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| Stocktaking of the ICT Incubation Centers in Europe |

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ICT related incubation centers that are not reflected in this material and willing to be part of this stocktaking exercise are kindly invited to contact EURregion@itu.int.

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# Introduction

The ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference held in Dubai, UAE, April 2014, adopted [five Regional Initiatives for Europe](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Regional-Initiatives-for-Europe-WTDC-14.aspx), including the *Regional Initiative on* *Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Youth.* The objective of this initiative is to foster the creation of an enabling environment and build capacities at the regional level, aimed at growth of entrepreneurship and increased innovation in the ICT ecosystem, while encouraging empowerment of young men and women and creating new opportunities for them in the ICT sector. Expected results, to be achieved by the end of 2017, include the assistance to the countries in need in the following:

1. A stronger and expanded regional network of ICT incubators
2. Improved performance, gender-responsiveness and sustainability of ICT incubators across the region
3. Enhanced competitiveness and sustainability of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the region
4. Integration of ICT professionals, including young people and students, into the employment market by providing them with appropriate skills and knowledge and promoting self-development to help them find employment or create their own businesses.

This material takes stock of existing ICT related incubation centres in Europe, paving the way towards discussion on possible actions on strengthening and expanding regional network of ICT incubators in Europe to be carried out during the Regional Development Forum for Europe, Bucharest, April 2015.

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# PAN-EMEA

## Open Education Challenge

Location: London/Barcelona/Paris/Berlin/Helsinki

Website: <http://www.openeducationchallenge.eu/>

The Open Education Challenge, launched in partnership with the European Commission, is part of Startup Europe. It is an opportunity for cutting-edge education startups to receive mentoring and seed funding through the European Incubator for Innovation in Education, and get direct access to investors from day one.

The Incubator offers you:

* Mentoring and coaching from the Open Education Challenge team.
* Seed funding of up to €20,000.
* Access to investors from day one.

We bring you the best of Europe:

* Collaboration with the European Commission.
Your projects will get the attention and visibility they deserve in all EU countries.
* The Incubator’s Partners:
	+ **Aalto University** – the cutting-edge university in Helsinki where science and art meet technology and business.
	+ **Iversity Berlin** – Germany’s most innovative online education specialists.
	+ **ESCP Europe** – the leading European business school, founded in Paris, recognized for its cross-cultural business education.
	+ **London Knowledge Lab** – a world-leading research centre, exploring the ways in which technology is changing how we learn and what we need to know.

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# Albania

## Protic

Location: Tirana, Albania

Website: <http://protik.org>

Protik Innovation Center is a local not-for-profit organization created through a joint contribution of the United States Agency for International Development USAID, the Albanian-American Development Foundation, the Government of Albania, Microsoft, Cisco, and Albtelecom. The mission of Protik is to catalyze the development of the ICT sector in Albania.

Albania’s ICT sector is considered a strategic industry with the potential to serve as an engine for economic growth. The main challenges of the sector are related to the quality of workforce and the fact that industry representation is fragmented. As a result, Albania lacks necessary structures to support entrepreneurship.  Protik will perform interventions in the market in order to address these problems and stimulate ICT sector growth.

Protik Innovation Center is very experienced to provide ICT entrepreneurs with access to modern technology and know-how, and to serve as an information and networking hub. Since October 10th, were organized/or facilitated over 160 activities which have brought to center around 4000 participants. Based on Protik’s experience on managing Startup Competitions that encourage innovative ideas; B2B meetings; Business Speed Dating Events and various entrepreneurial training, the center will create a business accelerator, as natural next step of stimulating entrepreneurship and sustaining ICT sector growth in Albania.

Training in Entrepreneurship

* How to write a business plan
* How to communicate and pitch your idea/product/service in front of potential investors
* Introduction in marketing
* Basics of Finance

Consultancy services

* Testing the commerciality of the idea
* Finances
* Legal issues
* Marketing
* Business Plan adjustments
* Business Registration/Fulfillment of state liabilities
* Different Requirements based on startup needs

Networking activities

* Consolidated businessmen
* Potential Investors
* Connect with a pool of professional experts

Protik Resources

* Access to computers and internet
* Access to BizSpark program (to use for free Microsoft products; software design and development tools)
* Office space
* Conference room

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# Austria

## Softwarepark Hagenberg

Location: Hagenberg, Austria

Total Premises: 30 682 m2

Companies: 70

Employees: 1 060

ICT specialization: Software

Website: <http://www.softwarepark.at/EN/home.php>

Softwarepark Hagenberg was found in 1987 based on an agreement between the government of Federal State of Upper Austria (Governor Dr. Josef Ratzenbock) and Johannes Kepler University Linz (RISK Institut, Prof Bruno Buchberger).

In addition, numerous partners from the public, semi-public and private sectors have played a key role in the development of Softwarepark Hagenberg, in particular the Austrian Federal Ministries, the Upper Austrian branches of the Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Austrian Industries, and the Chamber of Labor and many others.

The main stakeholders of Softwarepark are top scientists, experienced business professionals, enthusiastic students and young entrepreneurs. Softwarepark has a support from high-tech investors and innovation-oriented regional policy in the background. The amount of investments received during 1989-2013 was approximately 118 million EURO with planned investments for 2012-2017 for approximately 20 million EURO, what gives a positive image of productivity of the Technological Park in private sector.

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# Belgium

## Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park

Location : Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium

Companies: 160

Employees: 5100

ICT specialization: Engineering, Information and Communication

Website: <http://www.llnsciencepark.be/>

Located in the heart of Belgium, in the province of Walloon Brabant, Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park is part of the site of the Catholic University of Louvain, an internationally renowned university for the quality of its teaching and research.

First Science Park created in Belgium (1971), it is also the largest and most active one in Wallonia by covering an area of 231 hectares spread over the territories of the city Ottignies-Louvain-la-Neuve and the municipality of Mont-Saint-Guibert.

Chosen by more than 160 companies that have invested about 440 million euros and employ approximately 5,100 individuals, the businesses in Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park are among others specialized in life sciences, engineering, fine chemicals and information and communication technologies (ICT).

The companies applying for joining the Science Park must meet certain criteria. The Science Park's team of specialists will help you assess your business matching in relation to these criteria and inform about the various settling possibilities. The Science Park is divided into 4 zones, all located within 1 km of the campus. To get an idea of the environment offered in the Science Park.

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## CordaCampus

Location: Hasselt, Belgium

Companies: 60

Website: <http://www.cordacampus.com/en>

Corda Campus is the leading international campus in the province of Limburg which focuses on technology, high-tech, ICT and new media, attracting innovative companies and institutions.

Corda Campus gives you access to a remarkable business community where knowledge, networking and the exchange of knowledge and ideas take centre stage. After all, you are surrounded by innovative, pioneering companies. Highly educated staff is always available, since the university and colleges nearby deliver top talents specialised in many fields, particularly ICT.

Corda Campus is an ecosystem of more than 60 companies, each with their own expertise and goals. This ‘campus-community set-up’ is also a biggest asset. Corda Campus offers a wide variety of corporate spaces – from offices to incubation rooms, workshops, labs, clean rooms, archives and storage space. Corda Campus can also come up with a customised real-estate solution combining various functions.

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## Initialis Science Park

Location: Mons, Belgium

Website: <http://initialis.webnode.com/the-park/>

The Initialis Science Park has been growing since 1996, offering businesses working in new technology, including IT and life sciences, a dynamic environment in which to grow. The Initialis Science Park is superbly located in the centre of Europe, less than 300 km from five of its major capitals.

The Incubator at Initialis was designed to meet the needs of businesses with technological aspirations. Its 8 modules, measuring 120m² each, help young small businesses on their way until they have found their feet, thanks largely to the wide range of facilities and services on offer, which are so crucial to their development.

With a separate surface area of 270m², the support buildings are incredibly important, offering young companies inexpensive access to premises with a range of potential uses, which can be personalized and so adapted to their needs.

The managers of the Initialis Science Park have invested in a range of features to optimize businesses’ support at the Park, such as the Business Innovation Centre (LME), the Technological Incubator, other support buildings and most recently, the 1st Microsoft Innovation Centre (M.I.C.) in Belgium.

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## Science Park Limburg

Location : Limburg, Belgium

Website: <http://www.wetenschapsparklimburg.be/EngelseSite/EngelseIndex.html>

The Science Park Limburg NV aims to stimulate the growth opportunities of high-tech and new-tech enterprises in Limburg with custom-made residence opportunities in pleasant, green surroundings in the immediate vicinity of the university and university colleges on campus Diepenbeek. The technological potential in Limburg can thus act as a motor for attracting innovative companies and can also make a major contribution to regional economic development. The stimulation of the interaction between established companies and institutions involved in applied research not only leads to concrete co-developments but also to effective spin-offs and synergies.

Science Park Limburg the incubator building opened in 1992; a business centre, which basically focuses on innovative start-ups (in total 10 laboratory- and 8 office spaces available).

The incubator building has 8 office- and 10 laboratory spaces, which can be used in a multifunctional way. A spacious lobby, meeting rooms, a kitchen and sanitary facilities are provided centrally. The offices can be reached by elevator. Each office or lab has several utilities. Tenants can make use of fast Internet connections. Tenants can rely on support through a comprehensive service package.

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# Bosnia and Herzegovina

## ICBL Innovation Center

Location: Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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**Innovation Centre Banja Luka** was the first combined modernly equipped center for support and development of entrepreneurship in the Republic of Srpska, strongly committed with the intent to support the development of companies that are able to offer a wide market of advanced commercial solutions in terms of products, services, employment and improvement of business processes based on knowledge and application of innovative and advanced technologies.

**Business Incubator**. Providing support to entrepreneurs in developing successful companies, ICBL offers all the necessary elements for successful professional development to its users, who are at the beginning of their ideas or want to develop a business through incubation. ICBL helps through a wide range of professional consulting services with proven successful methodology used in developed countries in areas that bring innovation - from organizational processes to new business ideas.**Training Centre.** ICBL in cooperation with accredited companies, educational institutions and experts with long experience in business and academic communities, provides vocational training through the delivery of commercial, certified internationally and nationally recognized training courses and informal training courses, seminars and workshops in areas of business, computer science, computer engineering and EU funds, in the form of traditional and eEducation.Incubation Services are intended for clients in Survival, Growth, Expansion and Maturity development phases, and to some extent for clients in the Inception phase depending on their characteristic.Services provided to each tenant, depend of the company development stage, and accordingly are organized in service packages, which are precisely defined in Incubation contract.  Generally offered services consist of four categories of services:

* Hosting
* Operational support
* Consulting and
* Value added services

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# Bulgaria

## Eleven Startup Accelerator

Location: Sofia, Bulgaria

Companies: 50

Website: <http://11.me/>

Eleven is an accelerator and venture capital fund for early-stage investments. It provides mentorship, support through its partners, and the critical first round of investment. With EUR 12 million of funding provided by the European Investment Fund (EIF) through the JEREMIE Program Eleven is one of the biggest early stage investors in CEE. We are building a vibrant new community – a fast-growing ecosystem of entrepreneurs who come together to change the world. Our 150+ mentors and partners bring practical, global experience, counsel and connections to the 50+ companies we accelerate each year.

Startups find their first home at the Roof, Eleven’s headquarters in Sofia, along with a wide range of support tools and infrastructure provided by our growing list of partners including Telerik, Microsoft, Amazon, IBM and Google. Eleven is a member of GAN and it is quickly building strong connections to startup hubs across Europe and North America.

Eleven develops startup teams and ideas into winning businesses – making startup escape velocity (the inspiration behind our name) possible, i.e. the speed needed to break free of local restraints and become truly global. Eleven welcomes close to 50 startups into our accelerator program annually, providing hands-on support and mentorship, collaborative office space, and critical seed funding. We fund potent ideas by providing up to EUR 200k in incremental rounds starting initially with EUR 25-50k.

<http://infographic.11.me/>

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## LAUNCHub

Location: Sofia, Bulgaria

Website: <http://launchub.com>

Since 2012, LAUNCHub has invested  and committed 5.7 million Euro in 53 startups from 9 countries in the SEE region, including Bulgaria, Romania, Macedonia, Croatia, Greece, Slovenia, Ukraine, Austria and Switzerland.

We have welcomed over 200 founders in our portfolio family and for less than three years we have managed to attract over 5.7 million Euro of additional funding for our companies, seeing through a couple of next rounds, including two Series A and a few joint rounds with participation from angels and other seed investors.

The LAUNCHub team works with our founders to provide assistance in many ways, other than the investments granted. We act more like a team member and an engaged partner. We offer our startup teams access to a network, consisting of experts, tech vendors, successful entrepreneurs and investors. We sit together on advisory boards to elaborate together business and product development strategies.

On a strategic level LAUNCHub is partnering with Seedcamp and Mozilla WebFWD. LAUNCHub operates under the Entrepreneurship Acceleration and Seed financial instrument of the JEREMIE initiative of the EIF and EC.

Our application run is aimed at companies targeting seed financing - our investments vary of up to 200 K Euro. Together with co-investors we have participated in seed rounds of up to 400 K Euro. We are targeting companies and startup teams with a completed product and with some initial traction.

Other than that we aim at working with cohesive and committed teams, showing a good understanding of the markets and consumers they are addressing. Our teams are able to communicate their concept and business model in a clear and sound way. Relevant feedback, customer reviews and metrics are always welcome. Successful teams we have worked with so far have proved to be creative and passionate, good listeners and responsive to feedback on their way to achieving traction and growth.

The LAUNCHub funding opportunities are open also to teams having already participated in accelerator programmes or raised angel money. Intros and recommendations from other startup founders, accelerators, business angels and industry peers are more than welcome to support your application for seed and micro-seed investments with LAUNCHub.

When joining the LAUNCHub family you will get the unique opportunity to collaborate with over other 100 founders. Our founder-friendly approach and incredible network will help enhance your growth to new dimensions. As a team we are open, transparent, easily-accessible and right by your side helping you build knowledge and scale your business. The LAUNCHub seed fund has the capacity to be flexible and follow on successful investments for our companies. We have a good network of relationships with the best later-stage VC funds in Europe and the Silicon Valley. You will also have the opportunity to participate in our Investor Day events. At the Investors Day event the LAUNCHub team brings together leading European and international VC’s, investment organizations and business angels. The portfolio companies present their achievements and raising strategies live and also meet interesting keynote speakers on sharing tactics, tips and experience with issues relating to the big step that is made when entering a new phase of growth and raising.

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## Start It Smart

Location: Sofia, Bulgaria

Website: <http://www.startitsmart.com>

Start It Smart is an entrepreneurship organization created to spread and develop the entrepreneurial way of thinking, while supporting young people to start their own business.

The competition is divided by 3 stages – Idea, Seed and Grow. They are one-day-events that are held 3 months from one another.

Winners of the Idea stage get:

* Mentorship for 3 months by successful entrepreneurs and specialists in different areas who support the participants in realizing the projects with meeting, feedback and knowledge, evaluated at 50 000 BGN
* Hosting by SuperHosting.BG, evaluated at 1 053 BGN
* One year access to a CRM system by ERP.BG, evaluated at 8 100 BGN
* One year access to the Entrepreneurship Library of ABLE, evaluated at 600 BGN
* Access to Embrioo‘s platform, evaluated at 15 000 BGN
* Access to Meta Reading‘s Level 1 training, evaluated at 1 080 BGN
* Participation in seminars by Interactive Seminars, evaluated at 700 BGN
* Access to the second stage of the contest – Seed

Winners of the Seed stage get:

* Mentorship for 3 months by successful entrepreneurs and specialists in different areas who support the participants in realizing the projects with meetings, feedback and knowledge, evaluated at 50 000 BGN
* Free events in the event space of betahaus | Sofia, evaluated at 2 400 BGN
* Accounting services by Saldo.bg, evaluated at 1 800 BGN
* Entrepreneurship courses by The Business Institute, evaluated at 2 700 BGN
* Participation in workshops and discussions part of the Masters Program in Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Finance in VUZF University, evaluated at 1 320 BGN
* Participation in seminars by Interactive Seminars, evaluated at 500 BGN
* Subscription to Capital and Capital Daily digital newspapers for 6 months, thanks to Economedia
* Access to the final stage – Grow

Winners of the Grow stage get:

* Accounting services by Saldo.bg, evaluated at 1 200 BGN
* Participation in The Business Institute’s courses, evaluated at 900 BGN
* Free event in the event space of betahaus | Sofia, evaluated at 800 BGN
* Co-working space by betahaus | Sofia for one month, evaluated at 500 BGN

Contact via official website

# Croatia

## ZIP

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Website: <http://zipzg.com/en/>

The ZIP Startup program is based on Lean startup methodology and the expertise of our mentors. It's an intense 4 months long experience during which our teams go through a total of 24 educational workshops bi-weekly reports all taking place in the late afternoon hours.

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS. During our educational workshops startup teams actively work on a specific area of their project with the help of assigned mentors in order to flesh out out their business model and help them master the art of pitching their future customers and investors. MENTOR NETWORK. Our teams have a large network of some of the top local and international mentors at their disposal. At the start of the program we hold a mentor showcase event where the teams introduce themselves. Afterwards they pick a lead mentor that helps them and guides them. Mentors can help with advice, contacts or business opportunities. JOIN THE COMMUNITY. All startups involved in the program become a part of the ZIP community. There are countless alumni teams that are still closely in touch with us. They went through most of the same problems you are now going through and their experience can help you a lot along the way. INVEST IN YOUR STARTUP. Entrepreneurship can be a challenging task - it is easier to work surrounded with people that understand and motivate you. We are ready to invest our time, knowledge, experience, connections, energy and funds into your project. Show us your commitment by investing 3000 HRK in your project (this is the price you pay for the ZIP Startup Program).

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## Core Incubator

Location: Zagreb, Croatia

Website: <http://coreincubator.com>

We're a mixture of an angel investor and entrepreneurial incubator, based in Zagreb, Croatia and operating in Southeastern Europe.

Founded in early 2013, we are a subsidiary of [Core Commercial Investments](http://coreincubator.com/about/cci/), a VC investment fund based in Abu Dhabi, UAE. We offer angel funding and mentorship to startups in Southeastern Europe active in various fields with a strong expansion potential and innovation on the market.

We’re both angel investors and accelerator programs. Selected projects are moved to our incubator upon investments where we supercharge development and provide a safe, controlled and full-of-knowledge environment where products and entrepreneurs can develop. Our typical incubation period is 6-12 months.

Our mission is to help entrepreneurs, improve the ecosystem and enable strong development of ideas that have potential to reach the market and improve everyday lives.

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# Czech Republic

## Startup Yard

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Website: <http://startupyard.com>

Our goal is to help you turn your idea into a product investors will love, and users will pay for, and then turn this product into a viable business.

Learn how to write a great business plan and create realistic financial projections investors will agree to.

Our presentation coach will help you deliver your pitch and present at conferences. You’ll receive Media Training to help you dial-in your message for the right audience.

Monetisation strategies vary from product to product, and we will help you find the ones that work best for you. Your product is unique: your strategy will be too.

If you have no market you have no product. We follow the Lean Methodology to help you quickly identify your key customers and what problem you are solving for them.

In exchange for participating in the program, StartupYard receives 10% of the capital of the startup.

StartupYard and its partners are connected to the most prestigious companies and individuals making the Internet industry. You won’t go unnoticed if you have built a killer product and are ready to prove it.

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## StarCube

Location: Brno Czech Republic

Website: <http://www.starcube.cz/>

JIC STARCUBE is an **international accelerator** focused on the Internet of Things and ICT security. We are looking for innovative startups with clearly defined and market-validated ideas. We will provide **3 months** of business workshops together with experienced mentors. We offer 24/7 co-working space and free **prototyping facilities**. Participants can also receive services from our partners as well as access to their network of business contacts. JIC STARCUBE is **free of charge**.

JIC STARCUBE is held in the South Moravian region in the Czech Republic where high education, **top class science** and **big business players meet.** You can find 6 public universities, 26 public research centers and branches of large multinational companies like Honeywell, RedHat, Flextronics, NetSuite, AVG and FEI here. Many of them are located a short walk from JIC offices.

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## Node5

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Website: <http://node5.cz>

Node5 is a co-working workspace that combines the best of a business incubator and startup accelerator – mainly for early stage technology startups, programmers and graphic/UX designers. But we are not just a co-working space. It’s people, ideas, education and inspiring events that grind together resulting into a community of entrepreneurs who want to get the best traction possible for a minimum financial value.

We are attracted by key mentors who see great potencial in the community and who are willing to share their knowledge. Multitude of experts from various fields of the industry provide us with their opinions. There is nothing more than an advice from someone who knows what is the deal.

Our mission is to help startups to finish their products properly – smarter and faster – because we are all in the same boat. Your success is our success and we are all working as a team. We urge you to work and we help you to get the best out of you. In addition, you share the space with like-minded people. What is more than exchanging feedback and sharing ideas while having coffee after lunch.

So whether you are an entrepreneur, business angel, hardworking programmer, imaginative designer or you just got the best idea, we should definitely hear about it, Feel free to visit us and let’s have a talk!

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## Czech Technology Park

Location: Brno, Czech Republic

Resident companies: 14

Employees: 4 500

Website: <http://www.technologypark.cz/en/o-nas/>

The Czech Technology Park is a low density development providing modern business premises for technology companies in a business park environment adjacent to the Brno University of Technology. The park is intended to provide a total of 190,000 m2 of mixed commercial accommodation for office, research and light industry, together with associated retail, leisure and services facilities.

With over 52,000 m2 of grade A office and high-tech production space developed to date accommodating 14 resident companies employing in excess of 4,500 employees the Park is already acknowledged as the predominant project of its type in the region. Thanks to its location alongside the Brno University of Technology the project offers specific advantages to locating companies providing a technically skilled graduate workforce and research and development opportunities with this leading institution.

The scheme’s success is demonstrated by the renowned list of clients already based in the Park with IBM, FEI, Motorola, Vodafone and Silicon Graphics among the main occupiers.

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# Denmark

## Incuba

Location: Aarhus, Denmark

Website: http://www.incuba.dk

INCUBA's mission is to strengthen knowledge and research-based companies’ networks, innovation and growth through infrastructure, services and counselling.

INCUBA's vision is to be a key player for new innovative companies – particularly those working in IT, bio-medico, cleantech and food. INCUBA builds commercial premises to meet the business requirements of its tenants and provides an effective professional palette of services and facilities – including reception services, meeting and canteen facilities, switchboard, fast broadband and free parking. INCUBA contributes with sparring and consulting services and utilises its extensive network of major innovation players and commercial partners to promote the innovation activities and growth of the resident businesses. In close proximity to local research and educational institutions, INCUBA's locations generate synergy effects that give its many diverse enterprises excellent opportunities for commercial innovation.

The Science Park is an incubator for start-ups and nurtures new businesses through its special Njubiz scheme.

The dynamic and innovative environments also house more established companies as well as development divisions from major companies and temporary projects. Players promoting trade and industry continue to make a significant contribution to INCUBA's environments.

There is a total of 30,000 m2 of office and laboratory space.
The share capital is of DKK 47 million.

The company name, INCUBA, is an acronym for Innovation Network Centre for University and Businesses of Aarhus.

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## StartupCity

Location: Aarhus, Denmark

Website: <http://startupcity.dk>

The vision of Startup City is to be Aarhus’ epicenter of ambitious, growth-minded entrepreneurs. We are the place in town where the emphasis is on companies in the seed investment stage, where we weed out the unviable, and concentrate on the best business ideas.

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## Founders House

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Website: <http://www.foundershouse.dk>

Founders House is a shared invitation-only workspace for ambitious technology startups and experienced tech entrepreneurs. We like to see it as a tribe of startups building companies side by side and helping each other succeed.

Founders House was started in 2011 by five minds who felt Copenhagen was lacking a coworking space, **exclusively for talented die-hard tech entrepreneurs**. **Lots have happened** since then... we've housed many **ambitious startups** that have grown to become successful or acquired by bigger companies, hosted several **events** bringing international founders & investors, thrown a good amount of **legendary parties**, made it to the **international press**, and we've just completed our biggest move so far, **relocation** to Njalsgade to help building something even bigger, **Startup Village**.

We're on a **non-profit** mission to create the best workspace for ambitious and scalable tech startups.

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## Symbion

Location: Copenhagen, Denmark

Website: <http://symbion.dk/en/>

Who is Symbion?

Symbion is the leading entrepreneurial environment in Denmark - the place where entrepreneurs live, meet, network and develop their business to a healthy and viable growth business.

We offer:

• Office communities
• Meeting rooms
• [Conference facilities](http://symbion.dk/en/conferences/)
• [Business Development](http://symbion.dk/en/business-development/)

Our ambitions are high. We want to be Denmark's Centre for Entrepreneurship, both when it comes to creating the best physical environment for our entrepreneurs in our office communities, accelerating their growth through business development and investment or to share our knowledge and best-practice in entrepreneurship.

Today we have a network of more than 250 entrepreneurs and small companies working in knowledge intensive areas such as IT, Cleantech, Life Sciences and knowledge based consultancy. We have four business centers with offices, workplaces and laboratories in Copenhagen.

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# Estonia

## Startup Wise Guys

Location: Tallinn, Estonia

Website: <http://startupwiseguys.com>

Startup Wise Guys' BusinessTech accelerator is the first B2B focused accelerator in Europe. We offer a 3+1 month program; seed investment; high valued mentors and a well-established business network.

BusinessTech links enterprises and startups by helping to build sustainable connections to large target markets and launch pilots with international companies. Our key specialties are in payments, banking and security, reflecting expertise in the Estonian business landscape.

We encourage teams with female founders to take-up that challenge with us.

In 2015-2016 program period, Startup Wise Guys is also part of [CEED Tech consortium](http://ceedtech.eu/) of five startup accelerators, operating in Central and Eastern Europe.

Upon completion of the twelve-week program, the teams will have the opportunity to introduce their products to angel investors, venture capitalists and large enterprises in both London and Tallinn.

The ultimate goal of the Startup Wise Guys program is to ensure promising startups deliver on their potential and make the connections to go further.

To help reach this goal, Startup Wise Guys has established a relationship with SmartCap, an Estonian VC, which will see a €1,000,000 invested in Startup Wise Guys alumni companies with a local presence.

We are also backed by the European Commission, which enables us to offer unique access to financing, mentorship and FIWARE technologies.

Startup Wise Guys office is located

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## BuildIt

Location: Tartu, Estonia

Website: <http://buildit.ee/>

Accelerator for new global success stories in hardware

You Get: 3 months program 20k EUR Prototyping facilities. Buildit is the first accelerator in the Baltic States and Nordic countries with focus on physical devices. We are accepting hardware startups worldwide.

During the 3 month mentoring program teams can use our prototyping facilities, see list of available tools [here](http://buildit.ee/files/buildit_equipment.pdf). Startups are offered free open office space at [Tartu Science Park](http://www.sciencepark.ee/) and can test their product with end-users in a [Living Lab](http://www.smartcitylab.eu/) setting. Teams also get free and discounted services from [partners](http://buildit.ee/#partner-section) – that includes development tools, design services, legal and accounting services + many more.

We offer €20,000 investment to our startups in exchange for 12% shares of their company. Teams can also go for €15,000 investment in return for 9% or choose €10,000 for 6%. For self-sufficient companies that already have funding we offer to participate in program with no investment for 3% of company shares.

You should have a team of at least 2 founders and a working prototype or an idea that can be developed into a working prototype within 3 months.

More advanced teams with traction (e.g. first product on the market, working on new version) have a higher chance to get into the program. During 3-month work, you are expected to live and work on your project in Tartu, Estonia. Our team will help you with the accommodation and settling in.

Buildit is hosted by Tartu Science Park and run by experienced international team with engineering/hardware, business development and startups background.

At the end of the program you'll have a prototype and skill-set necessary to successfully move on to the global start-up and investor hubs.

3 month program also consists of trips to trade shows, meetups and pitching events to investors to build the network, meet manufacturing partners and attract follow-on investments.

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## Garage48

Location: Tallinn, Estonia

Website: <http://garage48.org>

Garage48 started in Tallinn, Estonia in April 2010. It has expanded to other countries in Northern Europe and Africa since then.

Program benefits**:**

Garage48 hosts a hub, which gives resident member a desk, office devices and meeting room for €120 a month or €1200 a year.

Garage48 also holds 48 hour events. They usually start at 5pm on a Friday evening. All participants gather together in a big room and pitch about 30 to 40 ideas on stage. Each idea is put on the wall and everyone can choose their favourite idea and team. Usually about 12-15 ideas will be selected and teams start working.

Sunday night 5pm is the deadline to step on the stage again and live-demo the project or prototype.

Facilities, mentors, food and drinks are provided over the course of the weekend.

Contact via official website

# Finland

## Otaniemi Technology Hub

Location: Otaniemi, Finland

Companies: 800

Employees: 16 000

ICT specialization: Health and Security ICT; Product and Industrial Design ICT; Sensing and Electronics; Wireless Technologies.

Website: <http://www.otaniemi.fi/>

Otaniemi is the largest technology, innovation and business hub in Finland and in Northern Europe (according to the number of companies and R&D centers located within its vicinity). Otaniemi features a mix world-class research organizations, academic institutions and over 800 companies from start-ups to multinational corporations operating around a compact 2×2 kilometre campus, including the global headquarters for Nokia, Kone, Fortum, Neste Oil, Huhtamaki, Tekla and Rovio’s Angry Birds. Within 15 minutes there are additionally over 8,500 ICT cluster companies, over 12,000 Knowledge Intensive Business Services companies. Just counting ICT and KIBS, there are over 140,000 high-value add jobs – all within 15 minutes. Twice selected by the EU as one of the most innovative regions in Europe, Otaniemi is a community of over 32,000 people with 16,000 students and 16,000 technology professionals from 110 different countries. There are 5000 researchers within walking distance.

Otaniemi, which has grown up around TKK and VTT, is the core of Finnish science and technology activities. The area is architecturally unique, boasting buildings designed by leading Finnish architects including Alvar Aalto, Heikki and Kaija Sirén, and Reima and Raili Pietilä. Otaniemi is a prime example of how physical proximity and interconnectedness foster collaboration and innovation between public and private organizations. Inside the area one can find multiple critical masses for disruptive innovation creation, and it helps that Otaniemi has so many different cultures and sciences mixed, universities and corporations mixed.

Otaniemi has gained international recognition in information and communication technologies, but it also contains a host of other cutting-edge technology clusters, including mobility-based software and web-ware, as well as nanotechnology and microelectronics.

Otaniemi also hosts a number of multinational corporations like such as Kone, Fortum, Neste Oil, Microsoft, Bayer, LG Display, Samsung and over 100 other foreign companies. Hundreds of networking and matchmaking events and activities are organized, to help generate new opportunities between key players at Otaniemi and potential Finnish and international partners. Virtual incubation and startup creation activities at Venture Garage, Start-up Sauna, VTT Ventures and Spinno Enterprise Center help create between 40 and 70 new start-ups every year. Risk financing events, such as Technopolis MoneyTalks and MoneyTalks Forum help raise risk financing. In last five years over 180 start-ups have delivered pitches at these events. Nearly 50% of them have scored.

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## Nestholma

Location: Lahti, Finland

Website: <http://nestholma.com>

Nestholma’s mission is to connect startups and bigger companies and give them new tools, frameworks and processes for cooperation. Each accelerator program is run with a Partner company that is interested in learning and benefiting from and working with startups.

In our approach we borrow a lot from the great thinking and work done in recent years to make startups learn, iterate and get results faster by listening to customers. This includes Lean Startup by Eric Ries, Customer Development by Steve Blank, the Business Model Canvas by Alexander Osterwalder and Lean Canvas by Ash Maury.

Naturally, we always customize our approach to fit the needs of the startup. We're not into molding startups into one shape. In the end, you as the startup founders make the work. We want to give you the tools, support and connections that enable you to move faster and keep the customer always in mind.

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## BoostTurku

Location: Turku, Finland

Website: http://www.boostturku.com

Startup Farm is a co-working space in the heart of Turku. It provides free creative working space for visitors and hosts offices for around ten Turku-based startups. We believe in networking and helping each other. We believe that collaboration will get us farther than competition, that together we can achieve our entrepreneurial dreams and build long lasting relations between our members.

Our ultimate goal is to create new startup companies among university students in Turku. This goal is achieved through developing student's hands-on skills in different areas of knowledge related to startups and helping in the concrete steps needed to start your own successful growth business. To support this goal, we have built a broad network of students, mentors and startups. This enables us to guide you to the right people who can Boost your entrepreneurial idea.

Boost Turku is a student-based network for young entrepreneurs and entrepreneur-minded people sharing knowledge among the universities of Turku. Boost Turku strives to be an ‘easy-access’ open society for any kind of academic entrepreneurial matter. The underlying reasons for being involved in the society vary in large scale.

It can be anything from just being interested in entrepreneurship as a concept to aiming to establish a global business changing the world. The core idea of Boost Turku is to match active people and create motion both within and outside of the society.

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## NewcoFactory

Location: Helsinki, Finland

Website: <http://www.newcofactory.fi>

NewCo Factory 's mission is to accelerate the development of potential growth companies and to assist them into becoming internationally successful recognized businesses.

Founded in March 2013, we are an active and professional **Business Accelerator** providing the essentials for success for startup teams seeking to enter international markets.

NewCo Factory is part of **EnterpriseHelsinki's Growth Services** and the **City of Helsinki** aiming to found new growth companies in the capital area.

Our offices and co-working space are located in **YritysLinna**, a beautiful 19th century house in the livelyneighbourhood of Kallio in Helsinki (Finland).

EnterpriseHelsinki is a service centre for entrepreneurs in business, or who hope to enter business. The centre provides support, all the way from developing a business idea to finding the right contacts. EnterpriseHelsinki is a unit of the City of Helsinki's Economic Development services.

In particular,we support start-up businesses. The centre arranges free-of-charge information sessions, briefing participants on the core issues involved in starting a business.

With the move to a new office comes also a new co-working space for our startups. The space is available for our Business Acceleration Program startups.

The space is still under renovations but the minimum necessities such as tables and chairs are already available.

By being at our co-working space you get access to:

* Open co-working space for 30-35 people.
* 5 meeting rooms
* 2 larger workshop rooms
* Cleaning services
* Internet & printing possibilities
* Wonderful opportunity to interact and get to know other startups in different startup development phases
* A nice garden, ideal for summer events
* 2 saunas

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## StartupSauna

Location: Otaniemi, Finland

Website: <http://startupsauna.com>

**Startup Sauna co-working space is the meeting point for aspiring entrepreneurs in Northern Europe. The 1.500 square meter industry hall is open for everybody to work in – no membership or previous ties to Startup Sauna are required.**

**Startup Sauna Foundation was founded in September 2012 with a wide national support. It was put up by fifty-seven individual serial entrepreneurs and investors from the community. The reason behind the foundation is to create a more longer-term entity to support its 20-year mission of building a functioning startup ecosystem in the region.**

The foundation focuses on developing the core activities such as:

* Startup Sauna accelerator program – a five-week program for the most promising startups from Nordics, Eastern Europe and Russia.
* Slush conference – one of Europe’s leading startup and investor conferences, organized every November
* Startup Life internship program – sending the best students and graduates to different startup hubs to intern at the best startups in the world.

In addition, the foundation provides small grants to individuals and groups boosting the surrounding startup ecosystem by their actions.

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# France

## Team Cote d’Azur

Location: Nice, France

Website: <http://www.investincotedazur.com/en/>

The Côte d’Azur has established itself as one of Europe’s leading regions in the field of information and communication technologies, demonstrating its internationally-renowned expertise through the entire value chain, from silicon to smart devices.

The sector combines the latest expertise across the three key technologies of microelectronics, telecommunications and software leading to innovation on growing markets that include microprocessors, embedded electronics, security, telecommunications and wireless, mobiles and tablets, software and professional applications, games and 3D imaging, web and multimedia content. The ICT sector’s energy directly benefits other industries on the Côte d’Azur such as aeronautics and space, tourism, health and life sciences, cleantech and services.

The SCS world-class cluster, SAME (Sophia Antipolis Microelectronics) and Telecom Valley associations, the Com4Innov telecoms platform, INRIA, I3S & LEAT labs (CNRS/UNS), Eurecom research & academic centres, W3C and ETSI are some of the stakeholders building a coherent and effective ecosystem that has attracted global industry leaders as well as innovative start-ups, and an internationally recognised pool of talents. This ecosystem is brilliantly organised in Sophia Antipolis, where SophiaTech campus, hosting many of the above actors, promotes synergies with companies and technology transfer supported by the business incubators. Public and private research facilities work together on breakthrough technologies (5G, M2M, IOT) that will create the services and products of the future.

Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur boasts the 2nd highest number of start-ups in France: 70,000 in 2010 (or 11.3%) with an annual increase in new start-ups of 4.2%. According to France Angels (the national federation for business angels networks) the region ranks second in France’s in terms of business angels, just behind the Ile-de-France. In 2012, over 4 million euros were invested in 36 companies in the region. PACA region is also ranked 3rd in France for the number of patents filed, trade mark applications and licenses.

Start-ups on the Cote d’Azur benefit dedicated office spaces, and powerful professional networks including a large number of business incubators and business angels.

Over 160 different nationalities live and work on the Côte d’Azur, forming a unique multicultural environment. This has led to an array of services aimed at foreign residents and the highest concentration of international schools in France after Paris.

The region’s higher education is renowned for its innovative capacities and its international influence. Many research projects are developed in partnership with the ecosystem’s companies, research institutes and laboratories of excellence, in particular in the fields of IT, life sciences and geosciences.

The Côte d’Azur has been illustrating its desire to become a European metropolis via large-scale development projects that support its specialised sectors and reinforce its international appeal while developing its HR potential and safeguarding its natural surroundings. After Sophia Antipolis, Europe’s leading science and technology zone dedicated to IT, the Côte d’Azur’s Eco-Valley at the gateway to Nice is the first French operation of national interest (OIN) to be entirely devoted to developing cleantech and smart cities.

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## Le Camping Numa

Location: Paris, France

Website: [http://www.lecamping.org](http://www.lecamping.org/)

Le Camping is a 4 month acceleration program at Numa, the biggest digital Hub in the heart of Paris

First coworking space opened in France in 2008, Numa invites everyone to work in a specially designed environment, whether on a daily or monthly basis. Coworkers benefit from dedicated services, privileged working and meeting areas, and special events.

As a first approach to coworking, Numa offers**an area for discovery and discussion**, open to all without restrictions or bookings, with **comfortable seats and free Wi-Fi access**.

Dedicated community manager to publicise your projects on the Internet. Two closed boxes to make phone calls. Wi-Fi or Ethernet Internet connection. Your profile on the coworkers’ website. A lounge area for discussions. Access to the kitchen area (fridge, microwave oven, coffee machine, etc.)

Our startups have a success history and the numbers are there to prove it, more than ten million dollars raised in funds since our first season and millions of happy users.

You will have at your disposal twenty-five top notch professionals ready to help you out on specific matters, from product development to finance and legal matters.

Each season we provide our startups with more than 120K worth of services and material support. A financial grant of €4500 is also wired to each startup against a 3% equity engagement.

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# Germany

## Axel Springer Plug and Play

Location: Berlin, Germany

Website: <http://www.axelspringerplugandplay.com>

Launched in 2013, the Axel Springer Plug and Play Accelerator is a Berlin-based accelerator looking for trail-blazing digital entrepreneurs. We’re more than just an accelerator: we provide global opportunities from day one, through our international network in Europe and Silicon Valley.

Three times a year, we run a three month-long program in which we provide startups with office space in the heart of Berlin, coaching, workshops, networking, 25.000 euros, events and more. The program ends with the Demo Day, where startups will have the opportunity to pitch in front of an elite audience of local and international venture capital firms for additional seed and Series A funding. Plus, startups have the chance to meet Silicon Valley investors as well as go to Silicon Valley.

The program is based on a great variety of workshops, financing, coaching, A-list speakers and more. Nevertheless, our goal is to stay focused on your individual needs. We provide the space, infrastructure and all necessary support in order for you to develop freely.

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## ProSiebenSat1 Accelerator

Location: Munich/Berlin, Germany

Website: <https://www.p7s1accelerator.com/en/home/>

The ProSiebenSat.1 Accelerator is ProSiebenSat.1 Group's 3-month program to support start-ups, which runs twice a year. The program offers start-ups comprehensive support and provides entrepreneurs with a customized coaching concept. In addition, start-ups receive 25,000 EUR funding and office space.

The ProSiebenSat.1 Accelerator is a leading 3-month program to support start-ups. We provide funding, mentoring, and office space at our headquarters in Munich/Unterfoehring and in Berlin. In addition, we provide start-ups with access to the extensive network of the ProSiebenSat.1 Group – one of the largest media corporations in Europe. Our goal is to get the start-ups in shape and help pitch to investors to secure follow-on funding. We run two batches a year. In each round we select up to seven teams to join our Accelerator. To formalize our long-term partnership we take 5% equity in the start-ups.

We do not only invest in media start-ups. We invest across all industries and in both B2C and B2B businesses. Typical industries are: media, entertainment, e-commerce, internet of things, smart home, health, fin-tech. In addition, we run a special focus program for advertising and data analytics start-ups called LaunchpAD.

The start-ups should be beyond idea stage. You should have a working prototype or should be live with your product or service.

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## RTZ

Location: Koln, Germany

Strat-ups: 170

Website: <http://www.rtz.de/en/home.html>

The RTZ network provides the start-up companies with many useful contacts and commercial possibilities in the initial phase.

The support via seminars, trainings, workshops and events helps young enterprises in the foundation and start phase. And the extensive offer of networks, experts and partners as well as the community of young and innovative entrepreneurs creates an intensive and inspiring centre life.

The RTZ offers information on start-up planning, assistance in creating a business plan, hints on market-research, consulting for managerial questions, support during marketing development as well as information on public subsidies, procurement of seed capital or tips on navigating the bureaucratic maze.

With its attractive architecture the RTZ is well positioned at a top location in the heart of Cologne. And there it provides tailor-made space for individual needs. Variable office spaces, professional laboratories and representative conference rooms are useful advantages to young enterprises.

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## Betahaus

Location: Berlin, Germany

Website: <http://www.betahaus.com>

**Betahaus is a** **coworking space in Berlin, Hamburg, Sofia and Barcelona.**

**At betahaus | Berlin you can work from Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm. If you book the 24/7 extra you can even work weekends and during the night.**

**Of course, you could always work at a train station, or the airport terminal. However, that’s not usually very pleasant.**

We’ve envisioned a space that functions as a combination of a Vienna-style coffee house, a library, a home office or a university campus. We combine the best aspects of these locations, and use them to constantly develop betahaus.

Since January 2009, we have been operating in a formerly state-owned space on Prinzessinnenstraße, close to Moritzplatz in the heart of Kreuzberg.

Our team consists of highly-talented people from different disciplines, such as design, architecture, and more. At betahaus, we seek to implement our own ideas from work and life, as well as to invite other designers to exhibit, test, and further develop their ideas and prototypes in our space. Who knows what may emerge from this flow of ideas…

At betahaus, we offer areas for quiet, concentrated work, as well as plenty of communicative space where you can make a phone call, or simply think aloud.

Apart from separate meeting rooms, large event space, maker space, electronics lab and our café on the ground floor for relaxed entertainment, we have a coworking space of approximately 3000 square metres. Of course, we provide access to printers, scanners, and free wi-fi – all of that should be a given!

**Background. High quality value is no longer created in classic offices**. Added value is created in different locations, at different times, in changing team constellations and without permanent employment. This new type of work constantly seeks new real and virtual locations. Open, digitally networked and collaborative work places are required which are flexible and serve as incubation platform for network, innovation and production.

**The betahaus is such a working space.** It is a platform which meets the requirements of independent creative professionals and knowledge workers, and expands their opportunities. In a mixture of relaxed coffee house atmosphere and concentrated working environment we create room between work and privacy in which innovation and creativity is fostered.

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# Greece

## OpenFund

Location: Athens, Greece

Website: <http://theopenfund.com>

We partner with pioneering technology companies taking advantage of software, mobile platforms and the web.

We invest in companies registered and operating in Greece, yet addressing international markets. Innovation in products, services or business models is essential. We also require technology to drive value creation. Our investment strategy is goal driven. We work closely with teams, supporting them in achieving their goals quickly and efficiently, and provide follow-on capital as these are met.

The Openfund is set up with a clear objective: to provide entrepreneurs with everything required to create and grow a successful technology company.

Openfund assists entrepreneurs in structuring applications, improving value proposition and receiving guidance through their initial steps. Incorporation and similar administration issues are also taken care of by Openfund. In short, entrepreneurs are provided with everything essential for a smooth start. World-class mentors consult with entrepreneurs on a broad range of issues, ranging from technology to business development to marketing to legal and accounting.

On top of the amount the Jeremie Openfund II contributes, its broad network provides entrepreneurs with access to a range of regional and international sources of capital, including both institutional and private investors. Openfund aims to make fundraising simpler for its successful portfolio companies.

Contact via official site

## Metavallon

Location: Athens, Greece

Website: <http://metavallon.org>

Startup Expansion is our **venturing kernel**; a vibrant network for startups, innovation, and global activity to flourish.

Driven by our culture of **collaboration**, **merit**, and **impact**, The Hub supports our Metavallon Startups as well as select Network Startups during the most critical period of their business life, the first 1 to 5 years. It also works along with individual and institutional investors to reinforce their reach and the success of their portfolio.

Nurturing their activities, The Hub provides Members with:

* access to our global network of early and later stage **investors**
* engagement with leading **corporations** and organizations in their industries
* access to our regional and international network of **Experts**
* business services and **perks** from our Allies

Action-packed and opportunity-full, The Accelerator is structured in 4 stages to guide results and help us achieve the best we can within those five months:

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|  | * Boosting (3 months)  –  Shape up and implementation. In brief, this is our intensive work stage with weekly startup business workshops, mentoring and coaching sessions, pitching, and networking.
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|   | * Expanding (1 month)  –  Trip to Silicon Valley. As we invade this notorious startup space, we learn how to do business in the US, engage with founders, visit startups, participate in events, and of course pitch of investors!
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|   | * Securing (1 month)  –  Refining and fundraising-prep. At this stage we incorporate the massive feedback received, finalize materials and tools, and work on raising our target funds.
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|   | * Transcending (1 day)  –  Demo Day. This is our powerful closing to an intense journey, with experts, partners, and investors participating both from Greece and internationally – one day to rule them all!
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Contact via official website

# Hungary

## CoLabs

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Offices: 31

Meeting rooms: 4

Premises: 700 m2

Website: <http://www.colabs.hu/>

Colabs Angels are actively looking for the most promising startups and typically invest HUF 5-150 million in early stage companies.

"Our mission is to improve the Hungarian early-stage funding scene and create a more accessible and flexible capital environment in which the region’s best and brightest entrepreneurs can prosper."

Members of Colabs Angels are experienced, successful entrepreneurs and executives who are interested in investing their time and money into new, cutting edge startups. Next to the funding members also provide value by mentoring and coaching the entrepreneurs, in whom they invest, serving on their boards, providing contacts and assisting with team building, strategic planning and further fundraising.

Contact via official website

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## Infopark

Location: Budapest, Hungary

Premises: 100 000 m2

Employees: 7 000

Website: <http://www.infopark.hu/>

Infopark is the first innovation and technology park of Central and Eastern Europe. It is an innovation centre primarily for IT, telecommunication and software development companies where such multinational companies as Lufhansa Systems, Hungarian Telekom, IT-Services Hungary as well as young innovative companies found a place for their head office. The seat of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT) is found in the Infopark Building E. The office park has nearly 100,000 m2 space to rent, offering high quality office and working environment for about 7,000 employees.

The purpose of the Foundation is to support, with due consideration of the implementation objectives of Infopark, applied research and development contributing to the development of society and economy in particular, and aimed to establish a network of connections between science and economy.

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# Iceland

## Startup Reykjavik

Location: Reykjavik, Island

Website: <http://www.startupreykjavik.com>

StartupReykjavik is a mentorship-driven seed stage investment program. We run a 10 week long program in Reykjavik, Iceland once each year. We’re very selective on the ideas we get into our program. Selected companies or ideas get $16,000 in seed funding from Arion Bank. Please see the term sheet for further information. StartupReykjavik founders also get great perks such as free hosting and services, a nice place to work, ten weeks of intensive top-notch mentorship, and the chance to pitch to angel investors and venture capitalists at the end of the program. There is immeasurable value in the mentorship-driven connections and advice that you’ll receive when you start your company with StartupReykjavik. The opportunity to pitch to angel investors and venture capitalists at the end of the program is provided during our Investor and Demo Day.

StartupReykjavik was founded by Arion Bank, Innovit Entrepreneurship Center and Klak in April, 2012.

StartupReykjavik is proud to be a part of the Global Accelerator Network, the Network provides professional development, networking opportunities, training, consulting and ongoing support for all of its members in more then 30 different places around the world.

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# Ireland

## NDRC

Location: Dublin, Ireland

Website: http://www.ndrc.ie

**NDRC is an early stage investor in innovation, making ventures happen by investing in startups and improving the environment in which ventures can grow.**

We work with the best and brightest researchers, technologists and entrepreneurs to turn great ideas into successful ventures.

Over the last five years we have been working to build the best model for supporting early stage technologies, and we’re starting to see the results. By the end of 2013 our portfolio of startup ventures had secured €40m in commercial follow-on investment. Each year we work with c.1,000 individuals and we invest into between 30 and 40 early stage technology ventures.

Our core team is made up of people who have backgrounds in building and scaling businesses, developing technologies, and investing in new ventures; people who roll up their sleeves to move our partner ventures forward.

We are a [Microsoft Ventures’ partner accelerator](http://www.ndrc.ie/about-us/www.microsoftventures.com).

We are a member of [Startup Federation](http://1776dc.com/startup-federation/).

In 2014 NDRC was ranked as one of the global top 25 University Business Incubators.

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# Italy

## H-Farm

Location: Venice, Italy

Website: <http://www.h-farmventures.com/h-camp/>

H-CAMP is an “All Inclusive” International Acceleration Program dedicate to supporting and accompaining young talents and visionary startuppers with a brilliant idea in the development of their project. H-FARM launches “Calls for Ideas” twice a year with the objective to select up to 10 teams each edition. The selected teams have the opportuniy to live for 4 months a unique experience in an exclusive enviroment. Each team receives a package made of cash and services for a total value of €80K.

They have the opportunity to meet and work with 40+ Mentors, to partner with important industry players and to have access to investor and business angel networks. H-FARM, as a member of the Global Accelerator Network, can offer to young talents the possibility to get in contact with the most important accelerators located in more than 60 cities. H-FARM is also partner of ATALANTA, a European network of leading accelerators providing services to European Start-ups

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## iStarter

Location: Torino, Italy

Website: <http://www.istarter.it/>

iStarteris a business incubator and accelerator that provides extensive mentorship and advice to startups through a highly diversifiednetworkof young professionals and senior advisors.

We believe that we can help unleash the entrepreneurs'talent, energy and growth potential, by helping them start up their businesses, launch their inventions at an International level and tofoster innovationin Italy.

We believe that we can help unleash this talent, energy and growth potential, by helping Italian entrepreneurs to start up their businesses, to launch their inventions at an International level and to foster Innovation in Italy.

We scout the best ideas, invite the selected entrepreneurs for an acceleration period in our offices in Torino and work with them on their products and business plan and help them get funding from Italian and International ventures.

**Our mission is to create at least 15** innovative enterprises**every year and give them the tools they need to succeed and make a difference in the world.**

iStarter's program is designed to help entrepreneurs reach their full potential and set their startup on the best course to jumpstart their business.

The first goal of our program is to develop a startup's key metrics (read here) by building a sound business plan and strategy.

In doing this the entrepreneurs will be assisted by their mentoring partners: a team of 3 mentors chosen among iStarter's partners who will provide strategic insights, network and a hands-on approach to the development.

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## Impact

Location: Parma, Madrid

Website: <http://www.impact-accelerator.com>

Main Objectives: Accelerate at least **64 European start-ups** focusing on **Mobile Internet.**

Subsidize each start-up up to 100,000 euros without equity consideration whatsoever investing a total of 6,400,000 euros in 2-years time.

Provide **Premium Acceleration Service** during 6 months consisting in Training and Mentoring under the guidance of **key world class digital ecosystem professionals and entrepreneurs.**

Manage the most promising start-ups towards the Extended Investment Phase with **Business Angels**and**first class global Funds.**

IMPACT will physically operate in the B-Ventures Headquarters in Parma and in Digital Acceleration Centers of ISDI in Madrid & Barcelona, although this does not include space for the start-ups.

In the Extended Funding Phase, the start-ups selected by the Consortium needing globalization can count on the Buongiorno Headquarters in 14 countries, with a contact in Mexico DF through the ISDI agreement with StartupMexico, and connection with Silicon Valley through 500 Start-ups and RocketSpace, participated by Docomo Innovation Inc.

IMPACT also has an agreement to use incubators and accelerators centers in Madrid through Madrid Emprende.

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# Lithuania

## StartupHighway

Location: Vilnius, Lithuania

Website: <http://startuphighway.com>

StartupHighway is a Baltic startup accelerator and an early seed stage fund based in Vilnius, Lithuania. Since its establishment in 2011 it has developed a proven investment programme focusing all of its efforts on value maximization for innovative technology startups. It has been purely designed to provide individually tailored support for the most perspective participating entrepreneurs.

An extensive network of business leaders, elite mentors, seed funding, free open working space and the access to respective markets are just a few mandatory tools helping you to accelerate your startup’s evolution to a scalable business. We believe that the core mission, besides providing a startup with the right tools, is the top-notch expertise adapted to individual business needs. Therefore we work closely with the teams by dedicating our expert knowledge and shaping selective acceleration plans that match your startup’s peculiarities.

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# Moldova

## Garage

Location: Chisinau, Moldova

Website: http://garage.md

To begin a new business in a garage - a common thing for startupers. Bill Gates once said that he is not afraid of competitors, but is afraid of guys with the ideas that are working on them, sitting in the garage. «Simpals Garage» - it is the first in Moldova Venture Incubator, created for investments in the promising startups. Our mission is the elimination of barriers that prevent talented and ambitious teams convert their idea into a valuable business. We can help resolve organizational problems and ensure a quick start of your project. Initial funds, equipped office, expert advice and guidance of mentors, assistance in promotion of the projects on our web sites - that is what «Simpals Garage» can give to your startup.

Principles: Project must be online, the project should be guided by leading IT trends, the project earlier did not receive investments, project must have the opportunity to develop on mobile, and project must be massive and scalable.

Directions: geolocational services, mobile Applications, SaaS, E-commerce, social applications, augmented reality, search technologies, cloud services

Team: powerful team of 3-4 people (ideally, the developers), ready to dedicate themselves to the project and work on it in our "garage", the possibility of teams from other cities to move to Chisinau on the specified period.

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# Netherlands

## High Tech Campus Eidenhoven

Location: Eidenhoven, Netherlands

Companies: 135

Stakeholders: 10 000

Website: <http://www.hightechcampus.com/>

High Tech Campus Eindhoven is the smartest km² in The Netherlands with more than 135 companies and institutes, and some 10,000 researchers, developers and entrepreneurs working on developing future technologies and products. The Campus helps you accelerate your innovation by offering easy access to high tech facilities and international networks. Campus companies (a.o. Philips, NXP, IBM, Intel) strategically decide what knowledge, skills and R&D facilities they share in order to achieve faster, better and more customer-oriented innovation in the application fields Health, Energy and Smart Environments. Located at the heart of Brainport Campus companies are responsible for nearly 40% of all Dutch patent applications.

Open innovation is all about collaboration. With the current state of technology, a single-firm solution is a thing of the past. Specialist companies, knowledge institutes and governments are increasingly joining forces. Open innovation is the preferred work approach on High Tech Campus Eindhoven. With a huge number of technical specialists just a stone’s throw away, Campus companies are able to focus on their core competences. Campus companies inspire one another by sharing knowledge, experience and facilities. As a result, innovations are achieved more rapidly, more cost efficient and are of better quality. This gives them a clear competitive edge in a highly competitive market.

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# Poland

## GammaRebels

Location: Krakow, Poland

Website: <http://hardgamma.com/>

HardGamma Ventures is an early stage fund based in Warsaw, established in 2011, investing in technology startups in Poland / Central Eastern Europe / UK (London) and – opportunistically in the US. Besides invested in two editions of Springboard accelerator (including one of the first accelerators focused on hardware/IoT) and we are one of the investors in Techstars London. Within HGV we also run own accelerator [GammaRebels](http://hardgamma.com/gammarebels/).

HardGamma Consulting is a management consulting boutique established in 2005, focused on technology, media and telecommunications (TMT) sector.

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## Technopark Pomerania

Location: Szczecin, Poland

Website: <http://www.technopark-pomerania.pl/en/index.html>

Technopark Pomerania is based in Szczecin (West Pomeranian Region, Poland) and since 2000 its objective has been to support the development of innovative companies, ICT startups and entrepreneurs in the region. Technopark provides local entrepreneurs with business incubator and support services (incubation program including business mentorship and consulting, PR and marketing) for ICT sector. Currently Technopark is expanding by three new office buildings for ICT companies and the largest Data Center in the region. The investment is co-financed from the EU funds under the Regional Operational Programme for West Pomeranian Region and budget provided by the City of Szczecin.

Technopark Pomerania provides top standard of office spaces for innovative companies in IT and new technologies; enterprise incubator for start-up IT companies (with incubation program), EU projects and trainings, ICT related consulting for public sector and administration, data center services.

There is a big scale of services Technopark Pomerania can provide for new ICT projects and expansion program for mature ICT companies.

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# Portugal

## Brigantia Ecopark

Location: Braganca, Portugal

Premises: 3 000 m2

Website: <http://www.brigantia-ecopark.pt>

The Park of Science and Technology "Brigantia-EcoPark" is part of the PST-TMAD (Park of Science and Technology of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro). It is managed by a private non-profit organization, with scientific and technological goals (Association for the development of the Brigantia-EcoPark).

The Park of Science and Technology "Brigantia-EcoPark" is a privileged space for science and technology supporting consolidated companies, besides start-ups and spin-offs, both technology-based. “Brigantia-EcoPark” has also laboratory space to support research, development and innovation.

The business incubation programme operated by “Brigantia-EcoPark” offers incubation service to assist technology based start-ups and spin-offs in their initial stage of life.

We operate two types of incubation programmes: the pre-incubation intended for a short period of time and a medium period for the incubation programme.

Brigantia-EcoPark encourages and promotes innovation-based entrepreneurship, assisting and supporting companies during their initial stage of life.

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# Romania

## Liberty Technology Park

Location: Cluj, Romania

Website: <http://www.libertytechpark.com/>

Liberty Technology Park Cluj is a technology park, a park of ideas, created to offer exceptional growth and developing for companies in the IT&C and R&D and digital industries in one unique area both conceptually and architecturally. The park not only implies flexible and functional spacing in an impressive decor but also offers the top office spaces class A in Cluj, the complete range of services and facilities necessary for the best functioning of every business. Moreover Liberty Technology Park Cluj offers the first business accelerator in Romania – Spherik, research laboratories, event areas but also relaxation areas (restaurant, coffee shop, fitness gym, playgrounds for children, ). The technology park also integrates beautiful large gardens, a lake, multifunctional sport terrains and a retail and health area. All in all, Liberty Technology Park Cluj will be the ideal habitat for encouraging innovation and developments in domains such as R&D, IT&C and technology. Cluj-Napoca is just the place for this considering it has recently reached the statute of „Romanian technopolis”.

Liberty Technology Park Cluj, the first technological park in Romania, a park for creative ideas built in a revolutionary place designed to offer exceptional growth and quality environment for companies in the IT&C and R&D domains, all in one unique area both conceptually and architecturally.

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# Slovenia

## FriedWorks

Location: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Website: <http://friedworks.si/>

We're a group of people with experience working in & with startups, setting up business, getting financing, developing brands and products.

FriedWorks help people think about things they usually don't know they need to think about. But we don't just think, we also get our hands dirty by providing design, development and business functions to teams so they can focus on what they do best.

None of us have had a big exit, so we're not offering any money, but we've had our share of failed attempts and we can help you learn from them.

We have office space in Ljubljana with desks to rent - we expect you to be there at least a few days a week so we can work together on progressing your product.

We're looking for teams that want access to bright minds with extensive experience in building something from nothing. If you don't know where to find people for your team, but have a great idea for a product and a unique position to market that product, we can help you too.

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# Spain

## BBooster

Location: Valencia, Spain

Website: <http://www.bbooster.org>

Being in Business Booster means hitting the ground running; Here, your project receives advice, sponsorship, support, mentoring... all necessary support to succeed. Moreover, working in a shared space among fellow Business Booster entrepreneurs is the best way to collaborate and test your ideas and pitches.

Entrepreneur space: 4 months in-person in our facilities in Valencia. Entrepreneurial ecosystem in synergy with other innovative online business. Working with expert mentors in each area. Sponsorship: Agreements with public and private companies supporting such initiatives.

Mentoring: Support from leading experts on innovation, investment, entrepreneurship and digital marketing. Post acceleration: Counselling program with specialists in SEM, SEO, Analytics, HR, Finance, etc.

FeedbackBusiness: Booster will provide feedback before, during AND after... Business Booster is not only a guide, but part of your business; we want you to move forward!

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## Wayra

Location: Madrid, Spain

Website: <http://wayra.co/home>

Grow faster. With the financial backing of Telefónica, one of the biggest telco companies in the world, and with the support of a global network of mentors, investors and partners, we help the best entrepreneurs to grow and build successful businesses.

We know the next digital revolution can emerge from anywhere, in technology nobody has the final word. If you have a business or an idea that uses technology to solve the problems of the future, Wayra is your place to make it grow. More than an accelerator. With Wayra you’ll have everything you need to take your business to the top. Financial support, a unique workspace, shared knowledge and experience from mentors and partners, networking with a cohort of entrepreneurs like you, and the chance to do business with millions of Telefónica customers around the world. Sounds great, right? We are part of Telefónica Open Future, an open innovation platform that integrates all Telefónica Group’s investment vehicles and initiatives to foster entrepreneurship and innovation globally.  For that reason we also help corporations and other organizations to innovate through start-ups.

## TopSeedsLab

Location: Madrid, Spain

Website: <http://www.topseedslab.com/en/>

The best professionals provide a framework for creation, innovation, networking and Startups acceleration. Networking - creating professional networking, generation of opportunities, partnerships, businesses, events, coexistence in an entrepreneurial ecosystem full of opportunities.

* Mentors
* Business model optimization by a team of elite mentors
* Mentors specialized in developing startups.
* Vertical Mentoring Methodology:
* A mentor for each functional area, digital marketing, funding for startups, elevator pitch, business model, technology for tech companies.
* A global mentor
* 1000 m2 ecosystem in the center of Madrid exclusive in Spain maximizing innovation "The Place".

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## SeedRocket

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Website: <http://www.seedrocket.com/en/>

SeedRocket offers a complete Seed Funding Venture Program for Entrepreneurs with technology-based startups.

Get your project financed. SeedRocket provides access to investors and business angels with a strong focus on technology-based startups at a seed stage.

Get training. Take part in one of the SeedRocket [Entrepreneurs Programs](http://www.seedrocket.com/en/detalle/) and get training from SeedRocket [mentors](http://www.seedrocket.com/en/mentores/) experts and industry professionals that give you the keys to successfully develop your business idea.

Get Know-How. Learn from the know-how of professionals, experts and serial entrepreneurs. Share knowledge and [workspace](http://www.seedrocket.com/en/aceleradora/) with other entrepreneurs.

We provide working and meeting spaces. By **sharing a workspace**, transfer of **know-how** among entrepreneurs is fluent and **synergies** are found more easily. SeedRocket is the perfect environment for your idea to grow. We enjoy working together with the best talents.

We provide an office of more than 200 square meters in Glories’ Business Incubator, at Barcelona. We share this office with more than 10 startups and SeedRocket [mentors](http://www.seedrocket.com/en/mentores/).

SeedRocket will also help startups to get everything covered with minimal expense. We want entrepreneurs to focus on creating great products while they stay in SeedRocket, so we provide easy access to a wide range of suppliers for hosting, finance, product development consultancy, grants management.

# Sweden

## Mjardevi Science Park

Location: Linkoping, Sweden

Companies: 260

Employees: 6 100

Website: <http://www.mjardevi.se/en/>

Mjärdevi Science Park is an attractive home for 260 innovative companies employing more than 6,100 people. Mjärdevi offers a broad base of support and activities to encourage and stimulate growth and success among its companies — from start-ups to multi-nationals. Mjärdevi offers access to experienced and professional business advice, finance, and internationalization. Mjardevi Science Park is considered world-class competences in:

Mobile Broadband

Imaging & Visualization

Automotive Safety

Software & System Development

A Science Mjardevi Technology Park is a space, physical or cybernetic, managed by a specialized professional team that provides value-added services, whose main aim is to increase the competitiveness of its region or territory of influenced by stimulation a culture of quality and innovation among its associated businesses and knowledge-based institutions, organizing the transfer of knowledge and technology from its sources to companies and to the market place, and by actively fostering the creation of new and sustainable innovation-based companies through incubation and spin-off processes.

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## SICS Startup

Location: Kista, Sweden

Website: <https://www.swedishict.se>

We support existing startups to run faster and in the right direction. We also help our researchers create new ventures. SICS Startup Accelerator is organized by SICS with support from RISE, Research Institutes of Sweden. The current technology focus is on cloud computing and startups can get support with for instance:

* Technical development – advice on design and architecture
* Technical market – competitors, partners, customers
* Financial network – VC, business angels, partners helping with financing
* Marketing – we organize a multitude of events
* Recruiting and matchmaking
* Space – some available at SICS for shorter times – adding more through partners
* Practical startup advice based on our own experience and invited entrepreneurs

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## Think Accelerate

Location: Helsingborg, Sweden

Website: <http://thinkaccelerate.com/>

THINK is a lean startup accelerator based at Mindpark in Helsingborg. We help promising startups grow through coaching and mentoring, a great workspace and access to business angels and investors. Apply now, only seven startups will be chosen for the spring batch. Application is now open.

THINK Accelerate is a three month program aimed at developing startups as quickly and efficiently as possible. It doesn't cost you anything and we don't take an equity stake in your company. So, what's the catch? We want you to work smart, hard and make progress. That's it. We are located at Mindpark, one of Sweden's hottest coworking spaces. The three months of the accelerator program are free of charge. After the accelerator period ends we offer you one year as a THINK resident for just 1 500 SEK per person per month.

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## Chalmers Innovation

Location: Goteborg, Sweden

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Chalmers Innovation’s goal and unique expertise is through participation transform early technology ideas into successful companies.

Every year Chalmers Innovation runs two ten-week Startup Camp’s that focus on endorsing the ideas of several entrepreneurs. Chalmers Innovation offers networking events, business coaching, inspiring lectures by serial entrepreneurs, lean start up tools and more.

Since 1999 Chalmers Innovation has worked with over 200 projects and started more than 115 companies. Over 2,500 business ideas have been evaluated which has led to the contribution of 1.5 billion private investments in start up’s. By 2011 the companies had a total turnover of 558 million SEK and 406 employees which has led Chalmers Innovation to be Sweden’s leading idea investor and business developer.

Chalmers Innovation also offers space at Stena Center and Lindholmen Science Park for our companies and other tenants.

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# Turkey

## Fit Startup Factory

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Website: <http://www.fitstartupfactory.com>

Fit Start-Up Factory is a start-up accelerator program which enables entrepreneurs, who has technology based innovative business ideas, to achieve success. The factory itself has an accelerator program for 5 weeks. This program allows entrepreneurs to test their ideas using pure start-up philosophy. It stands up with the entrepreneurs while they transform their ideas to sustainable, scalable, and effective companies. It helps this transformation give birth to successful start-ups with its comprehensive guidance, networks, access to academicians and support of financier network.

Fit Start-Up Factory is founded in the body of Ozyegin University in the year of 2011. Still supported by Turkcell and Turkish Economy Bank Start-up Banking, Fit Start-Up Factory is the first start-up accelerator program in Turkey. In the body of Fit Start-Up Factory, more than 4.8 Million TL of grand and investment is supplied to 24 entrepreneurs, who are elected from more than 1100 candidates.

The main mission of Fit Startup Factory to support techno-entrepreneurs in the process of commercialization, the valley of death, from prototypes to the manufacturing.

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## Inovent

Location: Gebze-Kocaeli, Turkey

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Inovent accelerator services are available to all of our startups, whether they are physically located in our incubation center or operate independently at a different location. As an accelerator we aim to create robust, self-sustaining startups within 2 to 5 years period from the date of the launch. Our accelerator services are offered on a mile stone basis. These services are initially offered free of charge to Inovent startups. As the startup matures, these services remain available to those who may wish to receive them on a consultancy basis, albeit at a preferential rate.

These services are offered to all of Inovent Startups free of charge for the first two years of their existence. Ideally, at the end of the two year full coverage period the startup reaches a level of maturity whereby it no longer needs the full services offered by Inovent and can pick and choose to receive these services on as needed basis. We desire our startups to be venture ready and/or self-sufficient within 2 to 5 year period. Accelerator Services:

* Office space and infrastructure at our incubation center (a token rent is charged on a monthly basis calculated on m2 basis)
* Business development
* Mentorship & Management support
* Strategic management, marketing and business plan assistance
* Legal  support
* IP support
* Negotiation support
* Investor Network
* Soft landing opportunities
* Pre seed funding
* Proof of concept fund for those startups who qualify
* Tax incentives (for incubated startups)

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## Etohum

Location: Istanbul, Turkey

Website: <http://english.etohum.com>

A market place that aims to bring entrepreneurs well versed in the new economy, who wants to establish their own internet company with companies, investors and professionals.

The 40 qualified ventures selected from amongst the participants will be presented to investors and the Etohum Investor Club. The selected entrepreneurs will be able to attend the Startup Turkey, will receive coaching and guidance while preparing their business plans and will have opportunities to present their business plans to corporate investors and companies. The selected entrepreneurs will also receive office space and software support, internet access and counseling along with many other services.

Those who have not yet established their own companies, who are about to start their own companies and those who already have started their own internet company / enterprise and are in need of capital, management, marketing and other supports may apply to etohum.

Each year, this process takes place between February and December aiming to provide information about starting a new business to those who wish to be one of the new economy entrepreneurs and to provide the proper entrepreneurship environment in which business plans might be evaluated by companies, people and investors with a potential to make an investment.

Contact via official website

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# United Kingdom

## Seedcamp

Location: London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://seedcamp.com/>

At Seedcamp we don’t just provide a building, we provide the building blocks for growth. When a company joins Seedcamp they get access to a level of support that money can’t buy, at any valuation. Our curated method is focused on enabling you, as a Founder, to provide you and your team with the skills to transform your startup into a highly successful business. By giving you access to some of the smartest minds in tech, the most experienced entrepreneurs, and the founders of historic companies, you will be fully prepared to tackle the challenges you are apprehensive of, and the ones you’d never even considered before.

Academy is our intelligent and specialised platform to provide you with the techniques, tools, and education to grow at supersonic speed. Instead of cramming in all the lessons within a 3 month window when you are still defining what your startup does, we spread our Academy Days throughout the year as, like you and your company, we’re here for the duration. This means the sessions we provide are on a variety of topics suitable throughout your development and never lose their relevance. At the start, you may need help with problems around Product-Market fit and getting initial Traction, such as talking to customers, getting your MVP-MVS on target, pricing, and basics around messaging and positioning. As these milestones are achieved, issues around growth and scaling up become more prevalent, such as hiring new staff, maintaining growth, and rolling out new features.

In addition to the investment from Seedcamp, we offer our teams a unique Founders’ Pack. With the support of more than 80 of the world’s leading companies, the Seedcamp Founders Pack gives our teams access to over €400,000 worth of values in services from infrastructure, to analytics, to business services and advertising. Some of the examples include

Contact via Submission Form on official website.

## Warner Yard

Location: London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.warneryard.com>

Warner Yard is a co-working space for technology-enabled start ups, based in the heart of Clerkenwell, London. It is home to an entire floor of investors and angels, 2 floors filled with start ups and is the London outpost of the US accelerator, TechStars. Warner Yard was started in 2013 by Playfair Capital, a seed stage investment fund.  Playfair Capital invests and provides on-going support, predominantly for web based technology and digital media start ups that are capable of disrupting a market by creating major change in a way that can be scaled globally.

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## Ignite100

Location: Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom

Website: <http://ignite100.com/>

Based in Newcastle-upon-Tyne – a lively, diverse, cosmopolitan city and one of the UK’s strongest tech clusters outside the capital – and with operations in London and NYC, Ignite operates one of Europe’s top accelerator programmes as well as one of the largest venues dedicated to early-stage technology startups.

Founded in 2011 by Colin Willis (Hotspur Capital), Jon Bradford (Techstars) and Paul Smith, Ignite was expected to be a one-off, three month programme. Instead, the city’s appetite for technology and collaboration saw Ignite grow into an independent co-working space and venue.

As Newcastle’s ambition grew, so did we. Two years later, Ignite launched a Community Fund to help improve the quality and quantity of Newcastle and Gateshead-based tech meetups, and became the regional coordinators for national educational charity CodeClub. This year, Campus North opened its doors – a new home for over 150 founders, developers and designers.

Ignite is now the UK’s top pre-seed accelerator programme; early-stage teams are more likely to raise more investment with us. Startups from our first three cohort have raised over £10 million – compared to other accelerators focussing on pre-seed teams, Ignite is the top programme in the UK.

Ignite is funded primarily through commercial activity, but previously raised investment from Northstar Ventures in 2013 through the FBNE Accelerator Fund, managed by North East Finance as part of the £125m FBNE programme. That programme was made possible through funding from the European Regional Development Fund 2007-2013 and the European Investment Bank.

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## Play Fair Capital

Location: London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://playfaircapital.com/>

Playfair Capital is an early stage investment fund founded in 2011 by Federico Pirzio-Biroli. From our London headquarters, we invest in both consumer and enterprise technology-driven startups around the world driven by founders with the passion and capacity to create or disrupt a burgeoning market on a global scale. We’ve backed companies across the UK, Europe, the US, and Africa. We invest on a level playing field to our entrepreneurs, and provide them with the financial, operational, and strategic support required to realise their big visions for the world.

We write our first cheque between £150k-£250k and have the capacity to follow-on in subsequent financing rounds for companies that outperform.

The majority of our deals take place at the seed stage where we are often the first institutional money into the company. We like to take the lead in companies that we are particularly excited about and where we constitute the largest ticket size in the round. However, we are also happy to co-invest as part of a strong value-add syndicate where round sizes preclude us from leading. We take a long view on our investments and work alongside founding teams to reach the optimal outcome that makes the most sense for all parties involved.

We seek to invest in markets that are ripe for disruption or in entirely new markets created as a result of novel technology. Our current portfolio spans e-commerce, big data, APIs, fintech, and marketplaces with business models including B2B, B2C, and B2B2C.

We are not bound by any geographic restrictions and therefore will consider companies working anywhere in the world. By virtue of our London presence, the majority of our investments are in the UK, followed by the US, with the furthest afield being in Kenya.

Contact via official website

## Cylon Lab

Location: London, United Kingdom

Website: <https://cylonlab.com/>

CyLon (Cyber London) is Europe’s first cyber-security accelerator, headquartered in London.

From defence to retail, telecoms to financial services, digital industries to health services, safeguarding information through rigorous and scalable cyber-security has become central to a successful economy.

CyLon will help early-stage businesses develop outstanding information security technology products and services.

CyLon will:

* Build on the UK’s strong heritage in defence and security technology to help entrepreneurs build products and services with applications across the economy;
* Draw upon expertise from key Government agencies, successful cyber entrepreneurs, academic experts and leaders of businesses that depend on cyber-security to succeed;
* Serve as a crucial bridge between the public and private sector, and link to London where corporate clients and partners are based.

As Europe’s first cyber-security accelerator programme, CyLon offers a unique and outstanding opportunity to work with an accomplished network of mentors and investors.

CyLon was founded by some of the UK’s leading technology investors and consultants, including Eileen Burbidge (Passion Capital), Alex van Someren (Amadeus Capital Partners) and Epsilon Advisory, and is operated by Ignite, the UK’s leading seed accelerator programme.

The programme is funded entirely through corporate sponsorship. These sponsors are commercial partners only and have no say in the operation of your business, no prescriptive rights or unique access to the technology you create. There are no strange terms and conditions and we align ourselves entirely with the other founders of the business.

Aside from your team receive everything you might expect from a full time accelerator programme including a full schedule of mentoring, coaching, workshops and field trips over the 13 weeks period, you’ll also receive free workspace for an additional 13 weeks after the programme ends at our state-of-the-art offices.

CyLon aims to assist founders in building commercial businesses that deliver outstanding information security technology.

Cyber-security has become central to a successful economy in the 21st century, so we’ll consider teams applying themselves in any one of a number of industries; from defence to retail, telecoms to financial services, digital industries to health services.

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## Oxygen Accelerator

Location: Birmingham, United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.oxygenaccelerator.com>

**Oxygen Accelerator** is a 13-week intensive mentor led bootcamp for technology start-ups. The accelerator is suited to any technology startup with big ambitions. We give your startup the best chance of success, using our experience, networks, and tried-and-tested programmes.

We’ve helped accelerate [31 startups](http://www.oxygenaccelerator.com/startups/) to date over 5 programmes, and 71% of them have received follow on funding.

The 13-week accelerator programme is broken down into 3 phases:

**Discover & Build** – This phase forces the startup to justify assumptions, prove market viability and build a clear proposition. This is achieved through the help of our mentors – you will see anything up to approximately 10 mentors a day in the first few weeks.

Validate & Build– This phase focuses on building your product and growing customer interest. Product launch will be achieved in this phase and the mentors’ networks used to arrange partnerships and sales opportunities.

**Invest & Grow** – This phase pulls together all the elements and gets your startup investment ready. Lawyers, accountants and pitch trainers will all be brought in to ensure each team has the correct skills and materials to pitch for and receive investment. An Investment Demo Day will be held with Angels, Private Equity and Venture Capitalists.

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## JLAB (John Lewis)

Location: London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://jlab.co.uk>

JLAB is a business incubator with a twist. At the end of JLAB, we're going to select 1 winning business to receive an incredible prize.

As a JLAB participant, you'll get everything you need to take your business to the next level…

JLABOFFER:

* £12,500 investment for 4% of your business
* Access to John Lewis proprietary technology (Platforms, APIs etc.)
* Mentorship from John Lewis insiders to help you build the right product
* Mentorship from top entrepreneurs to push you to new heights
* Guest talks and workshops hosted by inspirational and experienced people
* Dedicated office space at JLAB’s London hub: Level 39 Canary Wharf

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## Start-up Boot Camp

Location: London, United Kingdom

Website: <http://www.startupbootcamp.org/welcome.html>

Startupbootcamp was founded in 2010 in Copenhagen with the core idea of supporting the world’s best entrepreneurs as they grow their start-ups. Soon other amazing entrepreneurs joined the Startupbootcamp network to create programs around Europe, and by 2012 there were 5 programs in the network. By 2014 Startupbootcamp has expanded to quickly become the largest start-up accelerator in Europe and one of the top 3 largest in the world, with programs on numerous continents and a network spanning hundreds of cities around the world. Startupbootcamp started in 2010 and now operates globally with 10 accelerator programs and 9 locations in Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen, Eindhoven, Israel, Istanbul, London and Singapore.

Startupbootcamp is a global network of industry focused start-up accelerators.

Startupbootcamp take start-ups global by giving them direct access to an international network of the most relevant partners, investors and mentors in their sector.

Each Startupbootcamp program provides direct access to connections that matter most in the start-up’s industry. Over a 3 month program start-ups meet over 100 partners, investors, and mentors that take a hands-on role helping the company develop their product, validate their business model, secure pilot customers, and raise funding. Many of these connections become key advisors and actively engage with the start-ups for years to come. Startupbootcamp invests €15,000 in each start-up taking part in the program to cover living expenses in addition to providing 6 months in an extremely supportive co-working space, over €1,000,000 in deals from partners including Google, Paypal, AWS, and many others, and the opportunity to pitch to over 400 investors at Demo Day. After graduating Startupbootcamp start-ups enter an alumni growth program that includes a global support community and yearly summits for continuing access to the most important global partners and investors.

Startupbootcamp is one of the largest start-up support organizations in the world. Not only are programs located in major technology hubs cities such as London and Singapore, Startupbootcamp takes part in over 100 pitch days and technology conferences all over the world each year. Start-ups joining a Startupbootcamp program are able to immediately leverage an unrivalled global support network, providing them with a landing point in every major metropolitan city. While expanding their business, start-ups connect with thousands of local investors, partners, and mentors that provide them with expansion access rivalling major corporations and unheard of for typical start-ups.

Startupbootcamp is run by entrepreneurs who have scaled enormous global businesses and have dealt first hand with the typical investors who are difficult to access and secretive. They've chosen to create a radically different organization that believes in transparency. It may very well be the world's most transparent investor. Feel free to browse through any of the start-ups Startupbootcamp has invested in and contact them about their experience with us. We also are the only investors (we know of) who stream all source investment data for all to see. We believe Startupbootcamp's model of running industry-focused accelerator programs works, and are proud of what we've been able to accomplish - why not show it so the world can see.

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