



REDZONE

Materialize the Future

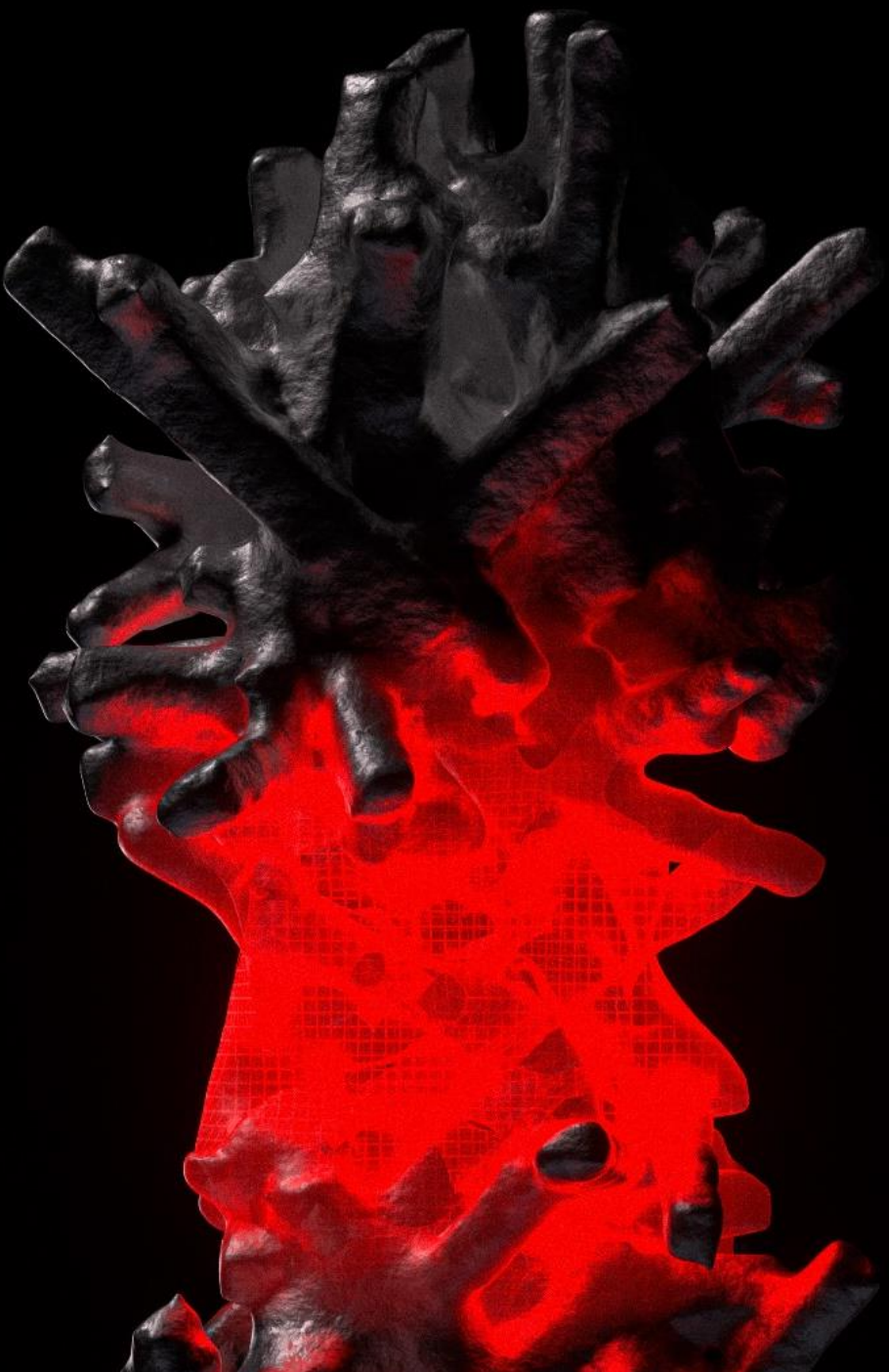
Who we are

The high-tech hub for Advanced Materials Startups

RedZone is a new way to grow deep-tech innovations.

The place to craft the materials of tomorrow.

A program for scientists, engineers and inventors who dare to shape
breakthrough revolutions in materials science.



Red is the color of SAES Red passion for innovation

At RedZone, the program for startups by SAES, we envision a future where advanced materials drive the development of human society, protect our lives, and preserve our fragile planet.

For the past 80 years, SAES has been at the forefront of innovation in materials science, enabling groundbreaking inventions like radios, televisions, lamps, displays, particle accelerators, medical devices, semiconductors, and sustainable packaging.

Backed by a renewed multinational company and a strategic partner to over 2,500 customers, we are the ideal ally for founders and entrepreneurs looking to harness the potential of advanced materials and pave the way for a brighter future.

We aim to transform science into meaningful innovations, accelerating ideas from the lab to the market, and supporting the most promising deep-tech startups in their journey towards success.

Our vision

We make disruptive ideas flourish
acting as a **committed industrial partner.**

We assess startups' opportunities,
helping them **overcome technological uncertainties.**

What we are looking for



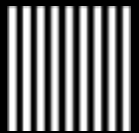
Innovative solutions

Based on Advanced Materials or their application.
Patented or to be patented. Knowledge intensive.



Early stage startups

Pre Seed / Seed Stage. TRL 3 to 7
Initial Market Traction



A valuable business

Solving real problems in a growing market
with a scalable and sustainable business model



Europe based

Startups Located in geographical Europe.
Constituted as Companies by the start of the program.



Fit with our Innovation Areas

Projects fitting the thematic areas of the current call
High synergy with SAES' vision of the future

Call verticals

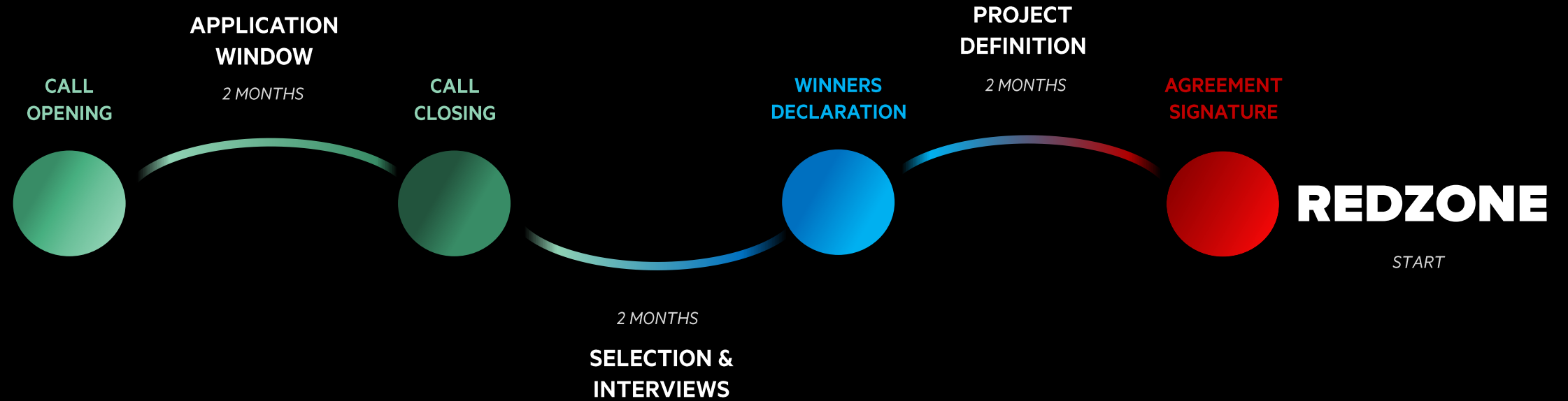
CALL 03

AUTUMN 2024

Innovation Areas to be announced.

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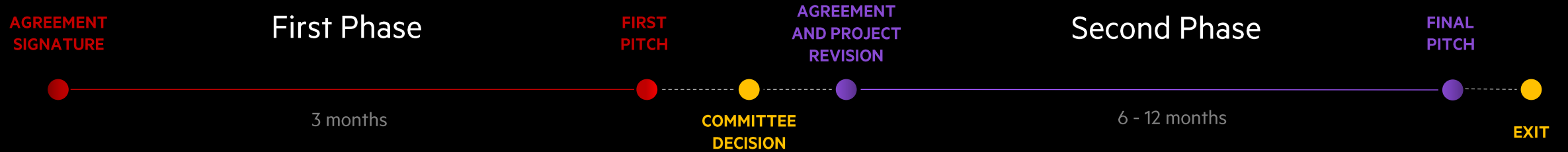
The intake process



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The program

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Objective

PROOF OF CONCEPT

Objective

SCALABLE MVP

in partnership with SAES

Duration

3 months

Duration

6 to 12 months

› R&D FOCUS

Demonstrate feasibility

› R&D FOCUS

Demonstrate scalability

› DEV FOCUS

Problem-Solution fit

› DEV FOCUS

Product-Market fit

› ATTITUDE

Explore and validate

› ATTITUDE

Develop and plan

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First Phase 3 months

Second Phase 6 - 12 months

OPEN LABS ACCESS
with our staff **100 hours**

SUPPORT
with our experts **10 hours**

CONTRIBUTION
for the project **20K €**

MENTORING
training and 1-to-1 **free**

OPEN LABS & PILOT PLANTS ACCESS
with our staff **300 hours**

SUPPORT
with our experts **20 hours**

CONTRIBUTION
for the project **50 - 80K €**

MENTORING
advisory and 1-to-1 **discounted**

+ Rolling **office space**, connectivity and services

+ **Materials** cost covering

+ **Advertising** through our channels

+ Connection with SAES' **network** (partners, customers, investors, experts)

After the Second Phase

> a Future Cooperation

Towards an extended and personalized agreement

- Client-supplier
- Co-development in partnership
- Contract manufacturing
- Joint venturing
- Capital investment
- etc.

> Option on Equity

The investment might be converted in equity (5 to 15%)*

(*)

Redzone is a tech based venture partnership program and not a corporate venture capital.
Our goal is to innovate through open innovation with new products, not equity investments.

> Proprietary IP

previously owned and independently developed
within the Open Labs

WILL ALWAYS BE OWNED BY THE STARTUP

> Co-developed IP

developed with the contribution of SAES
know-how

WILL ALWAYS BE CO-OWNED

- + RedZone offers IP strategy consultancy as a service
- + SAES can sustain the cost of IP issuing if mutually agreed

MALPENSA AIRPORT

30 minutes

REDZONE

at SAES headquarters in Lainate

MILAN ITALY

DOME SQUARE

30 minutes

REDZONE OPEN LABS

PARKING

PILOT PLANTS

CANTEEN

RESEARCH FLOOR

STARTUPS OFFICES

The Labs

30+

People

3.300 m²

Laboratories surface

5

Scale-up
Pilot lines

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Core Technologies

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The equipment

001

Prep and Store

- Chemical hoods
- Glove boxes with inert atmospheres
- Refrigerated storage box
- Big climatic chamber

005

Coating

- Needle dispensing
- Jet dispensing
- Spin coating
- Blading
- Dip coating
- Slot die coating
- PECVD
- PVD

002

Drying

- Freeze drying
- Spray drying
- Rotary evaporation

006

Processing

- Compounding system for thermoplastic matrices

003

Milling

- Rotor miller
- Jet miller
- Ball miller
- Wet miller
- Ultrasonic sieve
- Cryogenic mill kit

007

Deposition

- Flexo lab coater
- Gravure lab coater
- Ultrasonic spray coater
- Lab inkjet printer
- Hotmelt gun
- FDM 3D printer
- SLA 3D printer
- Surface finisher

004

Mixing

- Blade mixer
- Ultrasonic mixer
- High pressure homogenization
- Dual asymmetric centrifugal mixer
- 3-roll mixer
- Microfluidic disperser
- Heated Calender

The scale up plant

008

Pilot Lines

- Membrane emulsification pilot plant
- Freeze drying pilot system for water-based dispersions
- Formulations mixing reactors
- Emulsification system for capsules
- “Flexible Films Lab” with a roll-to-roll multi-station lacquering and lamination pilot line with:
 - Coating stations: water, solvent, solventless
 - Curing stations: air flotation, IR lamps, UV lamps
 - Lamination units: wet and dry
 - Deposition technologies: gravure, 3-roll flexo, slot die

009

Characterization Labs

- Chemical analyses
WD-XRF, ICP-OES, AAS-GF, Potentiostat, Galvanostat
- Physical analyses
optical microscopes with polarizers, FESEM-EDS with EDS probe, SEM-EDS, AFM, Profilometer, FTIR spectrometer, UV-VIS spectrometer, IR microscope, Raman Microscope, Spectro-fluorimeter, Refractive index measurement system, Haze-meter, contact-angle measurement system, DSL, granulometers, XRD
- Functional and mechanical analyses
microbalances, volumetric test benches with QMS, climatic chamber, TG-DSC-MS, Photo-DSC, Microcalorimeter, film electrical resistivity measurement system, GC, FTIR spectrometer for gases, HS-GC-MS, BET, Chemisorption measurement system, gas permeation permeabilimeters, rheometers, nanoindenters, DMA, quenching dilatometer, tensile testing machine.

> Intellectual Property

With SAES IP Dept.

Patenting strategy, Freedom to Operate, competitor analysis

> Legal Advisory

With SAES Legal Office

Contract and deals support

> Technological Support

With SAES Senior Researchers

Insights, bibliographic analyses, technology consultancy

> Product Design

With SAES Design House

Product design strategy, marketing support

> Mentoring

With SAES experts and external advisors

PMO, Go-to-market, startup-corporate relationship, business planning, guidance.

Our Network

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VENTURE CAPITAL PARTNERS



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