



TECH.

INNOVATION
FROM SCIENCE

OPPORTUNITY

TURNING DEEP TECH
RESEARCH INTO
MARKET-READY
SOLUTIONS

MARKET

VALUE

REAL
WORLD

PARTNERSHIP

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PUSHED &
PULLED BY



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The Programme

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An 18-week journey from lab to market



HiTech is a **hands-on training and mentoring programme** by HiSeedTech, designed for **research teams** developing **deep-tech projects in Portugal**.

Over **18 weeks**, HiTech provides teams with essential skills to **transform cutting-edge research into market-ready solutions**.

HiTech helps teams to:

- **Link** science and technology to market needs.
- **Communicate** research effectively to business and investor audiences.
- **Evaluate** strategies to move technologies from lab to market.
- **Align** with **Horizon Europe goals** to increase impact and strengthen dissemination and exploitation outcomes.

The Programme



What are the outcomes?

HiTech leads each participating team to deliver:

- **A business case** for a product or service concept generated from the technology(ies) proposed by the research team.
- **A pitch presentation** that clearly communicates the business case to potential partners or investors.

Participation is free of charge.

However, a “*moral penalty*” applies for withdrawal after the programme begins, ensuring fair access for other research teams.

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The two tracks

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Two ways to transform research into market solutions

In HiTech, each team can choose one of two tracks.

Market Pull Track:

Address a **real-world challenge** proposed by **HiSeedTech member companies**.

Work on problems defined by industry partners seeking deep-tech solutions.

Technology Push Track:

Focus on **developing and commercialising your own deep-tech project**.

Explore market applications for your research and build a business case from the ground up.

The two tracks

The challenges available

INDAQUA - Design a cost-effective sensorisation solution for wastewater networks condition assessment.

Quantum Leap - Enable RF and indoor light energy harvesting to recharge ultra-low-power devices.

Sogrape - Develop predictive models to estimate and anticipate grape oenological potential before harvest.



The two tracks

The challenges available



Sonae Arauco - Improve pigmentation in wood fibers & particles.

Triangle's Cycling Equipment's - Achieving a uniform surface on welded aluminum frames before painting necessitates a critical surface finishing step for the welded joints.

Know more details at hiseedtech.com



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How it works

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Our approach

The set of tools provided in the programme allows for participants to follow a structured path.

Our approach guides teams from **technology** to **business case**, through the following stages:

- **Ideation:** Which products can be generated from my technology?
- **Development:** How to evaluate the opportunity and which product concept to select?
- **Commercialisation:** What is the path to the market?

How it works



Programme components

HiTech runs from **3 March to 30 June 2026**, combining:

- **Weekly online sessions** (Tuesdays, 14:30–16:00): Focus on business-case development.
- **Webinars** (every other Tuesday, 16:00–17:00): Seven sessions covering key topics such as technology commercialisation, IP and funding opportunities.
- **Weekly assignments:** Apply the concepts learned in each session directly to your project.
- **Support sessions** (every other Tuesday, 16:00–17:00): Optional sessions offering additional guidance for preparing weekly assignments.
- **Biweekly mentorship:** Each team is supported by two dedicated mentors, who provide personalised business guidance.
- **Advisory sessions:** before the midterm and closing sessions to fine-tune your pitch.

How it works



Pitch milestones

Initial pitch:

Introduce **your technology** and its **potential** to the other participating teams and mentors.



Online midterm session pitch:

Focus on your **value proposition** and present it to a selected audience of **HiSeedTech member companies**.



Final pitch:

Showcase your **business case** to **business representatives and investors** at the **HiTech Closing Session**.

How it works

Timeline



Application deadline

3 November 2025 – 6 February 2026



Selection process

9-13 February 2026



Program start date

3 March 2026



Programme end date

30 June 2026

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Who and Why

Who can apply

Eligibility and participation criteria



HiTech is open to:

- **R&D teams** from universities and research centres.
- **Start-ups** developing early-stage deep-tech projects.

Eligibility criteria:

- Teams must include **two to five members**.
- The project must be a **deep-tech innovation with a TRL above 2**.
- Teams must be **affiliated with a Portuguese organisation** (university, research centre, or start-up).

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Participants should be able to dedicate approximately **6–8 hours per week** to the programme.

Why join



Build the skills to turn research into real world impact

- **Develop critical skills** – Build expertise in knowledge commercialisation.
- **Access industry expertise** – Work closely with mentors and sector leaders.
- **Gain real-world exposure** – Experience real challenges and connect with potential partners and investors.
- **Create a business case and pitch** – End the programme with a business case and pitch, aligned with Horizon Europe opportunities.

HiTech also:

- **Prepares researchers for EIC Pathfinder, Transition, and Accelerator opportunities.**
- **Strengthens impact, dissemination, and exploitation** in line with European Commission best practices.

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Proof of Impact

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Watch the video

Watch what 2025 participants have to say about HiTech.



Click the image or visit
<https://bit.ly/HiTechTestimonials>

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HiTech in numbers



HiTech alumni
include several
EIC Accelerator
winners and
successful
research-based
startups.

900+ researchers trained
140+ business experts involved
63 start-ups founded by researchers who learned our
methodology
44% of Portuguese **EIC Accelerator winners**, raising
over **€36 million**, began their journey through HiTech

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HiTech alumni startups

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MATERIAL SCIENCES

AxFilia, EcoBlock, FullCycle,
FYP Jeans, HyTower,
NanoSen, N9ve, WeadAdpt.

LIFE SCIENCES

Acellera Therapeutics,
AdaptTech,
Amiloidetectors,
Bactometer, BestHealth,
BetterTimes, Cyclotech,
DAILA, DIAGONAL,
FuncMed, LifeTag,
Magnomics, NeuroPsyCad,
PactCare, Pharma73,
TargTex, Thelial
Technologies, TripleHelix.

BIOTECH

Asgard Therapeutics,
Bioinova, Biogen, Biomimetix,
Blendera, CEV -Converde,
Delox, Extremochem,
Fightsterol, GoGreen,
GoTechAntimicrobial,
HybPAT, InovCat,
MediaOmics,
Nutriplus(Frulact),
PFxBiotech, RYAPurtech,
Sea4us, Socerate,
Spawnfoam.

ENGINEE- RING

2NANO, Biomachines Lab,
C2C-Charge 2 Change,
CryoDES, Dauer,
HyperMatrix, NS2,
OceanSwarm, SCIVEN,
Scubic, SmartFreeze

IT & AI

Gyrodron, MIMA,
mindreachORG, R2DSpace,
Sarkkis, SCUBIC, SEE
Working Group, Smart
Photonics, WSSControl

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The 2025 Edition – Finalist Teams' Institutions



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Team behind

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HiSeedTech



Behind HiTech is the HiSeedTech team and a network of experienced mentors who guide research teams in turning deep-tech into real-world impact



Cláudia Barbosa
Head of Operations



Cristina Simões
Head of Training



Pedro Vilarinho
General Manager



Roger Debo
HiTech Advisor

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HiSeedTech mentors 2025 edition



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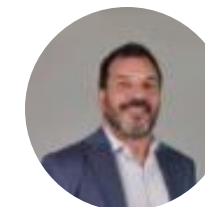
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Phyzat Biopharmaceuticals.



Richard Hampson
Epinutra



Vitor Moreira
Inventa

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Our roadshow



Info Sessions - Online:

18 November 2025 - 14:30

16 December 2025 - 14:30

13 January 2026 - 14:30

3 February 2026 - 14:30

Info Sessions - Onsite:

Visit our website to check the dates and locations.



Register through <https://bit.ly/hitechinfosessions>

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Are you ready to
turn your
deep-tech project
into a market-
ready solution?

Apply at hiseedtech.com

Doubts?

Send us an email at hitech@hiseedtech.com,
or join one of our **information sessions** to get a full overview
of **HiTech 2026** and ask any questions you may have.

Join us!

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Overview

HiSeedTech is a not-for-profit association created to bridge the gap between science and the market. Supported by 18 member companies from diverse sectors, HiSeedTech fosters social and economic value from research by connecting researchers, startups, and industry through a collaborative network.

HiSeedTech goal is to bridge the gap between science and the market. .





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