

# DDAccelerator – Apply for Cohort 1 NOW!

## Danube Digital Accelerator: Empowering Central and Eastern Europe's Next Wave of Innovators

The Danube Digital Accelerator (DDAccelerator) is a 4-month remote program designed to help students, researchers, and early-stage entrepreneurs from Bosnia, Croatia, Czechia, Germany, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Ukraine transform their innovative ICT projects into businesses. With a focus on academia-driven technology, the accelerator offers structured support to create lasting impact. DDAccelerator is part of the CapTTict project (<https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/capttict>) supported by Interreg Danube Region Programme and co-funded by the European Union.

### Why Apply?

- **Gain Critical Knowledge & Skills:** Learn through workshops, webinars, and expert mentoring to refine your business model, market strategies, and overcome early-stage challenges.
- **Access a Powerful Network:** Connect with mentors, industry experts, investors, and startups.
- **Present on a Global Stage:** Showcase your startup at an international event in Prague to media, investors, and industry leaders.
- **Enhance Startup Performance:** Structured support helps startups raise funding, scale faster, and achieve long-term success.

### Who Can Apply?

- **Teams** with at least two members; One member must be a student/researcher from the participating countries
- **Science-based projects/startups** with a technological focus in ICT (TRL 4+)

### What You'll Get:

- **Mentoring Support:** Tailored advice from expert mentors
- **Workshops:** Learn about strategy, business development, funding, and more
- **Funding Expertise:** Guidance from early-stage investors and public funding experts
- **Access to Facilities:** Tools for your work, such as computational resources, laboratories, and co-working spaces (availability varies by region)

### Application Process:

**Phase 1:** Submit the application form by the deadlines (Oct 31, 2024; Feb 28, 2025; May 31, 2025).

**Phase 2:** Prepare a pitch deck, answer market questions, and participate in a country interview.

**Phase 3:** Conduct a market analysis, answer IP questions, interview with the International Board of Experts.

#### Key Dates for Cohort 1:

- **Oct 31, 2024:** Application Deadline (apply online at <https://www.ddaccelerator.com/>)
- **Nov 30, 2024:** Country Interviews Completed
- **Jan 7-10, 2025:** Interviews with the Board of Experts
- **Feb 2025:** Start of the Program

Apply Now via <https://www.ddaccelerator.com/> to Turn Your Idea into Reality!

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