

Taftie Academy Training

Deeptech

Date & Place: 21-22.10.2026, Paris (hotel recommendations at the end of the document)

Starting Time: 21.10 09:00h

Ending time: 22.10 15:45h

Host: Bpifrance

Venue: Bpifrance Office in Paris (6/8 Boulevard Hausmann 75009 Paris)

Trainers: [INSKIP](#)/Bpifrance/FFG

Registration: [Taftie Website](#)

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Brief Description

Course objectives

- Understand what deeptech means, stages, value chains, European ecosystem
- Analyse key challenges and where deeptech originates and gets stuck
- Develop skills to identify opportunities for deeptech
- Understand global perspectives - strategic technologies and sovereignty
- Insights into innovation agency deeptech programs and private instruments

Prior homework: Having in mind your agencies deep-tech activities and a few key challenges of the deep-tech ecosystem in your country

Taftie Academy Training

The Taftie Academy Trainings are primarily designed to approach newcomers in the topic, hence Junior staff, but may also be suitable for experts and Senior staff of innovation agencies who are open to dive into new topics or to re-fresh. The full 2 day, in-class training is designed to receive the theory that is necessary and as much hands-on work as possible.

Preliminary agenda (subjected to small changes but start and end times are fix)

Day 1 – Deep-Tech, who does what?, stages and challenges

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theory energizer/icebreaker break discussion/debriefing

TIME	DURATION		
09:00	15m	Welcome by Bpifrance	About Bpifrance
09:15	15m	Icebreaker	Short Icebreaker
09:30 1h 40m	1h 40m	Session 1: Introduction (INSKIP)	Deeptech 101 What deeptech actually means in strict terms: unresolved technological risk, low TRL at entry, long time-to-revenue, heavy capex, IP-centric models. We cover the main verticals and address the recurring question of whether generative AI still qualifies or has commoditised. Mapping the European deeptech ecosystem Who does what across the full value chain: labs, OTTs, deeptech VCs, CVCs, large industrials, agencies. Different deeptech stages
11:10	20m	Break	
11:30	1h 00m	Session 2: Technology Transfer (Inskip)	Technology transfer and supporting researcher-entrepreneurs. Where most deeptech originates and where most of it gets stuck. IP ownership models, spin-off creation, the legal structures that let a researcher become a founder without burning their academic career. What a functional ecosystem requires beyond a list of startups: shared infrastructure, PhD pipelines, local seed capital, governance. Where S3 strategies fell short and why.
12:30	1h 00m	Lunch Break	
13:30	1h 00m	Session 3: Key challenges in national ecosystem (Moderation Inskip)	"What are the key challenges in your ecosystem, and how do you address them?"
14:30	20m	Break	
14:50	1h 30m	Session 4: Key challenges for a start-up (Start-up funded by Bpifrance) Moderation INSKIP/Bpifrance	Deeptech Start-up presenting key challenges through their different stages Q&A
16:20	25m	Networking	
16:45			

TOTAL LENGTH: 7h 45m

Day 2 – Deep-Tech Actions, Global Perspectives, What is next?

22 Oct 2026

■ theory
 ■ energizer/icebreaker
 ■ break
 ■ exercise
 ■ discussion/debriefing

TIME	DURATION		
08:30	10m	Intro Day 2	
08:40	10m	Icebreaker	Icebreaker
08:50	1h 20m	Session 1: Public funding instruments (Bpifrance/FFG)	Public funding instruments - who funds what at which stage. Overview of the full funding stack: national instruments, EIC Pathfinder and Accelerator, EIB, InvestEU. France 2030 as a case study. We also flag what to anticipate on Horizon Europe post-2027. The role of innovation agencies in deeptech. What agencies are structurally good at and where they fall short: speed, flexibility, follow-on capacity, tolerance for failure. We cover the killing-early logic and benchmark approaches across agencies. National Deeptech Program Bpifrance/FFG Q&A
10:10	20m	Break	
10:30	1h 30m	Session 2: Private Capital and role of industry (Bpifrance/Inskip)	Attracting private capital into deeptech. Why private money still avoids early deeptech and what agencies can do about it. We cover the structural mismatch between VC cycles and deeptech timelines, and what instruments actually bridge it: fund of funds, co-investment vehicles, government-backed LP positions. Industrial synergies - connecting deep science to large industrial. How to connect a TRL 3-4 startup to a large industrial without killing it in the process. Procurement barriers, IP negotiation dynamics, qualification cycles. We cover critical materials and dual-use specifics.
12:00	1h 00m	Lunch	
13:00	1h 00m	Session 3: Workshop by Inskip	Public agencies and public acceptance and communication on deep technologies. Deeptech has a narrative problem. We look at what honest public communication looks like at early TRL, how to handle controversy (gene editing, nuclear, autonomous systems), and what agencies can realistically contribute to citizen engagement. Short workshop: participants work through a concrete controversial scenario.
14:00	1h 30m	Session 4: Global perspective (Bpifrance/Inskip)	How about China, USA, Japan, South Korea, India...? Strategic technologies and sovereignty - what it changes in practice. Quantum, advanced semiconductors, synthetic biology: no longer just innovation topics. What FDI screening, export control and dual-use classification mean concretely when you're instructing a file. How agencies can contribute to shaping European standards rather than just implementing rules set elsewhere.
15:30	15m	Feedback & Roundup	
15:45			

TOTAL LENGTH: 7h 15m

Who Should Attend?

Newcomers in the topic, Junior staff as well as experts and Senior staff of innovation agencies who are open to dive into new topics or to re-fresh.

Learning Outcome

Networking with staff from other Taftie Agencies

This course is designed to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate in the Deeptech environment

Costs and registration

For Taftie members the fee is free of charge for 3 persons/agency (Travel and hotel costs have to be covered by the participant's agency). For international partners, or additional participants the participation fee for the training amounts EUR 300 per day.

For international partners as well as for further questions regarding the participation, [registration](#), or workshop costs, please contact Janine Halder and Susanne Stremitzer: Janine.Halder@ffg.at; Susanne.Stremitzer@ffg.at

Recommendations for hotels:

The following hotels are all conveniently located for meetings at **Bpifrance**, with easy access walking or by public transport:

Accessible with a short walk from Bpifrance

- **Holiday Inn Paris Opéra – Grands Boulevards (9th arrondissement)** – located close to the Opéra and Haussmann business district, approximately 5 minutes from Bpifrance's headquarters.
<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/paris/parpp/hoteldetail> [ihg.com]
- **Hôtel Brésil Opéra (9th arrondissement)** – located close to the Opéra and Haussmann business district, approximately 10 minutes from Bpifrance's headquarters.
<https://www.hotel-bresil-opera.com/>

Easy access with public transport (few stations with line 8, arriving in front of Bpifrance)

- **Moxy Paris Bastille (11th arrondissement)** – approximately 15 minutes from Bpifrance's headquarters.
<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/parob-moxy-paris-bastille/overview/> [marriott.com]
- **ibis Paris Bastille Faubourg Saint-Antoine (Trousseau) (11th arrondissement)** – approximately 15 minutes from Bpifrance's headquarters.
<https://all.accor.com/hotel/0986/index.en.shtml>