



SPIN RISE:2026

Information session
February 5th, 2026

About 28DIGITAL



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Europe's Digital Innovation Engine



Turning Research into Impact

We bridge the gap between academic research and market success, transforming breakthrough technologies into thriving ventures.



Building Entrepreneurial Talent

Supporting deep tech innovation by equipping researchers and students with critical business skills and an entrepreneurial mindset.



Connecting the Ecosystem

Uniting universities, research organisations, investors, and industry partners to accelerate digital transformation across Europe.

Innovation & Education

SPIN Programmes



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Empowering researchers to innovate

Bridging the gap between academia and industry to translate cutting-edge research into real-world market impact.



SPIN: Explore

Online foundational training for researchers to understand commercialisation basics and develop essential business skills.



SPIN: Rise

A hybrid programme with an immersive bootcamp focused on IP valorisation, licensing, industry collaboration, and venture creation.



SPIN: Deploy

Bridging the gap between academia and industry to translate cutting-edge research into real-world market impact.



SPIN: Rise 2026



What You Will Deliver: 7-Week Hybrid Programme



Programme Structure

A blended learning experience combining online expert-led training, personalised mentoring, and an immersive in-person bootcamp in a leading European innovation hub.



Key Outcomes

Equip researchers to identify commercial potential, validate pathways (licensing, collaboration, spinoff), and prepare concrete next steps for market entry.



Target KPI:

20 participants (researchers) per programme completing the journey



Participant Costs

Free of charge for selected researchers. Accommodation for the bootcamp is covered by the programme; travel expenses are covered by participants.

Programme structure



7-week hybrid journey from research to market



Online Training & Mentoring

WEEKS 1-6

Foundational entrepreneurship modules and dedicated mentoring sessions to shape the value proposition.

 Mentoring

 Workshops



In-person Bootcamp

WEEK 7

Intensive collaborative week focused on IP valorisation, industry networking, and pitch preparation.

 Accessible EU Location



Timing

Delivery between **September – December 2026**



Cohort Size

Mandatory minimum of **20 participants** per programme implementation.



Logistics & Budget

- ✓ Bootcamp accommodation (2 nights min. Single rooms)
- ✓ Selected meals (lunches, social dinners)

Travel expenses are NOT included

Areas of interest & eligibility

Thematic focus and participant requirements

Thematic Focus Areas



Green Innovation

Sustainable technologies, clean energy, circular economy, and resource efficiency.



Dual-Use Innovation

Strategic capabilities, resilient infrastructure, and civilian-defence applications.



Other Strategic Topic

Disruptive solutions for digital sovereignty (e.g., Physical AI, Smart Manufacturing).



Health Technologies

Human-centred innovation, diagnostics, med-tech, and wellbeing solutions.

Who can apply?

Eligible Entities

Venture Builders

Incubators

Innovation Hubs

Tech & Science Parks

Business Schools

University Innovation Teams

TTOs

Geographic Scope

- EU Member States & OCTs
- Horizon Europe Associated Countries
- Eligible Low- & Middle-Income Countries

Partnership Requirement

Upon selection of your proposal, applicants must be or become a 28DIGITAL Partner to receive funding.

KEY NUMBER AT A GLANCE



Funding overview and programme scale

€85,000



Maximum EIT funding available per programme implementation

30 %



In-kind minimum partner co-funding requirement of total activity budget

€340,000



Total EIT budget allocation for SPIN: Rise 2026 (approx. 4 programmes)

7 weeks

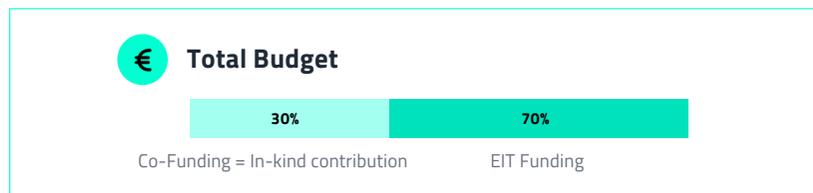


Hybrid programme format: 6 weeks online + 1 in-person bootcamp

30 %



The requested EIT funding may cover a maximum of 70% of the total activity budget. Partners are therefore required to provide a minimum co-funding contribution of at least 30% calculated on the total activity budget (and not on the EIT contribution).



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Co-Funding can be considered covered by:

- 25% of Indirect costs calculated on the eligible direct costs (Personnel costs & costs for Goods & Services)
- Personnel Costs

Subcontracting costs DO NOT bear ANY indirect cost.

Scenario corresponding to 70 k EIT Funding:

The Total Estimated Budget for your project is 100k:

- 70 k will be the EIT Funding
- 30 k will be your Co-Funding

Scenario corresponding to max. EIT Funding (85k):

EIT Funding = up to 85k per Programme

Co-Funding = min. 30% of Total Programme Budget

Total Programme Budget = $85.000,00 / 0,70 = 121,428 \text{ €}$

30% Co-Funding = 30% of 121,428 € = **36,400 €**

How to participate



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Submission, evaluation process & funding details



Submission Deadline

HARD DEADLINE

17 March 2026

17:00 CET (Brussels Time)



Evaluation Process

- 1 First Gate – Experts Review**
Criteria: Excellence, Impact, Implementation (Min score 14/35)
- 2 Second Gate – Review Gate**
Consensus meeting to integrate assessments.
- 3 Third Gate – Management Committee Gate**
Strategy & Portfolio Balance (Min score 6/15)



Results & Start

Starting from 21 Apr ▪ Activities start 21 May



Prefinancing



Submission

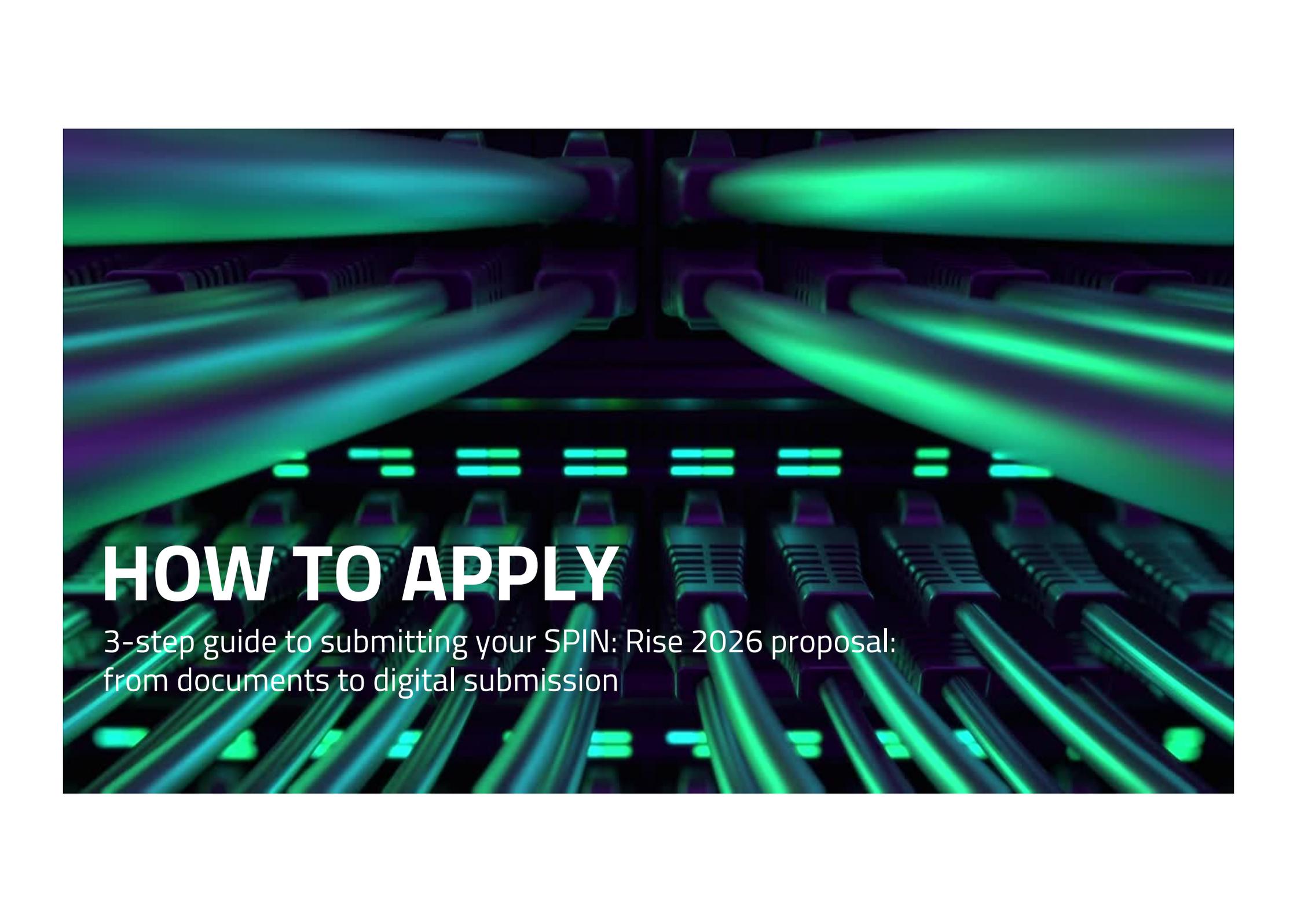
28DIGITAL Submission System
English Language
Valid PIC Required

Questions?

Reach out to the team for clarification before the deadline.



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HOW TO APPLY

3-step guide to submitting your SPIN: Rise 2026 proposal:
from documents to digital submission



Read the Call Documents

Before starting your proposal, familiarize yourself with all requirements to ensure alignment with the programme's goals and regulations.

Verify Alignment With:

- Program Scope
- EIT KPIs
- Co-funding (30%)
- Eligibility Criteria
- Budget Rules
- Timeline



Official Call Page 

[The central hub for all call information, updates, and announcements.](#)



Call Document (PDF) 

[Detailed guide containing technical specifications, evaluation criteria, and legal terms.](#)



Register on the **Intranet**

Access the proposal workspace by creating or logging into your organisation account. This is the central platform for all submissions.

Key Requirements:

- Existing Partners: Use organisation account
- Non-Partners: Complete company info (**Zero fees**)
- Grant access to all core team editors



[28DIGITAL Intranet for Partners](#)



28DIGITAL Intranet

Username

Password / Code

[FORGOT PASSWORD](#) [LOGON](#)

Is this your first time? Then register **here**.
Unclear?, see **FAQ**

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of Innovation and Technology (EIT)



If you are **not** a 28DIGITAL partner, register here:



[Registration for Non-Partners](#)



Create Your Proposal

Populate the online form and attach all required annexes. Your proposal must demonstrate a comprehensive plan for the 7-week hybrid programme.

Submission Checklist

- Complete Online Form Fields
- Activity Summary
- Define Budget ($\geq 30\%$ Co-funding)



Activity & Delivery Plan

Outline the 7-week hybrid format objectives, online training modules, mentoring structure, and the in-person bootcamp concept/location.



Target Cohort & Ecosystem

Detail your recruitment strategy for the target cohort and your plan for engagement with industry, investors, and the EIT ecosystem.



Impact, Risk & Budget

Define clear KPIs & impact measures, risk mitigation strategies, a detailed timeline, and a budget ensuring $\geq 30\%$ co-funding.

Education Activity Specifics



Required form fields and character limits for your proposal submission.



Programme Overview and Design

Overview of the SPIN: Rise programme you propose to deliver, including its objectives, structure, learning journey, and key activities. Describe how the programme supports researchers at early stages of commercialisation.

Max 1,500 chars.



Location and Implementation Feasibility

Describe the proposed location for the in-person component and explain how it supports effective delivery of a hybrid programme, including accessibility and logistical feasibility.

Max 1,500 chars.



Topic and Strategic Relevance

Alignment with one of the strategic sectors of the SPIN: Rise programme, or another sector with disruptive potential. Explain the relevance of the topic in relation to European innovation priorities and 28DIGITAL's strategic focus.

Max 1,500 chars.



Entrepreneurship, IP Valorisation and Market Pathways

Explain how the programme will develop participants' entrepreneurial skills and guide them towards concrete market pathways such as industry collaboration, licensing, venture creation, or follow-on innovation initiatives.

Max 1,500 chars.



Target Group and Researcher Needs + Organising Team

Describe the profile of researchers targeted by the programme and the key challenges they face in translating research into market applications. Explain how the programme design and content address these needs + your internal Team.

Max 1,500 chars.



Industry and Innovation Engagement

Describe how you will actively engage relevant industry and innovation actors throughout the programme. Focus on concrete actions for participants (e.g. mentoring, validation, feedback, partnerships), rather than listing stakeholders.

Max 1,500 chars.



BUSINESS PLAN CYCLE INFORMATION	INFORMATION ACCESS	FIND MY WAY AROUND	TOOLS
Summer Schools 2026	General Information	Who is who in 28DIGITAL Management	Public Calendar
Proposal Submission System	My Plaza	Contact us	Personal - My to do list
Running Year 2025	Procurement	Introduction to the Intranet	To-Do - Not yet due
Performance Reporting 2025	Supervisory Board (members only)	FAQ	Intranet Support office@28digital.eu
	Sharepoint Access (28DIGITAL accounts only)	28DIGITAL - Website	
	HR - Topics & Documents (28DIGITAL employees only)	Reporting Channel	



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Area * DIGITAL ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY  

Segment * 1.7 SPIN RISE  

Intended Execution Period * SPIN RISE 2026 : May - December 2026  

Proposed Activity Title * GreenTech Track - Bringing Sustainable Technology for bigger impact  

Start / Expected End Date * 21-May-2026  31-Dec-2026 

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The partner commits to organise a 7-week hybrid programme, including an in-person bootcamp, between September and December 2026 **Yes, I agree** on committing to organise a 7-week programme between September and December 2026

Programme Overview and Design : Please provide an overview of the SPIN: Rise programme you propose to deliver, including its objectives, structure, learning journey, and key activities. Describe how the programme supports researchers at early stages of commercialisation. (max 1500 characters)

Topic and Strategic Relevance: Please describe how your proposal aligns with one of the strategic sectors of the SPIN: Rise programme, or another sector with disruptive potential. Explain the relevance of the topic in relation to European innovation priorities and 28DIGITAL's strategic focus. (max 1500 characters).

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Industry and Innovation Engagement: Please describe how the programme will actively engage relevant industry and innovation actors throughout its implementation. Focus on how these interactions create value for participants (e.g. mentoring, validation, feedback, partnerships), rather than listing stakeholders or networks. (max 1500 characters)

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Organising Team and Delivery Capacity: Please describe the core organising team, their relevant experience in entrepreneurial education, pre-incubation, and IP valorisation, and their roles in ensuring successful programme delivery. (max 1500 characters)

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Location and Implementation Feasibility: Please describe the proposed location for the in-person component and explain how it supports effective delivery of a hybrid programme, including accessibility and logistical feasibility. (max 1000 characters)

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We look forward to receiving your proposals for
SPIN: Rise 2026.



Get in touch

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Key Resources

Call Webpage



28digital.eu/.../spin-rise-2026-call

Call Document (PDF)



28digital.eu/.../28DIGITAL_2026-Call...

Deadline: 17 March 2026



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