



AHEAD PORTUGAL

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WHAT & WHY

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER PROGRAM!

AHEAD Portugal is a technology transfer, entrepreneurship & innovation program especially designed at and for Fraunhofer. It is tailored to challenge and promote complementary teams, establish actionable roadmaps, nurture pitching skills and intensively expose teams and tech to a broad external stakeholders' network.

AHEAD Portugal aims at translating world-class technology into successful start-ups and take innovative ideas to market, by incubating spin-offs and concluding licensing agreements based on Fraunhofer technologies. It will expose external entrepreneurs to the potential developed by Fraunhofer Portugal specialists, leading to the foundation of start-ups.

AHEAD PORTUGAL WILL:

- Foster an entrepreneurial thinking and start-up culture;
- Translate FhP researchers' high potential technology to commercial availability;
- Take full advantage of FhP's IP portfolio;
- Promote return on investment from technology transfer;
- Nurture cooperative networks to embrace the future innovation needs of the market;
- Create conditions to maintenance of the country's economy by transferring research into economic value-added.



WHO & HOW

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Fraunhofer Employees who want to embrace an entrepreneurial project;
- Entrepreneurs who want to partner with highly driven teams and be part of high-end technology based start-ups;
- Expert Mentors who want to support the translation of world-class technology into successful start-ups;
- Investors who are prone to bet on early stage start-ups.

PHASES 2021

AHEAD Portugal was designed specially to target the Portuguese technological and entrepreneurial ecosystem and it will support the teams along the entire tech transfer process, connecting them to a broad enriching and inspiring stakeholder network.

BOOTCAMP

18 to 21 January

For all teams, two will be selected in the end by a jury.

SPRINT

17 to 19 February

Only for the two selected Teams on the Bootcamp.

CHECK-INS

03/03, 24/03, 14/04, 05/05, 26/05, 16/06, 07/07, 28/07, 08/09, 29/09, 20/10, 10/11, 02/12

Moments for mentoring, training, pitching, contact with relevant stakeholders and answering any needs the teams might have.

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AHEAD LEGACY

AHEAD Portugal is inspired on the German example – the [AHEAD](#) program – which is part of the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft's universe of initiatives and over the past few years it has been an important tool for the promotion of scientific entrepreneurship among Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft's researchers and collaborators.

AHEAD Portugal will benefit from this sharing and knowledge acquired over the years, as the German program gathers the expertise of having supported over 500 high-tech spin-offs & pushed over 200 ventures through their previous incubation system.

Check out the next few examples of AHEAD Germany's success cases.



Act'ble

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer IPA



ConstellR

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer EMI



FibreCoat

Spin-off project from
RWTH Aachen



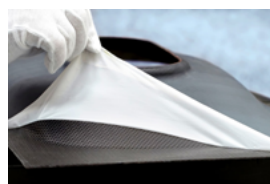
Greenventory

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer ISE & KIT



Merlin

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer IPA



PeelPLAS

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer IFAM



PICKWERK

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer IIS



recycleonthespot

Spin-off project from
Fraunhofer ICT



TheiaX

Spin-off project from
Helmholtz

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