



# 6G-VERSUS Venture Accelerator

## OPEN CALL GUIDE 2026

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# INTRODUCTION

This document is the Guide for the Applicants of the 6G-VERSUS Venture Accelerator programme. It summarizes the basic elements of the Open Call for applications under the 6G-VERSUS project. It provides information on the acceleration programme, its application process, eligibility criteria, submission requirements, evaluation procedures, terms & conditions, as well as details on the timelines and the benefits of the programme.

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# ABOUT 6G-VERSUS

6G-VERSUS (<https://6g-versus.eu/>) is a HE funded research project (HORIZON-JU-SNS-2024-STREAM-D-01-01). The project will explore the frontiers of 6G technology, through a series of trials and 6 pilots across Europe, each meticulously designed to address and efficiently assess the pressing challenges of the next-generation sustainable and environmentally conscious vertical industries.

6G-VERSUS will introduce a novel methodology, transforming existing use cases into 6G applications, comprising Vertical App (V-App), Network App (N-App), and AI-assisted App (AI-App). With the support of six 6G platforms spanning across Europe. 6G-VERSUS aims to demonstrate the profound sustainable, economic and societal impact of 6G technology, propelling towards a more sustainable and prosperous society.

With pilots in Bulgaria, Finland, France, Greece, Portugal, and Spain, 6G-VERSUS aims to design and develop a 6G-Enabled Application Framework for the triplet of V-app, AI-app and N-app, Conduct 6G Trials to assess AI, network and application performance, concentrating on the principles of 'sustainable 6G', integrate advanced 6G applications across 6 6G-SNS and non-SNS testbeds. evaluate the societal and environmental impact of 6G trials to ensure alignment with sustainability goals and societal needs and create new business models, maximize the impact and adoption of 6G-VERSUS results through extensive dissemination, communication, capacity building, standardization efforts, and exploitation measures.

**The 6G-VERSUS consortium (<https://6g-versus.eu/consortium/>) consists of 34 partners from 10 countries, including 10 partners from industry, 13 academic and/or research organization partners, 2 NGOs and 9 SMEs.**

6G-VERSUS showcases the economic and societal impact of 6G technologies driving the transition towards a more sustainable future. Through six cutting-edge vertical pilots on 6g testbeds, 6G-VERSUS demonstrates real-life use cases.

## A large network of industry experts:



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6G Vertical Trials for Sustainability  
Call: HORIZON-JU-SNS-2024  
Topic: HORIZON-JU-SNS-2024-STREAM-D-01-01  
Type of action: HORIZON-JU-IA  
Duration: 36 months  
Project Starting Date: 1 January 2025

## More Information

[www.6g-versus.eu](http://www.6g-versus.eu)

[@6G-Versus](https://www.linkedin.com/company/6g-versus)

# ABOUT 6G-VERSUS VENTURE ACCELERATOR

6G-VERSUS is searching for **25 EU-based startups and SMEs**, who will join a 10-week acceleration programme, including technical and business acceleration. A transnational, European entrepreneurship and innovation support programme, 6G-VERSUS Venture Accelerator is designed to engage startups and SMEs in developing solutions that leverage emerging 6G technologies for sustainability and business applications.

If you're an ambitious startup or SME interested in connecting with founders across Europe and accelerating your business, express your interest at the following link: <https://bit.ly/4tnuM7M>

**Applications are open until Friday, 10 July 2026.**

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## **What we offer:**

### **Business Acceleration for 25 EU-based startups & SMEs**

The acceleration programme includes:

- Workshops & Mentoring
- Prototyping & Validation
- Investment Readiness

**Acceleration Period: September – November 2026**

## **Who Can Apply?**

The call is addressed to established start-ups and small and medium size enterprises (SMEs) from all the EU countries.

# **WHY JOIN 6G-VERSUS VENTURE ACCELERATOR?**

The programme is designed to support founders creating working prototypes, as well as accelerating their business to investor-ready startups with validated business models. Cohort members will connect with founders across Europe, and design their investment strategies, to target investment opportunities.

Cohort members will join a network of industry leaders and connect with industry experts. The 6G-VERSUS consortium consists of 34 partners from 10 countries, including 10 partners from industry, 13 academic and/or research organization partners, 2 NGOs and 9 SMEs.

All delivered virtually to fit around your schedule, without compromising on intensity or results.

## **What you gain**

- Tailored mentoring - both technical & business
- Training and workshops
- 6G technology opportunities
- Technical validation and feedback to refine your solution
- Strong investor readiness and exposure to investors ecosystems
- Access to pre-recorded training modules.

## **Access to Technology and Use Cases**

Startups will gain exposure to:

- 6G-VERSUS architecture
- Pilot environments
- Technology enablers developed within the project
- Real-world use cases tested across the project's trial sites.

This enables startups to explore new services built on future 6G infrastructure.

# ACCELERATOR TIMELINE



# SELECTION EVALUATION PROCESS

We use a streamlined, two-step application process reviewed by experts with deep knowledge of blue economy innovation and venture development. Our selection committee will evaluate applications based on:

- Sector relevance with provision of utilizing 6G infrastructure and technologies.
- Team strength — founders with technical expertise, market understanding, and determination.
- Business readiness & scalability potential — ventures that can achieve meaningful market impact.
- Funding readiness — aiming to attract investment from strategic partners or specialized funds
- Programme fit.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

The accelerator is 100% online via **Microsoft Teams**, with the option of live or recorded sessions. All sessions are held in **English**, and will take place on **weekdays**. All sessions and the respective resources are available on demand, where the facilitator allows, stored and shared on a common **sharepoint** environment. The application submission, onboarding, and feedback forms are delivered on **Monday.com**.

**All cohort members are highly encouraged to watch the on-demand training module <https://6g-versus.satrd.es/> which includes technical and business basics, for better understanding of the programme.**

# APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is completed in two stages:

- Expression of Interest
- Application Form Submission

The entirety of the application process is made via a dedicated form on Monday.com platform at the following link: <https://bit.ly/4tnuM7M>

## Stage 1: Expression of Interest

- **Step 1: Welcome Page**
  - Read the description of the accelerator and click “start” to access the expression of interest form.
- **Step 2: Fill & Submit the Expression of Interest Form**
  - Fill in the obligatory fields:
    - Name & Surname, E-mail, Gender & Country. The latter two items are purely for statistics & reporting.
    - Country & Company are non-obligatory fields.
    - Read the Terms & Conditions, including the GDPR terms, and Click to accept the T&Cs and reCAPTCHA form.
- **Step 3: Open the Confirmation Email & Click the Link to the Application Form**
  - Once you click submit of the expression of interest form, you will automatically receive a confirmation e-mail. Check your spam/junk folder or in promotions if you are using gmail. In this e-mail you will find the link to the Application Form.

## Stage 2: Application Form

The application form has 5 steps and it requires to attach a short pitch deck to be considered.

- **Step 1: Welcome Page**
  - Read the description of the accelerator and click “start” to access the expression of interest form.

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Step 2: Page 1 - General Information**

- Fill in the obligatory fields: Name & Surname, E-mail, Country (reporting purpose), Gender (reporting purpose), the non-obligatory field “phone” will be used to contact you only if you are accepted to the accelerator.

- **Step 3: Page 2 - Company Information**

- Fill in the information about your company. The obligatory fields are: Company Name, and a question regarding the registration of your business. The non-obligatory fields (role, website, LinkedIn, stage of development, which will allow us to have a better view of your business.

- **Step 4: Page 3 - Solution**

- 5 fields, where the four obligatory fields are: a brief description of the product/service, your plan of 6G incorporation and 6G-Versus alignment, information about your team, and a section to upload a brief pitch deck/presentation about your venture.
- The non-obligatory field will allow us to understand if you have participated in an any other acceleration programme.

- **Step 5: Page 4 - Declaration**

- Read the two statements regarding the Terms & Conditions and Commitment Statement. Once carefully read, click the respective check-boxes, and the reCAPTCHA field, which are obligatory in order to submit your application.

You may save your application as draft to gradually work on your form, although we strongly suggest working on a word document, offline, and then transferring the data to your application in order to avoid any errors due to internet down-time or other technical issues.

Once you successfully submit your application, you will be directed the the application confirmation page. No need for any further actions.

# **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

## **- PRIVACY**

By applying, the participant acknowledges and agrees to comply with all rules, guidelines, and requirements set forth by the organizing body of the 6G-VERSUS project. Participation is subject to eligibility criteria, availability of spaces, and acceptance by the organizing team. The participant consents to the collection and use of personal data in accordance with applicable data protection laws (GDPR and EU data privacy regulations), solely for the purposes of managing participation and evaluating project outcomes. The organizers reserve the right to modify, postpone, or cancel the activity if necessary. The participant has the right to access, rectify, or erase their personal data, as well as to restrict or object to its processing, in accordance with Articles 15–22 of the GDPR. By applying, the participant confirms they have read and understood these Terms & Conditions.

# CONTACT INFORMATION SUPPORT

For information or technical support contact [6G-versus@envolveglobal.org](mailto:6G-versus@envolveglobal.org)  
or fill in the contact form on 6G-Versus Website: <https://6g-versus.eu/contact/>

## USEFUL LINKS

 [www.6g-versus.eu](http://www.6g-versus.eu)

 [@6G-Versus](https://www.linkedin.com/company/6G-Versus)

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