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**EUROPEAN CIRCULAR  
ELECTRONICS KICKSTART  
ACCELERATION PROGRAM**

*"Forging Europe's Circular Value Chain for Semiconductors"*

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Are you a startup developing a breakthrough solution for the electronics industry?

Are you looking for ways to accelerate your growth and amplify your impact?

If yes, this programme is the perfect fit for you!

## WHAT WE OFFER

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- **Tailored Coaching:** Customized 1:1 advisory and mentoring delivered by international experts designed around your specific needs and requirements, helping you navigate the challenges of scaling your Circular Electronics venture and readying you for success.
- **Access to Public Funding:** Unlock the potential to apply for European R&D and growth funding, fuelling further development of your innovative venture.
- **MVP Pilots:** Minimum Viable Products piloted between our European partners' network.
- **Business Development Support:** Benefit from comprehensive support in reaching international markets, enabling you to develop new sales channels, reach wider target markets and boost business growth.
- **Introduction to Equity Investors:** Review your business proposition and pitch deck, make them shine and maximise the attractiveness of your venture. Showcase your breakthrough solution to our investors' global network via pitching one-to-one and at our Demo Day.
- **Exclusive Workshops and Training:** Engage in exclusive workshops covering topics such as IP and commercialisation, fundraising strategies, public funding and all key aspects of circularity, from product design to strategic partnerships, revenue models and more.
- **International Partnerships:** Access our international stakeholders' network, including corporates, public sector, SMEs and academia, to develop joint-project and R&D collaborations.
- **Demo Day Showcase:** Demo Day to be held at the end of the program in Malta, in November 2026.
- **Post-program Support:** Become part of our growing and dynamic Circular Kickstart community. Please, note that investors negotiations, public funding applications and MVP pilots run past program completion.

ECEK is **free of charge** and **equity free**, designed to support startups operating in the circular electronics and semiconductors sectors from prototype stage above (TRL 4–8).

## PROGRAMME DURATION

- June–November 2026: Online delivery
- November 2026: Demo Day to be held in Malta

## CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED

- Electronics recycling, recovery and remanufacturing.
- Innovative technologies for critical raw materials recovery.
- Photovoltaic recycling solutions and semiconductors extraction.
- Upscale electronics and semiconductors industry circularity and sustainability.
- Smart electronics and semiconductors manufacturing.
- New technologies to improve industry's productivity, efficiencies and competitiveness.

## IMPACT ON START-UPS

- ✓ Piloted technologies and solutions.
- ✓ Validated circular business models, Circularity Impact Assessment.
- ✓ Founders' skills development.
- ✓ International partnerships creation.
- ✓ Go-to-market strategy and roadmap.
- ✓ Investment readiness.
- ✓ Impact on the European electronics value chain.
- ✓ Strengthened collaboration between startups and universities / R&D centres.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ◆ **Development level:** Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 to 8.
- ◆ **Sectors:** Semiconductors and electronics industries.
- ◆ **Scalability potential:** Scalable solutions with potential to be applied internationally and grow global.
- ◆ **Market potential:** Solutions with potential to generate income from various international markets. Founders' skills and expertise.
- ◆ **Country of origin:** Any country world-wide. Please note that if you are selected but you are legally registered outside Europe, you are required to commit to incorporate in an EU country within 12 months from program onboarding.
- ◆ **Year of incorporation:** From 2019 onwards.





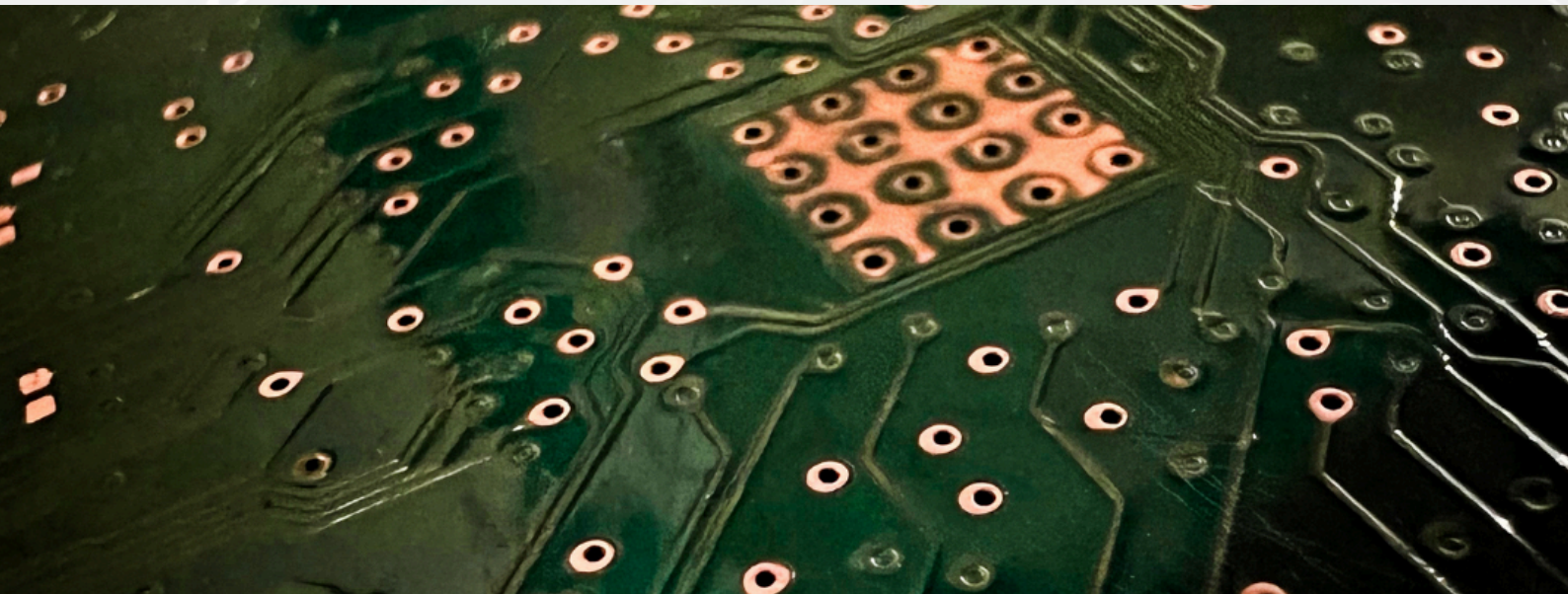
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Join the European Circular Electronics Kickstart Program  
journey to circular success and shape the future of the  
European semiconductors industry.

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**Apply here by May 29, 2026**

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