



DigiCare

Accelerator

Validate. Pitch. Scale.
Health-tech innovation across Europe.

Portugal · Spain · Germany · Romania

What Is DigiCare?

DigiCare Innovation brings together universities, healthcare providers, and startups across four European countries to build and validate real digital-health solutions — from mental-health VR to digital oncology care to smart-home living labs.

The Accelerator is our practical, hands-on programme to take early-stage health-tech startups from a validated idea to an investment-ready, scaling business.



4

Countries



16

Startups (4/node)



3

Live testbeds



€50K

Investment goal

Your Journey, Step by Step



Self-Starter

Now – Sept 2026



Onboarding

15–20 Sept 2026



**Phase 1
Validate**

Late Sept – Oct 2026



**Phase 2
Grow & Pitch**

Late Oct – Nov 2026



**Phase 3
Fund & Scale**

Dec 2026 – Apr 2027

Local Demo Days take place during Phase 2 or Phase 3, timed to each node's regional ecosystem — e.g. Romania's is anchored to the AI4Med Conference, 20–24 October 2026.

Three Phases, One Direction



Phase 1 — Validate

- Lean Startup refresher + testing business ideas
- National regulatory workshop (local)
- Outcome: validated direction & testing plan



Phase 2 — Grow & Pitch

- Value proposition, marketing & investor pitching
- National go-to-market workshop (local)
- Outcome: GTM plan, pitch deck & local Demo Day



Phase 3 — Fund & Scale

- Funding strategy & scaling leadership
- Strategic partnerships workshop (local)
- Outcome: funding strategy & scaling blueprint

Test With Real Users, Not Personas



CalmXR

Spain — UIC

Immersive VR for stress & anxiety management.



LivingLab

Romania — UMF Iași

Digital oncology care, live in hospital workflows.



KogniHome

Germany — HSBI

Smart apartment for ageing-in-place & remote care.



Portugal Testbed

Portugal — CESPU node

Coming soon — interim access to the testbeds above.

Who Can Join

- ✓ Health-tech or digital-health focus
- ✓ Based in — or affiliated with — Portugal, Spain, Germany, or Romania
- ✓ Early stage: pre-seed to seed
- ✓ Minimum TRL4 (for testbed access)
- ✓ Incorporated legal entity — with one exception →



The Gold Card

One per node, reserved for a high-potential team that hasn't incorporated yet. Full access to the programme and testbeds — on the condition the team incorporates by the end of Phase 3.

Why Investors Engage



A curated, testbed-validated pipeline

Startups arrive with validated MVPs, regulatory readiness, and go-to-market plans — further along than typical early-stage deal flow.



Visibility across four ecosystems

One relationship gives you a window into Portugal, Spain, Germany, and Romania's health-tech scenes.



Two ways to engage

Attend a local Demo Day, or get directly involved in Phase 3 (Funding, Partnerships & Scaling) as a reviewer or mentor.

Shared cohort goal: **€50,000** in private investment unlocked across the cohort.

Local Demo Days

Each node hosts its own Demo Day toward the end of Phase 2 — public pitches, investor networking, and ecosystem visibility. Standalone, or attached to an existing regional event.

- Public startup pitches
- Investor & ecosystem networking
- Follow-up meetings & pilot discussions



Spotlight: Romania

AI4Med Conference

20–24 October 2026 · part of European AI Month

A model for other nodes: attach your Demo Day to an existing regional event with a built-in investor audience.

Key Dates



Onboarding

15–20 September 2026



Phase 2 ends

November 2026



Phase 3 ends

April 2027



Application deadline

Continuous until 01 October
2026

Get Involved



Startups

Apply

Check eligibility and submit your application for the next cohort.



Investors

Attend or Engage

Join a local Demo Day, or get involved directly in Phase 3.



Partners

Confirm Details

Confirm your node's coordinator, Demo Day, and testbed status.



Let's Build the Future of Digital Health Together

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