Deeptech North America - NETVA (New Technology Venture Accelerator) is a personalized support program that offers a personalized support, opportunity analysis and development of technological partnerships in the United States, for young and innovative French startups. Managed by the Office for Science and Technology of the French Embassy in the United States [Boston, San Francisco, Washington D.C., Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles], NETVA aims to meet the internationalization needs of French startups developing innovative products with high added value.

This eleventh edition, open to all domains, is primarily aimed at early-stage projects in the domains of artificial intelligence applied to health and the industry of the future will be favored without prohibiting the support of original projects in other fields such as biotech, agritech, energy... We will therefore take into account the adequacy between the startups’ sector of activity and the respective strengths of the open ecosystems.

Six innovative North-American ecosystems

1. Los Angeles and Southern California: life sciences, biotechnology, sustainable development, geosciences,
2. Houston and Texas: energy, electronics-IT, medical,
3. Chicago and the Great Lakes region: agritech, agriculture, agronomy,
4. Washington D.C. and its region: cybersecurity, defense, telecommunications, aero/espacial, health regulation, govttech, social tech,
5. Boston and the North-East region: biotech/medtech, health, synthetic biology & genome engineering, robotics, cleantech,

During the selection process, particular attention will be paid to the harmony between the business sector of startups and the respective strengths of open ecosystems. You will find more detailed descriptions on this page.

Details of the program

The winners of the competition will participate in a 2-phase personalized program:

1. a training seminar in June in Paris on approaching North American markets;
2. an immersion week at the beginning of November in one of the five most dynamic ecosystems in the United States: Massachusetts [Boston], Silicon Valley [San Francisco], Washington D.C., the Great Lakes region [Chicago] and Houston.

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