The EIT Food Seedbed Pre-Accelerator Programme supports aspiring entrepreneurs to determine whether there is a market for products or services that utilise innovative agri-food technologies.

The multi-location pre-accelerator programme will train and support up to 50 teams over a six-month period, providing them with the necessary tools, connections, mentors and expertise to help them better understand the needs of their customers and validate their business ideas. The program is based in Northern Ireland, Denmark, Germany, Spain and Poland.

At the end of the programme, the participants will pitch their idea to a panel of industry experts and gain the opportunity to secure up to €20,000 follow-on funding from EIT Food to help bring their product to market.
Eligibility requirements
The EIT Food Seedbed Pre-Accelerator Programme is looking for individuals, teams or legal entities that:

- Are a resident, citizen or legal entity based in a Member State of the European Union (EU) or H2020 associated countries
- Have a disruptive early stage business idea that has the potential to make a big impact on any part of the food sector through the way we produce, deliver, consume and recycle our food
- Are prepared to be active and engaged in the programme – this includes a physical presence at the boot camp and final pitch event
- Have not been previously awarded significant funding to support market validation of their idea or innovation
- Accept the EIT Food Seedbed Terms and Conditions

Examples of agri-food technologies
Although not an exhaustive list, we particularly encourage applications that fall within one of the following areas:

- Alternative / Novel Ingredients
- Sustainable Alternatives
- Waste Technologies
- Sustainable Packaging
- Biotechnology
- Farm Management Software / Sensing / IoT
- Smart Farming including Precision Agriculture and Indoor Agriculture
- Robotics & Automation
- Ag-tech including Animal Health & Livestock
- Soil & Crop Tech
- Crop Protection & Nutrition
- Water Tech
- Big Data & Predictive Analytics

If you have a technology that does not fall within one of above areas and want to apply, please get in touch with us to discuss your technology. www.eitfood.eu/Entrepreneurship/projects/Seedbed

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The pre-accelerator programme to drive the entrepreneurs of tomorrow

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