your company formally registered as a legal entity?**
Yes/No
- **Which country is your company registered in**
Choose one of the following: Austria, Croatia, Czechia, Hungary, Germany, Italy, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia or None of the above
- **Address of your company (City, Zip Code, Street Name & Number)**
Please provide the full address of the company
- **Does your company have offices elsewhere?**
Yes/No
- **If yes, where?**
Write the location(s) of your other office(s) beside the registration address, if applicable
- **When was your company registered?**
Please provide the date the company was registered
- **Provide your registration number**
Please, provide the number issued by an official state registration authority
- **Type of your company**
Please, choose one of the following:
Startup
University spin-off
R&D organization
Small or medium organisation
- **Please, provide the link to your startup WEBSITE (if applicable)**

Link

- Please, provide the link to your SOCIAL MEDIA site(s)(LinkedIn, etc.) (if applicable)

Section 2 Team

- Provide the FIRST NAME and SURNAME of the contact person for this programme in your company

First name, last name

- What is the official job title of the contact person?
Please, provide the professional position at the company of the contact person (eg, CEO, Head of Research, etc.)

- Provide the contact person's correct email address.

Email address

- Provide the phone number of the contact point of your company.

Include the international phone number format (eg, +421905...)

- Provide an alternative contact from your team who would support your company's representation in the CREDIT4CE Startup Support Programme.

Indicate the full name and email address of your team member who would alternatively participate during the accelerator program

- Introduce your team - size, core team members, their roles and briefly describe why they are important for your project.

Describe the team's composition, skills, experiences and complementarity among team members

- Do you have an advisory board? If yes, who are the members?

Briefly describe your advisory board, if applicable

Section 3 Startup Technology Solution

- Name of the solution/technology

Please provide the name of the solution you provide

- Describe your idea/technology/project briefly (max. 1 paragraph) to someone who is not from your field of expertise.

Please, keep it brief

- Is your solution climate-tech (i.e. aligned with [the EU Taxonomy regulation](#), contributing to one or more of the six climate and environmental objectives?
Climate-tech: innovative technologies, products, or processes that contribute to climate change mitigation or adaptation, supporting a low-carbon, resource-efficient, and climate-resilient economy.

Yes/no

- If so, please justify

- Is your solution any of the below deep-tech solutions?

N.B. Deep tech are institutions, organisations and start-ups whose objective is to provide advanced and emerging technology solutions to complex global challenges, like climate change, sustainable energy or health. These scientific or engineering solutions often require lengthy research and development and large capital investment before successful commercialisation.” [\(EIT HEI\)](#)

1. Advanced Computing / Quantum Computing
2. Advanced Manufacturing
3. Advanced Materials
4. Aerospace, Automotive and Remote Sensing
5. Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, including Big Data
6. Biotechnology and Life Sciences
7. Communications and Networks, including 5G
8. Cybersecurity and Data Protection
9. Electronics and Photonics
10. Internet of Things, W3C, Semantic Web
11. Robotics
12. Semiconductors (microchips)
13. Sustainable Energy and Clean Technologies
14. Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Metaverse
15. Web 3.0, including Blockchain, Distributed Ledgers, NFTs
16. None of the above

- If a deep-tech, briefly justify
- How would you categorise your [Technology Readiness Level](#) (TRL)?
Please, choose one of the following levels, which describes the Technology Readiness Level of your startup the most:

TRL 1 basic principles observed

TRL 2 technology concept formulated

TRL 3 experimental proof of concept

TRL 4 technology validated in lab

TRL 5 technology validated in relevant environment

TRL 6 technology demonstrated in relevant environment

TRL 7 system prototype demonstration in operational environment

TRL 8 system complete and qualified

TRL 9 actual systems proven by operational environment

- What is the problem you are addressing with your technology?
Who are the users of your solution and what are their pain points?
- Have you taken any actions towards protecting the intellectual property emerging from the developed innovation? If yes, please elaborate.
- What is your advantage compared to other competitors?
What are the unique features of your solution

- Describe your potential impact. Consider direct and/or indirect contribution to [Sustainable Development Goals](#), climate change mitigation, etc
Describe how the impact of your startup is contributing to the global effort towards SDGs.
- Can your solution/product/service be applicable to the manufacturing sector?
If yes, please justify

Section 4 Customers and Funding

- Describe the market you are targeting
Consider primary and secondary markets, market definition and context, key trends, competitors, size, etc.?
- Describe your current customers
Who are your target customers? What customer traction do you currently have? How many and type of existing customers.
- How scalable is your product or service?
Please justify
- Private funding: what is the total amount of funding (in EUR) that your startup has raised to date (excluding grants) and its source?
- Public funding: What is the total amount of funding (in EUR) that your startup has raised to date (grants only) and its source ?
- Are you planning to raise private funding in the next 12 months?
Yes/No

Section 5 Additional information

- How would you describe the knowledge of the English language of the person(s) intending to participate in the CREDIT4CE Startup Support Programme?
Based on your (self)assessment, how comfortable are they with the English language?
basic user/beginner, A1-A2
independent user/intermediate, B1-B2
proficient user/advanced, C1-C2
- Are they comfortable with all of the activities being delivered in English?
Yes/No
- Please, attach your pitch deck
Please, upload your pitch deck (in English, in pdf or ppt format), that includes startup description, problem statement, solution, market opportunity, business model, traction, team, financial summary. Title of the document should be the Startup name_pitch deck



- **Declaration of Honour:** Please download the template here, sign and upload it as part of this application.

The title of the document should be the Startup name_declaration

Additional Section

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (EU) 2016/679, we have a legal duty to protect any information we collect from you. This form is for registering for the Startup Accelerator and Startup support and private investment attraction within the framework of the project CREDIT4CE, supported by INTERREG. Your data will be used to process your registration and inform you about project details. Learn more about data protection through this [LINK](#).

Yes/No