

The Future of Cybersecurity with the Global Cybertech Acceleration Program

Incubou launches a pioneering acceleration program in Portugal to empower cybersecurity startups and drive innovative solutions on the global stage.

January 14, 2025 – **Incubou**, the incubator founded by renowned international business lawyer Thiago Vieira, officially launches the **Cybertech Acceleration** program—a global initiative designed to empower startups and companies in the field of cybersecurity. Based in Vila Nova de Gaia, Portugal, this program combines training, mentorship, and access to international investors to strengthen organizations' cybersecurity posture in an increasingly digitalized world.

Presented to the public during Web Summit 2024 in Lisbon, the program marks a historic milestone as the first of its kind approved by Portugal's National Incubator Network.

Why is Cybertech Acceleration Essential?

We live in an era of rapid digital transformation, where cybersecurity has become a critical priority. The rise of digital threats has created what experts call a "cyber pandemic." Companies and governments face unprecedented challenges in protecting their data and operations, demanding robust and innovative solutions.

Cybertech Acceleration is designed to address this urgent need by equipping startups with cutting-edge resources, specialized mentorship, and legal support for international expansion.

Program Highlights

- **Training in Digital Security and Privacy:** Practical workshops and technical training sessions.
- **Global Expert Mentorship:** Connections with renowned professionals and companies in the cybersecurity field.
- **State-of-the-Art Technology Resources:** A digital lab to strengthen cybersecurity strategies.
- Access to International Investors: Strategic networking and pitching opportunities.

• Legal Support for Global Expansion: Specialized consultancy on visas and documentation.

Social Impact

Incubou is not just about accelerating startups; it also promotes digital literacy and capacity-building in schools and vulnerable communities. Through workshops and awareness initiatives, the incubator combats cybercrimes, bullying, and sexual and financial extortion, reinforcing its commitment to a safer society.

A Resounding Success at Web Summit 2024

The official launch of **Cybertech Acceleration at Web Summit 2024** in Lisbon was a resounding success. <u>Incubou</u> stood out, capturing the attention of global startups and investors. The program's impact is already evident in the growing interest in international partnerships, solidifying Portugal's position as a hub of innovation in cybersecurity.

Strategic Partnerships

With its blend of mentorship and advanced technology, the program not only empowers startups but also contributes to global digital security.

"**Cybertech Acceleration** is a groundbreaking initiative that positions Portugal as a global leader in cybersecurity. We are thrilled to be part of this movement," says Thiago Vieira, founder of Incubou.

Investor Support

The **Cybertech Acceleration** program is supported by <u>COREangels</u>, a global brand of early-stage startup investors through local portfolio funds.

Mentor Spotlight

André Baptista, an ethical hacker, CTO, and co-founder of **ETHIACK**—a startup from the University of Porto's Science and Technology Park—joins the team of expert mentors. Baptista is a guest lecturer in Information Security at the University of Porto and has earned the prestigious "Most Valuable Hacker" title twice, a feat achieved by only five individuals worldwide. He is often referred to as the "Cristiano Ronaldo of Cybersecurity."

About Incubou

Incubou, based in Vila Nova de Gaia, is a leading incubator specializing in business internationalization. Founded by internationally renowned lawyer **Thiago Vieira**, Incubou is part of Portugal's National Incubator Network. The organization is dedicated to empowering startups through innovative acceleration programs, with a special focus on cybersecurity. Incubou connects companies to global markets, fostering innovation and sustainability.

Cybertech Acceleration is a pioneering initiative among the 10 incubators selected out of 78 proposals under Portugal's Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR) aimed at companies' digital transition.

With **Cybertech Acceleration**, Incubou reaffirms its commitment to leading digital transformation and promoting innovative solutions in cybersecurity.

"**Cybertech Acceleration** is more than an acceleration program. It's a movement to transform how we approach cybersecurity, equipping startups to face future challenges with innovation and resilience," says Thiago Vieira, founder of Incubou.

Don't Miss Out

Take the opportunity to transform your startup into a global reference in cybersecurity. Apply to the Cybertech Acceleration program and take the next step toward the future of digital security.

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Final Note

The program will also be featured at Web Summit Qatar in 2025, reinforcing its commitment to innovation and global digital security.

