

Scale Up Your Med & HealthTech Innovation NOW

- Are you a spinoff, startup or early stage SME innovating in MedTech or HealthTech?
- Is your innovation in the digital personalized, predictive, preventive, participatory, and precision healthcare space?
- Are you aiming to successfully bring your innovation to market?

The InnoMedCatalyst Accelerator is an 8-week, interactive programme designed specifically for innovators who are navigating the complexities of healthcare commercialization.

We'll guide you through every stage of venture development—from product validation to investment preparedness and everything in between. Through 1-to-1 mentoring support and a series of webinars, we'll provide you with the expertise, support and network you need to unlock your startup's full potential!

From diagnostics and robotics to AI, personal preventative medicine, and telemedicine, we want to work with startups that will make a real difference. We focus on technologies with strong IP protection, market potential, and a commitment to healthcare innovation.

We're equipped to support innovations across the broad spectrum of human health interventions, but our focus is on innovations used in clinical settings with a regulated pathway to market. If your technology has the potential to impact lives, and you're ready to accelerate your development, you could be the perfect fit for our programme.

Applications open: April 2nd – May 20th

Programme dates: Sep 15th – Nov 14th



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Why join the InnoMedCatalyst Accelerator?

We'll help you grow your MedTech and HealthTech startup faster and smarter. Unlike other accelerators, we understand the unique challenges of the healthcare sector, from navigating regulatory hurdles to securing investor backing. Here's what sets us apart:

Expert Support from 10 innovation ecosystems across Europe

Access 10hrs of 1-to-1 mentoring and 10hrs of tailored made webinars from MedTech and HealthTech experienced founders and industry leaders, who have successfully navigated healthcare technology commercialisation to address your specific challenges and achieve your goals.

Become Investor-Ready

We will help you develop a complete pitch, making sure your approach is aligned with investor expectations, giving you a competitive edge when raising capital.

Strategic Milestones

Present your Pitch to investors and stakeholders from across Europe in a dedicated Demo Day in Bologna on November 14th!

Gain Visibility

Start strong with 18 like-minded founding teams, then scale your impact with a global network of over 150 partners, investors and mentors, as well as having direct access to InnoMedCatalyst partner events across Europe.

Is Your Venture Ready for the InnoMedCatalyst Accelerator?

We're looking for:

1. Early-stage MedTech or HealthTech spinoffs, startups or SMEs innovating in the digital personalized, predictive, preventive, participatory, and precision healthcare space.
2. Innovators have to be based in Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania or Spain.
3. Your innovation is of TRL 4-6.

Note: We accept applications from startups and spinoffs that are in the process of legally establishing their company before the start of the acceleration programme.



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APPLY NOW through the Life Science Open Space Platform

<https://shorturl.at/8H5fV>

Applications close May 20th

For any questions, contact us directly via innomedcatalyst@medicnest.eu.

Who are we:

The InnoMedCatalyst project is a partnership of Clusters and Regions across Europe, funded by the European Union, aiming to:

- Enhance regional innovation capacity across Europe on precision and personalized medicine.
- Support startups, spinoffs, scale-ups, innovators and healthcare providers to develop and test digital health solutions.
- Develop interregional investment projects ready to go to market.

Core activities:

- Connecting Precision & Personalised Medicine stakeholders from Europe and beyond through an active Open Innovation Network Platform.
- Supporting innovators to accelerate and scale up through an Accelerator Programme specifically tailored to digital health and Precision & Personalized Medicine.
- Forming strategy roadmaps to enhance regional innovation capacity by connecting strong ecosystems to ecosystems in transition to outmost ecosystems.



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ANNEX 1:

1.1: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. All applications must be submitted exclusively through the Life Science Open Space platform (<https://shorturl.at/8H5fV>). The Call for project submissions officially opens on April 2nd, 2025. Applications should be submitted before May 20th, 2025, 24.00 CEST and all mandatory fields must be fully completed. All applications should be submitted in English.
2. Applicants must be a startup, a spin-off or an early-stage SME in the field of digital 5P HealthTech & MedTech, where 5P is preventive, personalized, participatory, predictive and precision medicine. We accept applications from startups and spinoffs that are in the process of legally establishing their company before the start of the acceleration programme (Sept 15th 2025).
3. Applicants must be based in one of the partner Members States i.e. Belgium, Bulgaria Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania or Spain.
4. Innovations must have reached Technology Readiness Level (TRL) between 4 and 6. Please follow the below guide, as defined by the European Commission (*Part 19 – Commission Decision C(2017)7124*):
 - *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 (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies)***
 - ***TRL 6 – technology demonstrated in relevant environment (industrially relevant environment in the case of key enabling technologies)***
 - *TRL 7 – system prototype demonstration in operational environment*
 - *TRL 8 – system complete and qualified*
 - *TRL 9 – actual system proven in operational environment (competitive manufacturing in the case of key enabling technologies; or in space)*

1.2 WHAT THE PROGRAMME OFFERS

InnoMedCatalyst Accelerator Participants will benefit from:

1. structured mentorship comprising 10 hours of personalized 1-to-1 mentoring sessions;
2. 10 hours of webinars addressing key topics in business mentorship;
3. exclusive webinars offered by MEDVIA, Belgium
4. access to 10 European cluster ecosystems and an extensive European network, facilitating collaboration and expansion opportunities;
5. 1-to-1 partnering with industry stakeholders and investors during Demo Day in Bologna, Italy on November 14th 2025
6. enhanced visibility and promotion through the communication channels of the programme and each participating partner;
7. networking opportunities with industry experts;
8. free access to the Life Science Open Space platform;
9. exclusive access to partner events;
10. free access to a business intelligence database, enabling data-driven decision-making and strategic insights for 7 days



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1.3 PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Teams selected for participating in the InnoMedCatalyst Accelerator Programme will sign an appointment letter and an NDA to participate in the full programme, by committing themselves to follow all on-site and on-line activities, as well as delivering the periodic assignments that will be asked by mentors during the whole duration of the programme (8wks).

Thus, participants will need to commit to at least 80% participation in the following:

1. online mentoring sessions with experts, mentors and ecosystem stakeholders
2. online webinars offered
3. Demo Day in Bologna, Italy on November 14th 2025

Each participating team will be assigned a mentor that will follow-up progress during the programme. In case, a team is not fulfilling the commitment requirements, it will be requested to leave the programme, thus ensuring the quality and appropriate progress of the rest of the cohort.

Focus on Women's Health

Two spots of the Programme will be reserved for innovations focused on Women's Health, particularly, but not limited to:

- products or services in early breast cancer diagnostics utilizing artificial intelligence (AI);
- products or services focusing on reproductive health

1.4 SELECTION AND EVALUATION METHODS

Applicant evaluation and selection will be entrusted to the Selection Committee. Evaluation and selection will be carried out in full autonomy and discretion, in compliance with the confidentiality rules and the provisions of this Call. The evaluation phase will last approximately 1 month and will lead to ranking and selecting maximum 18 teams that will have access to the Accelerator Programme.

The evaluation process consists of two phases:

1. Pre-selection: Clust-ER Health will review all the applications and will discard all those that do not meet the eligibility criteria.
2. Online evaluation: the Selection Committee established will assess suitability of technologies to be accelerated and assign specific mentorship and training services based on TRL level and requirements.

1.4.1 Evaluation Panel Guidelines

The number of evaluators assigned to each participant team will depend on the total number of proposals received and deemed eligible. To ensure a robust evaluation process, a minimum of 3 evaluators will be assigned to each company. The distribution of evaluators will be organized to maintain a fair and thorough review for each submission.



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1.4.2 Evaluation will be based on the following criteria:

The participating teams will be selected on the basis of specific evaluation criteria (below). A maximum score of 100 (plus bonus, see below) can be awarded to each proposal.

Criteria	Max Points	Evaluation Factors
Innovation Potential	30	Uniqueness, competitive advantage, alignment with 5P medicine trends.
Market Viability	25	Market need, target audience clarity, scalability, and pathway to commercialization.
Technical Feasibility	20	Maturity of prototype, evidence of successful testing, technical soundness.
Team Composition	15	Expertise, gender balance diversity, and commitment of the team.
Alignment with Programme	10	Fit with objectives and ability to benefit from offered services.

Bonus Point: Teams that incorporate gender-specific innovations—valorizing knowledge derived from sex, gender and intersectional analysis will receive an additional point, increasing the maximum possible evaluation score to 101 points.



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