2026 GLOBAL DEEP TECH PIONEERS RADAR

Powered by over a decade of Hello Tomorrow Challenge data, the 2026 Global Deep Tech Pioneers Radar reveals where breakthrough innovation is accelerating and which ecosystems are shaping tomorrow's technological leaders.

Since 2014, Hello Tomorrow has been identifying the most promising science-based startups through the Hello Tomorrow Challenge, the world's longest-running deep tech competition. With 10,000+ ventures from over 150 countries in its startup network, Hello Tomorrow has built one of the world's most comprehensive trackers of early-stage deep tech innovation, detecting signals across ecosystems years before they surface in markets or capital flows.

Discover which ecosystems rise to the top of the Deep Tech Pioneers ranking as the result of the 11th Hello Tomorrow Challenge and who's gaining ground in 2026.

TOP 100 ECOSYSTEMS

Global rank	Ecosystem	Score	Region rank	Rank per capita
1	United States	100.0	1	30
2	France ★	97.0	1	12
3	United Kingdom ★	93.5	2	15
4	Germany ★	92.0	3	22
5	Israel	85.8	1	4
6	Netherlands ★	85.7	4	10
7	Switzerland	85.2	5	3
8	India ★	83.7	1	70
9	Spain	83.6	6	26
10	Canada ★	82.3	2	24
11	Sweden	82.0	7	8
12	Singapore	81.8	2	2

Global rank	Ecosystem	Score	Region rank	Rank per capita
13	Turkiye	81.0	8	35
14	Japan	80.5	3	43
15	Italy	79.8	9	31
16	Brazil	79.2	1	52
17	Denmark ★	75.3	10	9
18	Australia	74.5	4	29
19-20	China	73.2	5	16
19-20	Finland	73.2	11	11
21	Belgium	72.8	12	21
22	Austria	72.0	13	18
23	Estonia	71.8	14	1
24	Poland	71.2	15	38

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Global rank	Ecosystem	Score	Region rank	Rank per capita
25	Argentina	70.2	2	44
26	South Korea	67.5	6	50
27	Ireland	67.4	16	14
28	Norway	67.2	17	17
29	Chile	67.1	3	34
30	Portugal	66.6	18	28
31	Latvia	65.7	19	7
32	Taiwan	64.3	7	42
33	New Zealand	61.7	8	25
34	Thailand	61.4	9	62
35	South Africa	61.1	1	57
36	Nigeria ★	60.6	2	76
37	Lithuania	58.6	20	20
38	Uganda	58.2	3	59
39	Greece	57.8	21	40
40	United Arab Emirates	57.0	2	39
41	Luxembourg	56.9	22	5
42	Vietnam	56.6	10	71
43	Hungary	56.3	23	41
44	Kenya	56.2	4	65
45-46	Mexico	55.1	4	75
45-46	Tunisia	55.1	3	45
47	Malaysia	54.5	11	61
48	Slovenia	53.5	24	23
49	Indonesia	53.0	12	83
50	Saudi Arabia	52.4	4	64

Global rank	Ecosystem	Score	Region rank	Rank per capita
51-52	Croatia	52.3	25-26	32
51-52	Czechia	52.2	25-26	48
53	Slovakia	52.1	27	36
54	Costa Rica	51.3	5	37
55	Iceland	50.2	28	6
56	Romania	49.2	29	58
57	Ukraine	48.8	30	69
58-59	Morocco	48.7	5	68
58-59	Zimbabwe	48.7	5	56
60	Tanzania	47.8	6	77
61-62	Bulgaria	47.6	31	47
61-62	Colombia	47.5	6	73
63-64	Russia	47.1	32-33	82
63-64	Azerbaijan	47.1	32-33	54
65	Egypt	46.2	6	80
66	Cyprus	45.2	34	27
67	Kazakhstan	44.1	13	66
68	Jordan	43.6	7	60
69	Kyrgyzstan	43.5	14	55
70	Malta	42.6	35	19
71	Georgia	41.2	36	49
72	Peru	40.6	7	78
73	Ethiopia	39.6	7	86
74	Burkina Faso	39.4	8	72
75	Botswana	39.4	9	46
76	Pakistan	38.4	15	91

Global rank	Ecosystem	Score	Region rank	Rank per capita
77	Uruguay	38.0	8	51
78	Philippines	34.8	16	87
79	Moldova	34.4	37	53
80	Lebanon	33.4	8	63
81	Montenegro	32.2	38	33
82	Cameroon	31.0	10	81
83	Cambodia	29.7	17	79
84	Bangladesh	26.5	18	94
85	Mongolia	25.2	19	67
86	Monaco	19.7	39	13
87	Puerto Rico	19.2	9	74
88	Ghana	14.9	11	93

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89-90	Belarus	14.1	40	85
89-90	Democratic Republic of the Congo	14.1	12	99
91-92	Benin	12.2	13-14	88
91-92	Rwanda	12.2	13-14	90
93-94	Ecuador	11.1	10	92
94-94	Palestine	11.1	9	84
95	Uzbekistan	9.9	20	95
96	Serbia	5.2	41	89
97-98	Cote d'Ivoire	2.9	15-16	98
97-98	Zambia	2.9	15-16	96
99-100	Senegal	0.1	17	97
99-100	Algeria	0.1	10	100

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Methodology

The 2026 Global Deep Tech Pioneers Radar is built on longitudinal data from the Hello Tomorrow Challenge, the world's longest-running deep tech startup competition. The index reflects ecosystem performance within the Challenge selection pipeline rather than providing a comprehensive assessment of national ecosystems across external factors such as investment levels or policy frameworks.

Ecosystems are scored based on the number of startups selected as Deep Tech Pioneers across successive cohorts and their progression to Finalist and Winner status. Selection is assessed by expert juries of industry specialists, corporate innovation leaders, and investment professionals, evaluating each venture against four criteria: technological innovation, economic viability, impact, and team strength.

The ranking applies weighted counts that give progressively greater importance to later selection stages and more recent cohorts, prioritising current ecosystem strength over legacy momentum. Since the resulting distribution of scores is highly skewed, values are logarithmically normalised for visualisation to improve interpretability while preserving relative differences between ecosystems.

About Hello Tomorrow

Hello Tomorrow is an independent global platform dedicated to accelerating deep tech from lab to market. Over the past decade, Hello Tomorrow has built one of the world's largest deep tech ecosystems, spanning more than 10,000 startups across 150+ countries, thousands of corporate and industry leaders, and a 1,300-strong global investor community of GPs, VCs, CVCs. Through the Hello Tomorrow Challenge, its flagship Summit and advisory activities, Hello Tomorrow provides innovation stakeholders with strategic technology & business insights, and connects them to the right partners worldwide.

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