Call for Co-Host — EBN Techcamp 2027

Bring the EU|BIC community to your ecosystem and showcase your expertise

EBN is looking for a certified or associate **EU|BIC to co-host EBN Techcamp 2027**.

EBN Techcamp is a focused learning and networking event bringing together EU|BICs and other innovation support organisations to explore a specific **technology or sector in depth**, understand emerging trends, exchange practical experience and create opportunities for collaboration.

Why host EBN Techcamp?

For EU|BICs, Techcamp creates a dedicated forum for **mutual learning and knowledge exchange**, combining sectoral and technological specificities with the broader mission and activities of EU|BICs.

For the host, it is an opportunity to:

- **Position your EU|BIC and ecosystem as a reference point** in a specific technology or sector;
- Showcase the **depth of expertise, knowledge and experience** within your organisation and wider ecosystem;
- Bring together companies, experts, research organisations, investors, public authorities and other relevant stakeholders from your region;
- Create **new business, partnership and international collaboration opportunities** for your organisation and for EBN members;
- Give participants first-hand access to your ecosystem through **site visits and practical activities**;
- Connect local expertise with the wider **EU|BIC community**.

What are we looking for?

The Techcamp should focus on a **clearly defined technology or sectoral theme** where the host can bring strong expertise and access to relevant stakeholders.

The programme should:

- Deep dive into **technological and sectoral trends**, opportunities and challenges;

- Bring concrete examples, practical experiences and case studies to the discussion;
- Balance specialist content with **broader themes and perspectives**, ensuring that the programme is relevant also to EU|BICs and innovation professionals who are not experts in the field;
- Facilitate **peer learning and exchange between EU|BICs**;
- Create opportunities for networking, business development and international cooperation;
- Include **onsite visits and/or practical activities** wherever relevant.

The aim is to make Techcamp **sector/technology specific, while still speaking to an audience of innovation ecosystem generalists**.

Role of the co-host

The co-host will take the lead on the **sectoral and technological content**, drawing on its own expertise and ecosystem.

In particular, the co-host will:

- Propose the overall **sector/technology focus and key content priorities**;
- Identify relevant local, national and international **speakers, experts, companies and ecosystem stakeholders**;
- Facilitate access to relevant organisations and sites for **ecosystem and company visits**;
- Contribute to the identification of case studies and practical examples;
- Showcase the host ecosystem and its activities;
- Support participant engagement and networking during the event.

EBN will lead on the overall event methodology and programme dynamics, ensuring that the Techcamp delivers a strong learning experience for the wider EU|BIC community and combines expert content with interactive formats, peer exchange and networking.

What the host should provide

The Techcamp should take place in the period **October/November 2027, at or close to the host EU|BIC premises**, allowing participants to experience the local ecosystem directly.

The host location should ideally include:

- A **main auditorium** for approximately 100 participants;
- **Rooms for parallel workshops and practical sessions**;
- Suitable spaces for networking and informal exchange, including lunch and dinner;
- Access to relevant **companies, research centres, innovation facilities or other ecosystem organisations** for onsite visits;
- Technical facilities for presentations and hybrid participation, where required.

What EBN brings

As co-organiser, EBN will:

- Bring together the **EU|BIC community and wider EBN network**;
- Lead the overall programme structure and **session dynamics**;
- Support the development of the programme and ensure alignment with the Techcamp format;
- Coordinate participant communication and registration;
- Promote the event through EBN channels;
- Support the international dimension by connecting the host with relevant **EU|BICs, experts and partners from across the network**.

Who can apply?

The call is open to certified and associate **EU|BICs** with:

- Recognised expertise and experience in a relevant technology or sector;
- A strong local or regional ecosystem that can be showcased to international participants;
- Capacity to mobilise relevant experts, companies and stakeholders;
- Suitable facilities to host the event;
- Commitment to creating a genuinely **international and peer-learning experience**.

What should your proposal include?

Interested EU|BICs are invited to submit a short proposal covering:

1. **Proposed technology/sector and rationale** – Why is this a relevant theme for Techcamp 2027? How do you ensure the participation of both expert and generalist participants?
2. **Your expertise** – What knowledge, experience and activities can your EU|BIC and ecosystem bring?
3. **Potential speakers and experts** – Who could contribute?
4. **Ecosystem visits** – Which companies, research centres, facilities or organisations could participants visit?
5. **Potential programme highlights** – Key topics, trends or challenges you would like to explore.
6. **Venue and facilities** – Proposed location and available spaces.
7. **Expected added value** – What would hosting Techcamp bring to your ecosystem and to the wider EU|BIC community?

The proposal does not need to include a fully developed programme. EBN will work together with the selected co-host to develop the programme, session formats and participant experience.

Timeline

Date	Milestone
12 October 2026	Call for applications opens
12 November 2026	Deadline for applications
25 November 2026	EBN Board decision and announcement of selected co-host

Applications should be submitted via email to laura.lecci@ebn.eu and events@ebn.eu by **12 November 2026** using the application form in **Annex 1**.

Breakdown of tasks and costs and RACI are available in **Annex 2** – make sure you consult the document before applying. By agreeing with Annex 2 the applicant accepts the following financial arrangement: EBN will reimburse the co-host 75% of the income generated from registration fees, while the remaining 25% will be retained by the EBN Secretariat.

Join us in shaping EBN Techcamp 2027

EBN Techcamp is designed to go beyond a traditional conference: **a focused learning experience, an opportunity to open the doors of a European innovation ecosystem, and a platform for new connections and collaboration.**

If your EU|BIC has a field of expertise that you believe the wider community should discover, **we would like to hear from you.**

Annex 1 — Application Form

EBN Techcamp 2027 — Call for Co-Host

Please keep the application concise. The suggested maximum is 3–4 pages.

1. EU|BIC information

EU|BIC name:
[Insert]

Organisation:
[Insert]

Country / Region:
[Insert]

Main contact person:
[Name, position]

Email:
[Insert]

Website:
[Insert]

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2. Proposed Techcamp theme

Proposed technology / sector:
[Insert]

Working title for the Techcamp:
[Insert]

Why is this theme particularly relevant for EBN Techcamp 2027?
[Short description – max. 1,500 characters]

What are the main trends, challenges or opportunities you would like participants to explore?
[Short description – max. 1,500 characters]

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3. Your expertise and ecosystem

Why is your EU|BIC well positioned to host this Techcamp?
Please briefly describe your relevant expertise, activities and experience.

[Max. 1,500 characters]

Which organisations, companies, research centres or other stakeholders in your ecosystem could contribute?

[Short list + brief description]

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4. Potential speakers and contributors

Please identify some potential speakers, experts or contributors you could mobilise.

Name / Organisation	Expertise / Role	Potential contribution

This is indicative at application stage; confirmed speakers are not required.

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5. Ecosystem visits and practical activities

What companies, research centres, facilities, innovation hubs or other organisations could participants visit?

[Short description]

What practical or interactive activities could be organised as part of the Techcamp?

[Short description]

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6. Proposed date and venue

Proposed date:

[Date, please specify if another relevant event is happening in your region around those dates]

Main venue:
[Name / location]

Approximate capacity of main auditorium:
[Number]

Rooms available for parallel workshops:
[Number / capacity]

Networking / catering facilities:
[Short description]

Potential onsite visit locations:
[List]

Distance between the main venue and potential visit locations:
[Short description]

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7. International dimension

How could the Techcamp connect your local/regional ecosystem with the wider EBN and EU|BIC community?

[Short description]

Are there international partners, companies, experts or networks you would particularly like to involve?

[Short description]

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8. Added value

What would hosting EBN Techcamp bring to your EU|BIC and ecosystem?

[Short description]

What would participants from other EU|BICs gain from coming to your ecosystem?

[Short description]

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9. Commitment and capacity

Please confirm:

☐ We can provide a suitable venue for approximately 100 participants.

☐ We can provide rooms for parallel workshops/practical sessions.

☐ We can facilitate relevant ecosystem/company/research visits.

☐ We can take the lead in identifying and engaging relevant speakers and experts.

☐ We are available to work with EBN on the development of the programme and event logistics.

☐ We understand that EBN will lead the overall event methodology and session dynamics.

☐ We understand the financial commitment described in annex 2. [Please provide in a separate excel document an estimated budget for the event]

10. Submission

Application submitted by:
[Name / Position]

Date:
[Insert]

Email:
[Insert]

Signature:
[Insert]

Deadline: 12 November 2026

Applications will be reviewed and the **EBN Board will take the final decision on 25 November 2026**.