

VI OPEN CALL FOR DEEP TECH START-UPS

Date: February 24, 25 y 26, 2026

Location: Transfiere, FYCMA – Trade Fairs and Congress Center of Malaga (Malaga, Andalusia, Spain)

Format: Hybrid – *virtual attendance is reserved for exceptional cases, to be individually reviewed by the organization*

Idioma: English

Registration deadline: November 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

TRANSFIERE

The main R&D&I meeting in Southern Europe to share scientific and technological knowledge, promote innovation, and connect science and business.

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DEEP TECH

Deep Tech refers to technologies with high entry barriers that require a high level of scientific knowledge to develop and significant investment to turn into products or services that can reach global markets, with major societal impact.

The main challenges for Deep Tech startups are to bridge the gap between science and innovation and to reduce the uncertainty around future investment returns.

The term "Deep Tech" includes both Deep Tech and Digital Techs as its main subgroups.

START-UP

An independent, newly created or early-stage organization with high growth potential, aiming to create, improve, and scale an innovative, technology-based, scalable product.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

The selection committee includes representatives from the following entities:

- Andalusian Business Angels Network (AABAN)
- Association of Science and Technology Parks of Spain (APTE)
- National Association of European Business and Innovation Centers (ANCES)
- Bullnet Capital
- Clave Mayor
- Andalusian Technological Corporation (CTA)
- International Transfiere 2026 Delegation¹
- Deloitte
- ENISA
- Enterprise Europe Network – Andalucía Trade
- Finnova
- Finnovating
- CSIC General Foundation
- Indraventures
- LINK by UMA-ATECH
- Transfiere 2026 Guest Country²
- National Hub of Digital Content
- Solvere Capital
- SPAINCAP
- Tecnalia Ventures

¹ Subject to the various participations of this figure

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PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be seeking investment
2. Be no more than 7 years old as of January 1, 2026
3. Correctly complete the application form
4. Have not previously benefited from this award
5. Be a startup based in one of the following countries:
 - Germany
 - Austria
 - Belgium
 - Bulgaria
 - Cyprus
 - Croatia
 - Denmark
 - Slovakia
 - Slovenia
 - Spain
 - Estonia
 - Finland
 - France
 - Greece
 - Hungary
 - Iceland
 - Ireland
 - Italy
 - Latvia
 - Liechtenstein
 - Lithuania
 - Luxembourg
 - Malta
 - Norway
 - Netherlands
 - Poland
 - Portugal
 - United Kingdom
 - Czech Republic
 - Romania
 - Sweden



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- Guest country³
- International delegation⁴

SELECTION CRITERIA

The evaluation committee will consider the following criteria:

- Deep Tech relevance
- Market viability
- Scalability
- Social and environmental impact
- Suitability of the team (diversity, complementarity, experience, etc.)
- Knowledge transfer and collaboration with research centers or universities (documentary evidence required)

SELECTION PROCESS

APPLICATION (until November 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.)

Startups must register via the official Transfiere website

PRESELECTION PHASE (November 19, 2025 – January 12, 2026 at 11:59 p.m.)

The evaluation committee will select **10 startups** to participate in an **online session on January 12, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Each startup will have **5 minutes for a short pitch** and **3 minutes for Q&A** with the committee.

After this, the committee will choose **5 start-ups** to **pitch at Transfiere 2026**.

FINAL WINNER SELECTION

Selected start-ups will be contacted from **January 14, 2026**. They must confirm or decline participation **by January 19, 2026**. If a selected startup fails to respond in time or is unable to participate, the next highest-rated startup may be contacted.

The selected startups will pitch on **February 25, 2026**, in front of an expert audience (evaluation committee, investors, business angels, corporates, and Enterprise Europe Network members), who will vote **on-site** for the best Deep Tech start-up of Transfiere 2026.

The **winner will be announced on February 26, 2026**, during the awards ceremony, which each selected startup must attend.

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PARTICIPATION BENEFITS

REGISTERED STARTUPS

All eligible applicants will receive **an access pass** for one team member.

SELECTED STARTUPS

- Two access passes to Transfiere 2026
 - o Invitation to Meet&Greet – Investor ecosystem networking (cocktail format) on February 25, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Access to networking agenda (tool enabling 30+ B2B meeting requests)
- 6 minute pitch presentation (3 min pitch + 3 min Q&A) in front of investors and Deep Tech experts

WINNING STARTUP

- €1,000 cash prize⁵
- Branding:
 - o Visibility on social media as the winner
 - o Mention in press release
 - o Logo inclusion on the official event website
- Participation in **Transfiere 2027**:
 - o Info booth in the academic exhibition area
 - o 6 professional visitor passes (with access to exhibition and forums)
 - o 10-minute presentation during the content program to share project updates
 - o Access to the B2B networking agenda

KEY DATES

- Application deadline: November 7, 2025 at 11.59 p.m.
- Evaluation period: November 19, 2025 – January 12, 2026
- Online presentation for evaluators: January 12, 2026
- Notification of selected proposals: From January 14, 2026
- Confirmation deadline: Before January 19, 2026
- Final presentations, voting, and award ceremony: during the scheduled event activities

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ⁱ Participation in this contest implies full acceptance of these rules.ⁱ

⁵ Subject to current withholdings