

# DeepTech Alliance Clean Energy Program 2023

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# Your one-point-entry to Europe's leading deep tech ecosystems



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Clean Energy

Industry 4.0

City Logistics

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# Programs

## 2023



Clean Energy



Industry 4.0





# DeepTech Alliance programs 2023



**Industry 4.0 Program**  
Oct – Nov 2023  
Investor/Corporate/Startup  
Matchmaking  
20 startups/year



Example  
Case

**Sensors & AI algorithms**  
Determine the state of a machine  
in real-time, predict errors and  
dynamically regulate the machine  
parameters based on sensor data  
  
*German participant 2021*

Solution

**Machine diagnostics**  
Predict machine breakdown  
Prevent downtime  
Manage machine performance  
Identify optimal production cycles  
  
*Revenue, acquired Dec '21*

Application



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Apr – Jun 2023  
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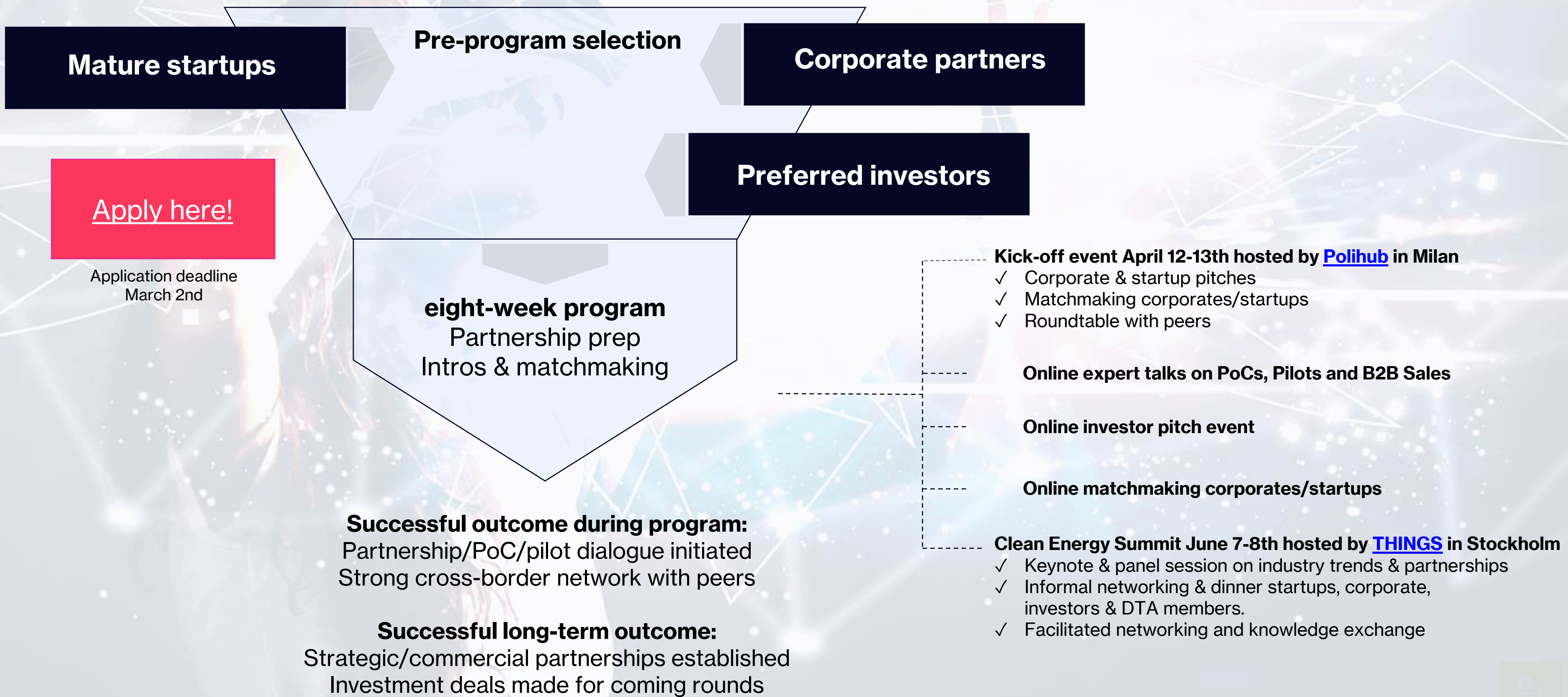
**Liquid air battery**  
CO2 Battery and thermodynamic  
process for energy storage at utility  
scale with a duration sweet-spot  
that ranges from 4 to 24 hours  
  
*Italian participant 2022*

Solution

**Energy storage at utility scale**  
Store power from renewables  
Feed green hydrogen production  
Enable grid stability and resilience  
  
*Proof of Business*

Application

# Clean Energy Program 2023: Apr-Jun



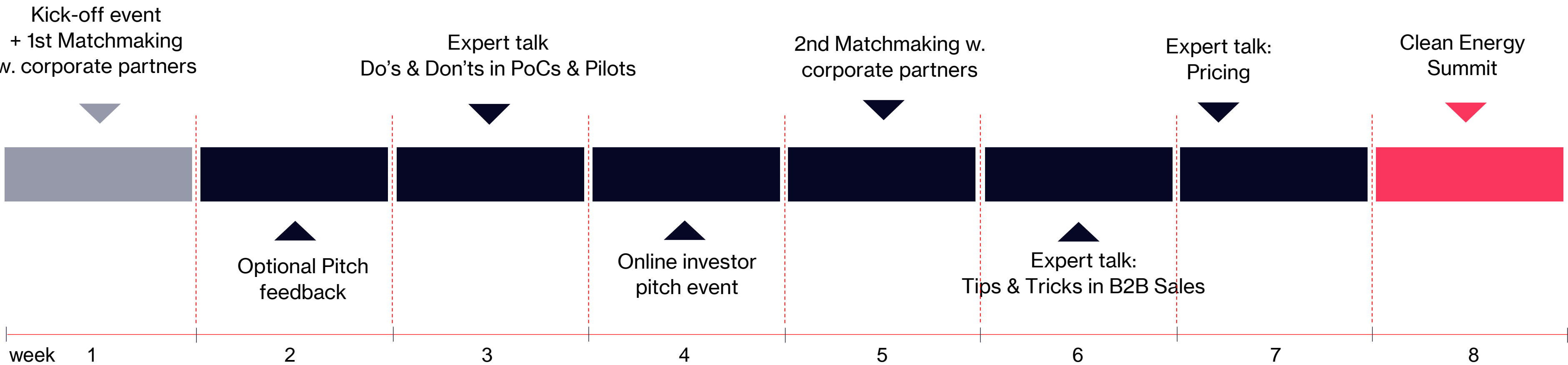
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Application deadline  
March 2nd





# Program structure



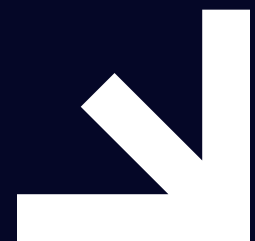
## An efficient program for busy founders

Startups & scaleups in business are busy. For this reason, all sessions in the program, except matchmaking, are optional and there will be no more than one online session per week to allow participants to focus on their own business development while participating.

The Kick-off event and the concluding Summit are physical events, allowing for participants to connect with face-to-face with partners and peers.

A top-ranked program feature is the matchmaking opportunities arranged during the program, with 1-to-1 meetings based on participants' offerings and interests.

# Confirmed corporates for the program



# Results from Clean Energy Program 2022



*For us as a B2B startup, the matchmaking and experience exchange with startups, corporates, investors, and incubators from different European countries has been a critical stepping-stone on our go-to-market and scaling journey.*

Florian Turk, CEO, Microwave Solutions (Germany)

**90%** Said: “Above average startups”  
**85%** Said: “Good supplement to our tech scouting”

Corporates



Startups



Investors

16

19

51

**81**  
Matchmaking  
meetings

**60%**  
Connected with new  
investors & VCs

**37**  
Expected  
collaborations



# Who is the program for?



## Participant scope

This program is designed for Startups and Scaleups working with technological solutions to an industrial problem within the following or similar:

- Energy storage, batteries & LAES
- Power-to-X & Hydrogen
- Carbon Capture & Storage
- Energy optimization
- Advanced materials for energy optimization
- Bioenergy & Bio fuel
- Energy production: Geothermal, Ocean (Tidal & Wave), Solar & Wind

## Participant requirements

- Company registered in a European Country (including non-EU countries like the UK, Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine, etc.)
- Ready to engage with big industrial clients (min. TRL 4 ready for TRL 5 validation)
- Program participation fee €1.000. The participation fee covers all program content including lunches and networking dinners during the events.
- Participants are to cover travel and lodging related to kick-off event and concluding Summit.



# Video from Clean Energy Summit in Milan, May 24th 2022

**DEEPTech ALLIANCE**

**Our Impact-oriented Team**

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**DEEPTech ALLIANCE**

**CLEAN ENERGY  
ACCELERATOR**

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that mostly come from universities so it creates this link between  
investors and projects that are coming out of the lab

1:35 / 2:14



# GreenUP Accelerator

We scale up **climate tech startups** working with solutions and technologies that make a real impact in reducing CO2e emissions.

Because we believe Climate Tech Start-ups in Denmark can make a positive impact – globally!

GreenUP Accelerator – a 20-month acceleration program from start-up to scaleup.

## What you get:

**StartUP phase:** The basics in order and focus on essentials

**ScaleUP phase:** Individual, tailormade journey

**Sparring with other climatetech startups**

**1:1 sparring with domain experts across 12 relevant disciplines (+75 hours)**

**State-of-the-art mentoring**

**Up to 1 mio. DKK in investment through a convertible loan**

**New this year: Investment Manager**

**Free office space in Futurebox**

Are you a climate tech startup? This is for you only! Join now! ([dtusciencepark.com](https://dtusciencepark.com))



# Industry 4.0 Program 2023: Oct-Dec

**Mature startups**

**Pre-program selection**

**Corporate partners**

[Apply here!](#)

Application deadline  
September 8th

**Preferred investors**

**eight-week program**  
Partnership prep  
Intros & matchmaking

**Successful outcome during program:**  
Partnership/PoC/pilot dialogue initiated  
Strong cross-border network with peers

**Successful long-term outcome:**  
Strategic/commercial partnerships established  
Investment deals made for coming rounds

**Kick-off event mid Oct hosted by UnternehmerTUM in Munich**

- ✓ Corporate & startup pitches
- ✓ Matchmaking corporates/startups
- ✓ Roundtable with peers

**Online expert talks on PoCs, Pilots and B2B Sales**

**Online investor pitch event**

**Online matchmaking corporates/startups**

**Clean Energy Summit Early Dec (Location TBD)**

- ✓ Keynote & panel session on industry trends & partnerships
- ✓ Informal networking & dinner startups, corporate, investors & DTA members.
- ✓ Facilitated networking and knowledge exchange

# Who is the program for?



## Participant scope

This program is designed for Startups and Scaleups working with technological solutions to an industrial problem within the following or similar:

- Computer vision
- Sensors
- Quality control
- Robotics
- Automation
- IoT, digitization & AI
- Preventive maintenance,
- Flexible manufacturing

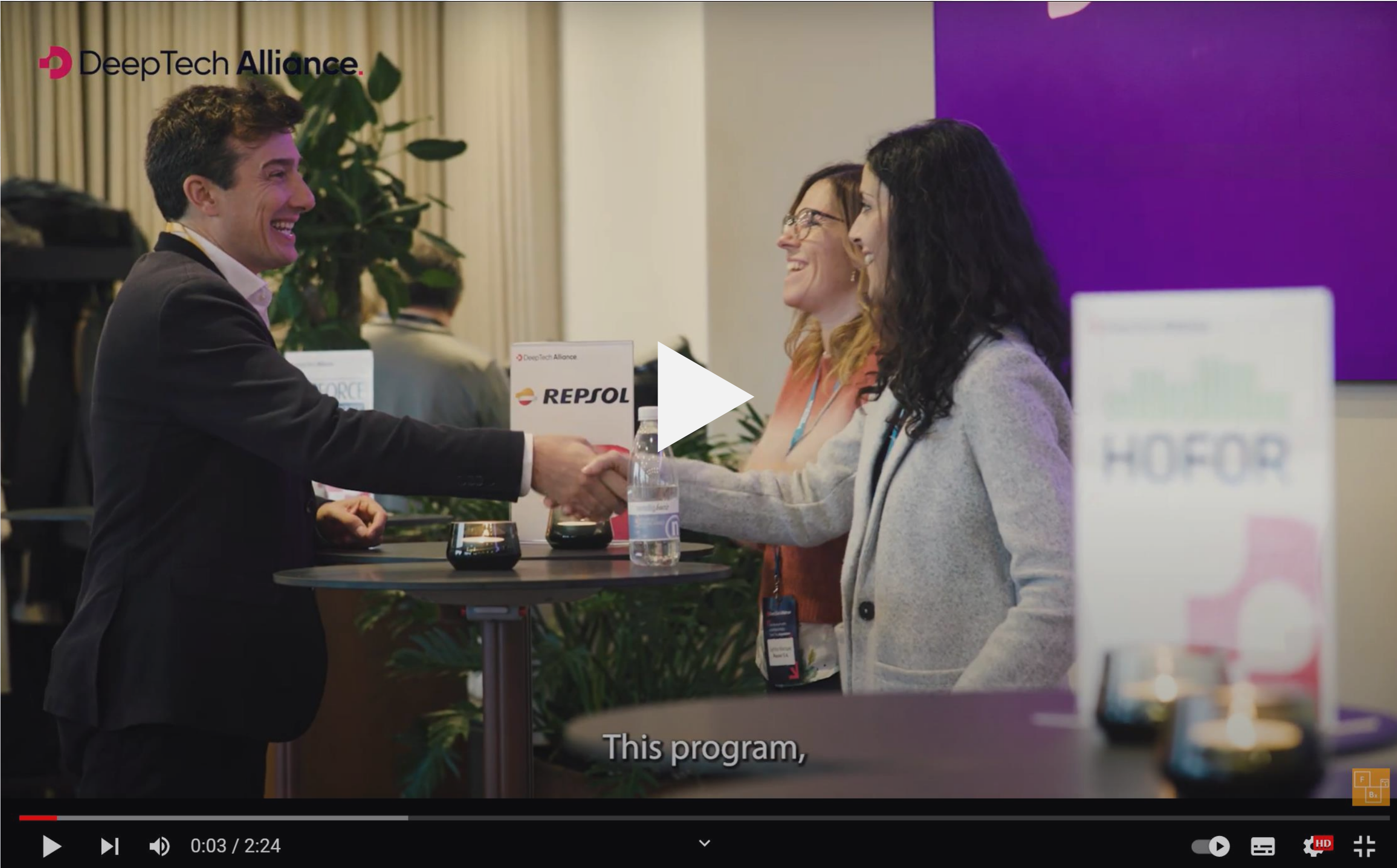
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Quality control	Enablers for IoT & digitization	Process optimization	Predictive Maintenance	Manufacturing Tech
<b>Covision Quality</b> <i>From Italy</i> <i>Automated visual inspection</i>	<b>Consibio</b> <i>From Denmark</i> <i>Cloud-based sensor solutions</i>	<b>GaussML</b> <i>From Germany</i> <i>AI for machine optimization</i>	<b>Sensemore</b> <i>From Turkey</i> <i>PM for rotating machinery</i>	<b>Additech</b> <i>From Norway</i> <i>Additive Manufacturing</i>
<b>EYE4NIR</b> <i>From Italy</i> <i>Visible/SWIR imaging sensors</i>	<b>Barbara IoT</b> <i>From Spain</i> <i>Cybersecure edge platform</i>	<b>MTEK Industry</b> <i>From Sweden</i> <i>Manufacturing execution platform</i>	<b>Ipercept Technology</b> <i>From Sweden</i> <i>PM for complex systems</i>	<b>ATLANT 3D Nanosystems</b> <i>From Denmark</i> <i>Printed electronics &amp; Adv. Materials</i>
<b>Fluidan</b> <i>From Denmark</i> <i>Automatic viscosity control for fluids</i>	<b>Qbee.io</b> <i>From Norway</i> <i>IoT device management</i>	<b>SUPPLYZ</b> <i>From The Netherlands</i> <i>Automated handling of materials</i>		<b>Automation</b>
	<b>TEGnology</b> <i>From Denmark</i> <i>Process heat harvesting for IoT</i>	<b>Phantasma Labs</b> <i>From Germany</i> <i>AI-based decision making</i>		<b>STROMA</b> <i>From Turkey</i> <i>Vision-based work safety</i>
<b>Industry 4.0 Program 2022 Participants</b>	<b>CTHINGS.CO</b> <i>From Poland</i> <i>5G IoT solutions for digitization</i>	<b>UpKip</b> <i>From Norway</i> <i>Industry analytics platform</i>		<b>Sentisystems</b> <i>From Norway</i> <i>Real-time sensor fusion</i>



# Video from Industry 4.0 Summit in Copenhagen, Nov 16th 2022





# Corporate partners



*DeepTech Alliance is an initiative to share, connect and innovate. It connects you with relevant disruptive technologies in the innovation ecosystem, making connections between investors and corporates with strong innovation strategies. It is more than a conventional initiative.*

**Sandra Blázquez, Open Innovation Manager, Repsol (Spain)**





## Corporate Alliance Partners (full year)



L'ORÉAL



## Corporate Program Partners (in recent matchmaking programs)





# "Pitching" to potential customers

How to learn what you need to learn  
through customer discovery



# What we want to learn

- What is the customer's pain/ job-to-be-done (the problem)?
- How does the customer currently solve this problem?
- What are the customer's main value drivers?
- Is your value proposition appealing to the customer?
- Are your value proposition hypothesis valid?

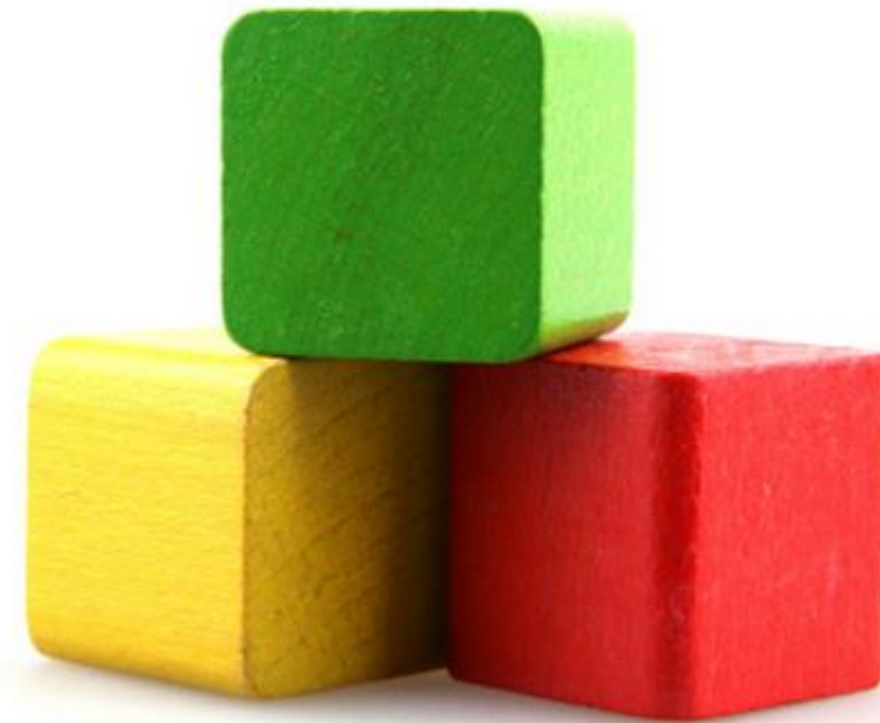
# How to prepare for customer interviews

- List all the things you want to learn from the interview
- Set your assumptions
- Prepare questions
- Prepare opening and ending of conversation
- Think about your time frame



# How to structure a customer interview

1. The problem
2. The current solution(s)
3. Your solution



# The Problem

- Customers care about their problems NOT your solution
- Ask your customer to walk you through the last time they...
- How does the problem manifest for them – which consequences does it have?
- Be explorative and use open questions!

Primary goal: Identify repeatable problems worth solving. Be open to new problems and opportunities. This is ammunition for your value proposition case.

# The Current Solution

- Have the customer describe how they solve the problem today
- What do they like about their current solution/process?
- Is there some other solution/process they've tried in the past that was better or worse?
- What do they wish they could do that currently isn't possible? If you had a magic wand..?
- If they could do the above, how would that make their lives better?
- Who is involved with this solution/process? How long does it take?

Primary goal: Learn how customers attempt to solve the problems today (if they don't, it's not a problem!)



# Your solution

- Describe how you attempt to solve the problem
- Show a demo, mockup or prototype if available
- Ask customer if they believe your approach would solve their problem and how
- Would they use your solution if it was free?
- Would they be willing to test it out?
- Would they be willing to buy it if it performs according to specs?
- Ask more precise and closed questions regarding your value proposition hypothesis.

Primary goal: Discover if they are really interested in your solution and gather feedback.

# Basic Do's & Don'ts

1. Focus on helping not selling. Set up an environment where the customer is the expert.
2. Listen! Let them talk. You should be talking less than 25% of the time.
3. Prepare your questions, but feel free to deviate from the script and don't stress about getting an answer to everything. Often you learn more by letting the conversation flow naturally.
4. Ask broad, open ended questions. Dig deep and ask why. Get stories on past behavior.
5. Be aware of biased questions: Avoid leading questions. Avoid unclear or unanswerable questions.
6. Ask for referrals. The best source of prospects is through existing contacts. Who else should I talk to about this? Would you be willing to make an introduction?
7. Leave on great terms. Ask for permission to contact them again. Follow up with a thank you email.

# Key numbers

6500

## Startups

*assessed annually across member hubs*

27

## Corporates

*involved in joint programs since 2021*

213

## Matchmaking meetings

*between startups & corporates since 2021*

83

## Expected collaborations

*between startups & corporates since 2021*



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