

30 June - 1 July 2026  
Zagreb

# Liftoff

NUCLEUS

**Bringing Deep Tech to the Surface**

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About Nucleus

# #12 startup hub in Europe in the mentoring segment per Financial Times

## VENTURE BUILDER

- 12-month-long commercialisation program of TRL4+ research projects
- 16 research institutions
- 25+ spin-offs
- €3.5M+ fundraised

## LIFTOFF

- one of the biggest deep-tech events in CEE
- 500+ participants (EIC, EIB, Goldman Sachs, SOSV, Flagship Pioneering)
- 30+ VCs (US, Taiwan, France, Germany, Poland)
- 80+ startups



## ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE

- a new model for IP commercialization developed
- 21 business and sales experts in our EiR database
- 12 matched pairs of startups and experts
- collaboration agreements created

## SCINERGY

- 140+ scientists
- 250+ companies
- 128 matches
- 40% R&D increase



About Liftoff

One of the biggest deep tech events in the CEE connecting Europe's best scientists, startups, VCs, and industry while driving the growth of the CEE's deep tech ecosystem



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Zagreb, Croatia

Liftoff is more than just a deep tech event - it's a window to the best that CEE can offer, and a launchpad for CEE innovation into the world.

**400+**

key European deep tech stakeholders

**30+**

top European deep tech VCs

**80+**

promising CEE deep tech startups

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opportunities to strengthen Europe's deep tech capacities



# What's waiting for you at Liftoff?



## Nuqleus Liftoff

Zagreb, 30 June - 1 July

**Deep Space Dinner** – A warmup networking evening where key deep tech players connect over great food and drinks.

**Future Fusion Conference** – Expect inspiring fireside chats, intensive panel discussions, and hot topics like building the CEE's deep tech giants with the world-class keynote speakers.

**CEE Star Clusters** – The best that CEE can offer! Meet the best deep tech hubs and their brightest stars in our expo zone.

**Nuqleus Demo Day** – We have a Liftoff! A Demo Day featuring the upcoming deep tech stars from the Startup Builder program.

**Big Bang Party** – Do we even need to say more?



# CEE Star Clusters

Connect with deep tech hubs from Croatia, Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Serbia, and other CEE countries in our expo zone



+ Nucleus Demo Day,  
Networking & Chill zone,  
networking mobile app,  
and one bang-up party...



# Future Fusion Conference

Speakers 2026



**Marko Primorac**  
Vice-president of EIB



**Michiel Scheffer**  
Board president of EIC



**Stefan Drussler**  
COO of UnternehmerTUM



**Lisa Ericsson**  
Head of KTH Innovation



**Bruno Lusic**  
Growth investor at EBRD VC



**Stefan Tzalov**  
Senior head of unit at EIF



**Isabelle Simon**  
COO at Deep Tech  
Momentum



**Franko Vrhovac**  
Investment manager at  
Emerald Ventures



**Oliver Hanisch**  
CEO of Campus  
Founders



**Slađana Ćosić**  
Head of EIB group office  
in Croatia



**Urban Lapajne**  
Program Manager at  
PODIM Conference



**Božidar Pavlović**  
Partner at AYMO  
Ventures



# Who was there in 2025?

## INVESTORS



## STARTUPS



## SUPPORTERS





# Startup Ticket



## Why join as a startup?

- **Access the most relevant deep-tech opportunities** by meeting policy-makers, ecosystem builders, and specialised VCs at Liff off to accelerate your growth
- **Be part of the CEE deep-tech elite** by joining the Liff off community that gathers the region's best and helps you build meaningful connections beyond CEE
- **Get featured in the Liff off Startups Catalogue** by sharing your startup information and gaining visibility on the exclusive list distributed to all participating VCs
- **Network with top-tier VCs and accelerators** looking for the next big thing by connecting with leading European investors and high-performing accelerators rarely present in the region to build strategic partnerships
- **Book 1-on-1 meetings** through the Liff off app by using its networking features and dedicated zone to schedule meetings with the most relevant participants

## Startup ticket includes:

- Entry to the Deep Space Dinner on 30 June 2026
- Conference entry on 1 July 2026
- Lunch at the conference
- Entry to the Big Bang Party
- Access to the networking app
- Visibility through the Startup Catalogue

## Secure your tickets

Price  
€100

[Buy tickets here!](#)



# Ignite your impact and soar to new heights

Join us at Liftoff and be part of the next big leap  
in building the deep-tech ecosystem!

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