



On the basis of Articles 25, 27 and 28 of the Law on Innovation Activities (“Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia”, No. 129/2021, - hereinafter referred to as the Law), the Conclusion of the Government of the Republic of Serbia No. 022-11497/2019 from November 212019, (hereinafter referred to as the Conclusion), as well as the provisions of the Contract on the Establishment of the Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. Niš and the Business Model of the Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. Niš (hereinafter referred to as the Business Model),

Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. Niš announces a

PUBLIC CALL

- for membership in the Science and Technology Park Niš -

Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. Niš (hereinafter: STP Niš) was established in partnership between the Government of the Republic of Serbia (on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development), the City of Niš and the University of Niš with the aim of:

- providing infrastructure support to innovation activities, which, within a defined area, provides infrastructure and professional services to companies and research and innovation organizations for the purpose of connecting them and implementing new technologies as quickly as possible, creating and placing new products and services on the market, with the aim of accelerating the technological development of the country, based on examples of good international practice in this field;
- attracting innovative technological and development companies (domestic and foreign) and creating conditions for their development through connections with scientific research and higher education organizations, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Innovation Activities;
- encouraging feedback on the development of scientific research organizations, primarily the University of Niš, through joint research with technology companies, with the aim of commercializing innovations created in the research and development process;
- creating conditions for the establishment of a larger number of spinoff companies and their development by applying good practices from Serbia and the region;
- creating conditions and creating an environment for the development of innovative startup companies,
- starting and developing their own businesses by active and graduated students,



- creation and development of new innovative products, services and processes through the application of advanced and innovative technologies with potential for growth, employment and export;
- employment of young educated personnel, as well as creating conditions for the return of our experts from abroad.

1. Membership categorization and participation rights

In order to put into operation the newly built Science and Technology Park complex in Niš, in accordance with the Law on the Confirmation of the Loan Agreement (Science Project) between the Republic of Serbia and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia - International Agreements", No. 4/2023) and to create conditions for the development of innovations, STP Niš is announcing a Public Call for:

1.1. **Regular membership** (*membership that includes the use of office, laboratory or other business space in the Science and Technology Park Niš facility, with access to infrastructure, professional, and program services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, in accordance with the membership category and general acts of the Science and Technology Park Niš*),

and

1.2. **Virtual membership** (*membership that does not involve daily physical presence and use of one's own office space in the STP Niš facility, but rather access to infrastructure and professional services, use of common rooms, halls, laboratories, and other resources of STP Niš under preferential conditions, as well as access to events, support programs, networking, and other membership benefits, in accordance with the general acts of STP Niš*).



1.1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:

Based on the need to enable the growth and development of innovative ideas, teams, startups, technology development, and innovation companies and organizations, as well as scientific research and development centers, through infrastructural, expert, and program support, applicants belonging to the following categories can apply for regular membership in the Science and Technology Park Niš:

1.1.1.

STARTUPS

Startup companies are innovative business entities that develop new products, services, processes or technological solutions with the potential for rapid growth, development and entry into the domestic and international market. They are characterized by a high level of innovation, development uncertainty, the need for intensive development of the business model, product and market, as well as an orientation towards the use of modern technologies and knowledge.

In accordance with the degree of organizational, business and technological maturity, startup companies within STP Niš are classified into the following categories:

1.1.1.1.

Informal (startup) team or startup classified in the pre-incubation phase:

This membership category includes: informal startup teams, individuals, and early-stage startups that are in the initial stage of idea development.

The following can apply for the public call for this category:

- students and researchers developing an innovative idea;
- teams from faculties and research organizations;
- young entrepreneurs who are just developing their first product or service;
- individuals and informal teams who want to launch a startup;



- newly established business entities/startups that are in the initial phase of idea development.

1.1.1.2.

Startups in early development stages:

Early-stage startups are registered business entities that are in the initial phase of developing an innovative product, service or technological solution, that have completed the pre-incubation phase or already have an initial level of product development, proof of concept, MVP or first users, but are still in the phase of intensive business model development, market testing and establishing a sustainable business.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- micro and small businesses registered in the Republic of Serbia, with a registration date no more than 3 years prior to the date of application, which develop innovative products, services, processes or technological solutions, are in need of mentoring, infrastructure, program and advisory support for further product development and market access, or show potential for growth, employment and further technological development.

1.1.1.3.

Startups in the mature stage of development:

Startups in the mature stage of development are registered business entities that have passed the initial stages of product and business model development, have a developed product or service, achieved first revenues, users, or market validation, and are in the phase of stabilizing operations, expanding the team, improving organizational capacities, and more intensive market entry.



This category consists of startup companies that have moved beyond the initial phase of idea testing and MVP development, have a more clearly defined business model, and demonstrate the capacity for further growth, development, and commercialization of innovative solutions.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- micro and small businesses registered in the Republic of Serbia, with a registration date no more than 5 years prior to the date of application, which develop or commercialize innovative products, services, processes or technological solutions, have a developed product, first revenues, users or confirmed market potential, have a need for further growth, development of organizational and sales capacities, access to investments, internationalization of business and further technological development, as well as the potential for employment and business expansion.

1.1.1.4.

Growing innovative startup companies (scale-up):

Growing innovative startup companies (scale-up) are business entities that have successfully passed the early stages of startup development, have a developed and market-validated product or service, generate continuous revenue, and are in a phase of intensive growth, business expansion, development of organizational capacities and positioning on the domestic and international market.

This category consists of companies that have a more stable business model, developed sales and operational capacities, expanding teams, as well as significant potential for further growth in revenue, exports, investments and employment, along with the continuous development of innovative products, services or technologies.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- micro, small and medium-sized companies registered in the Republic of Serbia, with a registration date no more than 10 years prior to the date of application, which develop or commercialize innovative products, services, processes or technological solutions, have achieved business results, a developed product or service, active users and market presence, as well as the need for further accelerated growth, internationalization of business, access to investments, development of new products, strengthening of human and organizational capacities and expansion into new markets.



1.1.2.

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

Technology development organizations represent economic, scientific research, and professional entities that, through research, development, application of new technologies, knowledge transfer, and provision of specialized services, contribute to the development of innovative activities and strengthening the competitiveness of the economy.

In accordance with the nature of the activity, the degree of development and organizational maturity, as well as the role in the innovation ecosystem, technological and development organizations within the STP Niš are classified into the following categories:

1.1.2.1.

Development centers:

Development centers (R&D) are technological and development organizations and business entities that carry out research and development activities for new products, technologies, services and processes, with the aim of improving innovation, competitiveness and technological development, as well as creating new knowledge, solutions and commercially applicable technologies.

This category consists of domestic and foreign companies that have organized research and development capacities, development teams, or special research and development departments within their business, including companies that establish or develop their development centers, laboratories or technological units in the Science and Technology Park Niš.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- domestic and foreign companies, regardless of size and year of establishment, that perform or plan to perform research and development activities, develop innovative products, services, processes or technological solutions, have development, engineering or research teams, cooperate or plan to cooperate with scientific research organizations, faculties and the innovation ecosystem, and demonstrate the potential for developing high-tech capacities, employing highly educated personnel, transferring knowledge and increasing exports and technological competitiveness.



1.1.2.2.

Accredited scientific research organizations:

Accredited scientific research organizations are organizations that, in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Republic of Serbia, carry out scientific research, development, and innovation activities, with the aim of creating new knowledge, developing innovative technologies, products, services and processes, as well as their application and commercialization in cooperation with the economy and the innovation ecosystem.

This category consists of accredited scientific research organizations founded by the Republic of Serbia, as well as accredited scientific research organizations founded by universities or faculties founded by the Republic of Serbia, which conduct basic, applied, and developmental research, participate in national and international projects and possess research, laboratory, development and expert capacities of importance for the development of innovation and technological entrepreneurship.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- accredited scientific research organizations registered in the Republic of Serbia, founded by the Republic of Serbia or universities and faculties founded by the Republic of Serbia, which carry out scientific research and development activities, develop or participate in the development of innovative products, services, technologies and processes, cooperate or plan to cooperate with the economy, startups and the innovation ecosystem, participate in technology transfer programs, knowledge commercialization, human resources development and international cooperation, and demonstrate the potential to contribute to the development of high-tech capacities, innovation and a knowledge-based economy.

1.1.2.3.

Business development service providers in the fields defined by The Law on Innovation Activities:

Providers of business development services in the areas defined by the Law on Innovation Activity are legal entities and entrepreneurs who, through the provision of professional, advisory, administrative, financial, legal, technical and other specialized services, contribute to the development of innovation activity, technological entrepreneurship, startup ecosystems and the commercialization of innovations.

This category consists of entities that provide services of importance for the development of the innovation ecosystem, including administrative and accounting services, business and financial consulting, legal services in the field of intellectual property, PR and marketing services, HR and recruitment services, cyber-security, compliance and data protection consulting, as well as other



services aimed at supporting the development of innovation activities and technology-development companies.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- legal entities and entrepreneurs registered in the Republic of Serbia for at least 3 years before the application submission date, who have relevant professional experience in providing services to startups, innovative and technological development companies, scientific research organizations and other entities of the innovation ecosystem, have appropriate personnel, organizational and professional capacities, references and experience in the implementation of projects, advisory or specialized services, and demonstrate the potential to contribute to the development of the innovation ecosystem, knowledge transfer, commercialization of innovations and strengthening the competitiveness of STP Niš members with their activities.

1.1.2.4.

Business support partner organizations:

Business support partner organizations are organizations and institutions that, through their activities, resources, programs and partnership cooperation, contribute to the development of the innovation ecosystem, support for innovation activities, connecting science and industry, development of technological entrepreneurship, and implementation of activities of importance for the work and development of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

This category consists of organizations, institutions and other legal entities that, through cooperation with STP Niš, participate in the implementation of joint projects, programs, education, international cooperation activities, development of the innovation ecosystem, support for startups and technological development companies, as well as activities aimed at the development of a knowledge-based economy and technology transfer.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- legal entities registered in the Republic of Serbia or abroad, established at least 10 years before the date of application, which have experience in implementing projects, programs and activities in the field of innovation, technological development, entrepreneurship, international cooperation, support to the economy, education, scientific research or development cooperation, possess relevant organizational and professional capacities, have successfully implemented projects and partnerships behind them and show the potential to contribute to the development of the STP Niš and the innovation ecosystem of the Southern and Eastern Serbia region with their activities.



1.2. VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Virtual membership is a form of membership in the Science and Technology Park Niš intended for startups and technology development companies that do not need daily physical presence and use of their own office space in the STP Niš facility, but want to use the infrastructure, professional, program, and network capacities of the STP Niš.

Virtual members are provided with access to the infrastructure services of STP Niš, including the use of common rooms, halls, offices and laboratories under preferential conditions, access to events, support programs, networking, membership benefits, and other services in accordance with the general acts of STP Niš.

The following are eligible to participate in this category:

- startup companies in various stages of development;
- technological development companies;
- companies that develop innovative products, services, processes or technological solutions, and do not need to permanently use business space in STP Niš;
- companies that want access to support programs, mentoring, infrastructure, events, networking and other resources of STP Niš, without establishing a regular membership.

NOTE: All candidates applying for membership in the Science and Technology Park Niš, regardless of membership category, must meet the following general requirements:

- that their operations correspond to the purpose and goals of STP Niš, primarily in terms of innovation, technology transfer, development of new products and services, growth of competitiveness, increased exports and creation of new jobs;
- that their technical, spatial and logistical requirements correspond to the infrastructure and organizational capacities of STP Niš;
- to operate in accordance with the principles of social responsibility, gender equality, respect for the rights of persons with disabilities, and environmental protection;
- that there are no liquidation or bankruptcy proceedings against them, that they have not been issued with a permanent or temporary ban on carrying out their activities, and that they have settled their tax and contribution obligations; and
- to have a positive operating performance in the last three years, if they were registered during that period.

Additionally, all candidates who are accepted into membership of STP Niš are obligated, in accordance with the membership category and applicable regulations:



- register the headquarters, branch or other appropriate organizational unit at the address of the Science and Technology Park Niš, Aleksandra Medvedeva 2a, Niš;
- are entered in the Register of Entities of the National Innovation System, taking into account that the Innovation Fund, in cooperation with the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation and the Office for Information Technologies and Electronic Governance, has established an integrated information system “eInovacije”, as a unique platform for supporting the development and monitoring of the innovation ecosystem of the Republic of Serbia.

2. Service package and method of use

In accordance with the membership category, the level of organizational, business, and technological maturity of members, as well as the needs for developing innovative activities, the Science and Technology Park Niš makes various packages of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services available to its members.

The scope, structure, method of use, duration of membership, space capacities, membership fees, as well as the rights and obligations of members, differ depending on the membership category and the type of support provided through the STP Niš membership system.

STP Niš services include, among other things, the use of office and shared space, access to infrastructure and technical resources, support programs, education, mentoring, networking, international cooperation, advisory and consulting services, as well as other activities aimed at developing innovation, technological entrepreneurship, technology transfer and strengthening the competitiveness of members.

The types of services and the conditions of their use, by individual membership categories, are defined below in this Public Invitation.



2.1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:

2.1.1. STARTUPS

2.1.1.1.

Informal (startup) team or startup classified in the pre-incubation phase:

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for informal startup teams and startups classified in the pre-incubation phase, is put into use for a period of 6 (six) months.

The pre-incubation phase aims to support the development of an innovative idea, define the initial business model, develop the product from idea to proof of concept, as well as prepare teams for further development and transition to the next phase of membership in STP Niš.

During the pre-incubation period, informal teams and startups will be able to use the STP Niš co-working space free of charge, in accordance with available capacities, participate in STP Niš events and programs, have the right to consultations with the STP Niš expert team, as well as participate in the “Niš Startup School” program.

Teams and startups in the pre-incubation phase are required to actively participate in the program, develop a Lean Canvas and proof of concept, prepare a pitch presentation, and apply for at least one support program for business beginners, in cooperation with the expert team of STP Niš.

B) Membership fee and related costs

For teams and startups that actively participate in the program and fulfill their commitments during the pre-incubation period, the use of pre-incubation services is free of charge.

In the event that the team or startup fails to fulfill its obligations, fails to achieve the minimum level of activity and progress stipulated by the program, or fails to actively participate in the implementation of pre-incubation activities, it will be considered that the conditions for free use of services have not been met. In such a case, the team or startup will be obligated to reimburse the costs of the pre-incubation program in the amount of EUR 1,000.00 net, in the dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing.

C) Infrastructure services

- Free access to the Startup Center (coworking space) of STP Niš (according to available capacities) for a period of 6 months;



- Access to technical and research infrastructure and technical resources in accordance with available capacities.

D) Professional services

- **Support in the development of value proposition and Lean methodology**
 - defining the problem to be solved,
 - identification of target users,
 - value proposition development,
 - application of Lean Startup methodology,
 - working on the Lean Canvas model.
- **Support in early testing and validation**
 - defining and testing key hypotheses,
 - preparation of interviews and customer discovery processes,
 - testing problems and user needs,
 - initial market interest check,
 - support in PoC development.
- **Mentoring and expert support**
 - individual consultations with the STP Niš team,
 - mentoring support in the field of startup development,
 - support in making early business and product decisions,
 - guidance to relevant resources and partners.
- **Support in preparation for financing**
 - preparation for early support programs and grants,
 - support in preparing application documentation,
 - support in preparing a pitch deck,
 - consultations for programs such as Smart Start, Raising Starts, StarTech, and relevant EU programs.
- **Networking and integration into the startup ecosystem**
 - access to the STP Niš community,
 - connecting with companies, mentors, and partners,
 - participation in startup events, meetups, and networking activities,
 - connecting with student organizations, faculties, and regional partners.
- **Assessing progress and preparing for the transition to the next phase**
 - formal assessment of team and concept maturity,
 - evaluation of development during the program,
 - recommendation for entering the Launcher program,
 - defining the next steps of development.



- **Promotion and visibility**
 - Organization and participation in conferences, events and presentations,
 - Promotional activities at national and international level.

2.1.1.2.

Early-stage startups

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program, and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for startup companies classified as startups in the early stage of development, is available for use for a period of up to 24 (twenty-four) months.

The early development phase aims to support startups in product development from proof of concept to prototype, defining and testing the business model, market validation, as well as preparing for access to support programs, investors, and further growth of the company.

During the membership period, startup companies in the early stages of development will be able to use the space and infrastructure capacities of STP Niš, in accordance with available capacities, the right to consultations with the STP Niš expert team, access to common rooms, halls, offices and laboratories, as well as participation in events, trainings and support programs of STP Niš.

Startup companies at this stage have the right and obligation to participate in the "Niš Innovation School" program, and if necessary, in the "Niš Startup School" program, if they have not passed the pre-incubation phase. They are also obligated to actively participate in support programs, develop pitch decks, prepare applications for available financial and development support programs, and participate in internal events of STP Niš.

The evaluation of startup companies in the early stage of development is carried out before the 12th and 24th months of membership, in order to assess progress, level of development and conditions for moving to the next phase of membership in STP Niš.



B) Membership fee and related costs

A startup company classified as an early-stage startup in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and related costs.

The membership fee for early-stage startups is:

- 2.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use as part of the membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, during the first 12 months of the contract;
- 4.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use as part of the membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, during the second 12 months of the contract.

In addition to the membership fee, the STP Niš member also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee.

C) Infrastructure services

- Office space of various capacities;
- Use of shared infrastructure (meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms, common areas);
- Access to technical and research infrastructure and technical resources in accordance with available capacities.

D) Professional services

• **Launcher accelerator program and structured development of startups**

- a structured set of thematic modules focused on validating the problem of shaping a clear value proposition,
- mentoring support and individual consultations from the business and technology spheres with specific guidelines for overcoming challenges, optimizing strategy and improving products,
- development roadmap and KPI framework,
- monitoring progress through development phases,
- work on technical and business validation,
- support in planning the next steps of development.
- possibility of financial support up to 1,400,000.00 dinars.



- **Mentoring and expert support**
 - connecting startups with mentors from industry, academia and the startup ecosystem,
 - support in making business, technological and product decisions,
 - guidance in product development, business model and go-to-market strategy,
 - individual consultations according to the specific challenges of the team.
- **Practical work through training and bootcamp programs**
 - hands-on workshops and specialized trainings,
 - working on real challenges of your own startup,
 - practical application of tools and methodologies,
 - expert support in defining the next steps of development.
- **Support in internationalization**
 - connecting with international partners and investors,
 - participation in international programs, projects and startup networks,
 - support for participation in conferences, fairs and B2B events,
 - inclusion in international cooperation and exchange programs.
- **Founder community and visibility in the ecosystem**
 - community formats and networking activities,
 - connecting founders with mentors, partners and investors,
 - inclusion in the startup community of STP Niš,
 - participation in meetups, showcase events and ecosystem activities.
- **Promotion and visibility**
 - Organization and participation in conferences, events and presentations,
 - Support in positioning companies in the innovation ecosystem,
 - Promotional activities at national and international level.
- **Other services**
 - Access to support programs within the STP Niš ecosystem (startup programs, digital transformation, technology transfer, GovTech initiatives),
 - Legal and administrative services,
 - Other services in accordance with user needs and capacities of STP Niš.



2.1.1.3.

Startups in the mature stage of development

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program, and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for startup companies classified as startups in the mature stage of development, is available for use for a period of up to 24 (twenty-four) months.

The mature stage of a startup's development is the period in which the company has passed the initial development and testing phase of the business idea, developed a prototype and started building a market presence, with an established organization, team and first market results. The goal of this phase is to further develop the product to the level of an MVP or commercially viable solution, improve its market position, scale the business and prepare for investments and entering new markets.

During the membership period, startup companies in the mature stage of development will be able to use the space and infrastructure capacities of STP Niš, in accordance with available capacities, the right to consultations with the STP Niš expert team, access to common rooms, halls, offices and laboratories, as well as participation in trainings, support programs and events of STP Niš.

Startup companies in this phase are required to participate in the “Niš Innovation School” program, in the amount of at least 50% of the modules, in accordance with the selection of the member and/or the recommendation of the STP Niš Expert Team. They are also required to actively work on developing MVPs, improving products, developing market traction, preparing applications for support programs, and establishing contacts with investors.

STP Niš will, in accordance with available opportunities, also provide support in accessing talent, as well as a business and/or technology mentor for startup companies in the mature stage of development, with the aim of further strengthening the business and technological capacities of members.

The evaluation of startup companies in the mature stage of development is carried out during the 12th and 24th months of membership, in order to assess progress, level of development, and conditions for moving to the next category of membership in STP Niš.

B) Membership fee and related costs

A startup company classified as a startup in a mature stage of development in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and related costs.



The membership fee for startups in the mature stage of development is:

- 6.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use as part of the membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, during the first 12 months of the contract;
- 8.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use as part of the membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, during the second 12 months of the contract.

In addition to the membership fee, a member of STP Niš also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee.

C) Infrastructure services

- Office space of various capacities,
- Use of shared infrastructure (meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms, common areas),
- Access to technical and research infrastructure and technical resources in accordance with available capacities.

D) Professional services

- **Mentoring and expert consultations**
 - access to mentoring and expert support through the STP Niš network,
 - support according to the specific needs of the team,
 - working with experts in line with the challenges in the further development of the startup.
- **Education, training and bootcamps**
 - practical bootcamp programs,
 - thematic workshops for startups in the mature stage of development,
 - content tailored to the real needs of teams,
 - applicable knowledge focused on the growth and development of startups.
- **Investment readiness and access to investors**
 - support in preparing for talks with investors,
 - working on the pitch deck,
 - working on a financial model,
 - understanding the capital raising process.
- **Corporate matchmaking**
 - support in identifying corporate partners,
 - preparation for meetings with companies,



- improving presentation skills,
- connecting with potential customers and partners.

- **Technological resources for product development**
 - access to technological resources,
 - access to cloud credits,
 - access to development tools and infrastructure,
 - support for product development, testing and technical implementation.

- **Legal advisory and administrative support**
 - advisory support on legal and regulatory topics,
 - support in business relations,
 - support in the field of intellectual property,
 - support in the areas of compliance, investment, team and international business.

- **Support in internationalization**
 - support for startups that want to explore foreign markets,
 - preparation for international fairs, conferences and B2B events,
 - analysis and preparation for entering the international market,
 - connecting with relevant partners.

- **Support in accessing talent**
 - connecting with young talents, students and interns,
 - connecting with partner institutions,
 - participation in career events and internship fairs,
 - activities aimed at team development.

- **Startup community and networking**
 - access to the STP Niš startup community,
 - meetup events and networking activities,
 - exchange of experiences with other teams,
 - development of relevant contacts and partnerships.

- **Promotion and visibility**
 - Organization and participation in conferences, events and presentations,
 - Support in positioning companies in the innovation ecosystem,
 - Promotional activities at national and international level.

- **Other services**
 - Access to support programs within the STP Niš ecosystem (startup programs, Digital transformation, technology transfer),
 - Legal and administrative services,
 - Other services in accordance with user needs and capacities of STP Niš.



2.1.1.4.

Growing innovative startup companies (Scale-up)

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for growing innovative startup companies (scale-up), is put into use for a period of 3 (three) years, with the possibility of extending membership and the contract for an additional period of up to 2 (two) years, in accordance with the results of the evaluation, the level of development of the member, the fulfillment of contractual obligations and the needs of further development of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

The *Scale-up* phase represents a period of accelerated growth and expansion of the company, in which the business model is already established, the company generates stable revenues and has a developed organizational structure, while the focus is on further expansion of the business, development of new products and services, increasing market share and entering new markets.

During the membership period, growing innovative startup companies will be able to use the infrastructure, technical, programmatic and expert capacities of STP Niš, in accordance with the available spatial and organizational capabilities, all with the aim of supporting the further growth and development of the company, strengthening organizational and operational capacities, accessing new markets, attracting investments and developing new technological solutions.

Scale-up companies have the right to participate in STP Niš programs, trainings and events, access to infrastructure services, common rooms, halls, offices and laboratories, as well as support in accessing talent through STP Niš's cooperation with faculties and student organizations of the University of Niš.

Growing innovative startup companies are obligated to actively participate in the STP Niš community, exchange knowledge, experiences and resources with other members, as well as to participate in the "Niš Innovation School" program in the amount of at least 25% of the modules, in accordance with the member's choice and/or the recommendation of the STP Niš Expert Team.

The evaluation of a member of the STP Niš who is in the scale-up phase is carried out once a year, i.e. before the expiration of the 12th, 24th and 36th months of membership, in order to assess progress, the level of development and fulfillment of the conditions for continued membership.

B) Membership fee and related costs

A company classified as a growing innovative startup company (scale-up) in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and related costs.



The membership fee for the scale-up phase is:

- 9.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use as part of the membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing.

The space made available to the member may be furnished or unfurnished, in accordance with the available capacities and capabilities of STP Niš, as well as the needs of the member.

In addition to the membership fee, a member of STP Niš also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee.

C) Infrastructure services

- Office space of various capacities,
- Use of shared infrastructure (meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms, common areas),
- Access to technical and research infrastructure and technical resources in accordance with available capacities.

D) Professional services

- **Mentoring and expert consultations**
 - access to mentoring and expert support through the STP Niš network,
 - support in accordance with the specific needs of the company,
 - working with experts in line with the challenges in the scaling phase.
- **Advanced education, training and bootcamps**
 - practical bootcamp programs,
 - thematic workshops for scale-up companies,
 - content adapted to a more advanced stage of development,
 - applicable knowledge for business growth and expansion.
- **Investment readiness and access to investors**
 - support in preparation for more advanced investment processes,
 - preparation for discussions with funds and strategic investors,
 - work on investment readiness,
 - working on data structure, finances and presentation,
 - preparation for the due diligence process.



- **Corporate matchmaking and strategic partnerships**
 - connecting with corporations and larger clients,
 - connecting with industry partners and organizations,
 - support in the development of corporate cooperation,
 - identifying partnerships that can support the company's further growth.
- **Technological resources for product development**
 - access to technological resources,
 - access to cloud credits,
 - access to development tools and infrastructure,
 - support for product development, testing, and technical implementation.
- **Legal advisory and administrative support**
 - advisory support on legal and regulatory topics,
 - support in business relations,
 - support in the field of intellectual property,
 - support in the areas of compliance, investment, team, and international business.
- **Support for international performance and internationalization**
 - support for companies planning to enter or expand into foreign markets,
 - analysis and preparation for international performance,
 - connecting with relevant partners,
 - support for participation in B2B meetings, conferences and market activities.
- **Support in accessing talent**
 - connecting with young talents, students and interns,
 - connecting with partner institutions,
 - participation in career events and internship fairs,
 - activities aimed at developing and expanding the team.
- **Community and networking**
 - access to the startup and scale-up community of STP Niš,
 - meetup events and networking activities,
 - exchange of experiences with other companies,
 - development of relevant contacts and partnerships.
- **Promotion and visibility**
 - Organization and participation in conferences, events and presentations,
 - Support in positioning companies in the innovation ecosystem,
 - Promotional activities at national and international level.



- **Other services**
 - Access to support programs within the STP Niš ecosystem (startup programs, digital transformation, technology transfer),
 - Legal and administrative services,
 - Other services in accordance with user needs and capacities of STP Niš.

2.1.2.

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS

2.1.2.1.

Development centers

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for members classified as development centers (R&D), is made available for use for a period of 3 (three) years, with the possibility of extending membership and the contract for an additional period of up to 2 (two) years, in accordance with the results of the evaluation, the level of development of the member, the fulfillment of contractual obligations and the needs of further development of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

During the membership period, development centers will be able to use the infrastructure, technical, program and professional capacities of STP Niš, in accordance with the available spatial and organizational capabilities, all with the aim of supporting research and development activities, the development of new products, services and technologies, knowledge transfer, cooperation with scientific research organizations and strengthening the technological and innovation capacities of members.

B) Membership fee and related costs

A company classified as a development center in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and related costs.

The membership fee for development centers is:

- 10.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that a member receives for use as part of their membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, for unfurnished space;
- 14.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, if



STP Niš, in accordance with available capacities and possibilities, makes furnished space available to the member.

In addition to the membership fee, a member of STP Niš also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee.

C) Infrastructure services

- Office space of various capacities,
- Use of shared infrastructure (meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms, common areas),
- Access to technical and research infrastructure and technical resources in accordance with available capacities.

D) Professional services

- **Mentoring and expert support for technological development**
 - Mentoring and expert support in the field of industry and business development,
 - Mentoring and expert support in making technological and strategic decisions in the process of developing products and services.
- **Soft Landing and support for establishing R&D operations**
 - Support to companies in the process of starting a business or expanding research and development activities in Niš,
 - Support in establishing operations, long-term integration into the regional innovation ecosystem,
 - Local ecosystem analysis, business planning, space provision and team building support, while connecting with academic and industrial partners.
 - Enabling inclusion in other STP Niš programs of interest, developing partnerships, accessing projects and funding sources, as well as positioning the company for further scaling at the regional and international levels.
- **Human resource development services and cooperation with the academic sector**
 - Support in attracting and developing a pool of engineering and research personnel,
 - Connecting with the academic community and other scientific research organizations,
 - Providing opportunities for the development and implementation of joint projects, laboratories and industrial PhD programs.



- **Education and capacity building**
 - Organization and implementation of training, coaching and development programs according to user needs,
 - Strengthening companies' internal capacities for growth and scaling.
- **Networking, partnerships and pilot projects**
 - Connecting with companies, startups and industry partners,
 - Engaging in technological challenges (open innovation) and pilot projects,
 - Support in testing and demonstrating solutions in a real environment.
- **Support in internationalization**
 - Providing opportunities to connect with international partners, investors and networks,
 - Strengthening capacity to compete in the global market.
- **Promotion and visibility**
 - Organization and participation in conferences, events and presentations,
 - Support in positioning companies in the innovation ecosystem,
 - Promotional activities at national and international level.
- **Other services**
 - Access to support programs within the STP Niš ecosystem (startup programs, digital transformation, technology transfer),
 - Legal and administrative services,
 - Other services in accordance with user needs and capacities of STP Niš.

2.1.2.2.

Accredited scientific research organizations

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for accredited scientific research organizations, is put into use for a period of 3 (three) years, with the possibility of extending membership and the contract for an additional period of up to 2 (two) years, in accordance with the results of the evaluation, the level of development of the member, the fulfillment of contractual obligations and the needs of further development of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

Accredited scientific research organizations within the framework of membership operate under the conditions applicable to development centers (R&D), including rights, obligations, duration of membership, method of evaluation, and use of the space and services of STP Niš.

During the membership period, accredited scientific research organizations will be able to use the



infrastructure, technical, program and professional capacities of STP Niš, in accordance with the available spatial and organizational capabilities, all with the aim of supporting research and development activities, strengthening cooperation between science and industry, transferring knowledge and technologies, implementing joint projects and developing new laboratories, startups, and spin-off companies.

The main goal of including accredited scientific research organizations in the membership of the STP Niš is to strengthen the research and innovation potential of the Southern and Eastern Serbia Region, improve cooperation between scientific research institutions and the economy, and create conditions for more efficient commercialization of knowledge and technologies.

B) Membership fee and related costs

An accredited scientific research organization in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays membership fees and related costs in accordance with the conditions applicable to development centers (R&D), with approval for a 50% reduction in membership fees, taking into account that the founders of these organizations are the Republic of Serbia, universities or faculties founded by the Republic of Serbia.

Membership fee for accredited scientific research organizations (with a 50% discount) amounts to:

- 5.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that a member receives for use as part of their membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, for unfurnished space;
- 7.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, if STP Niš, in accordance with available capacities and possibilities, makes furnished space available to the member.

In addition to the membership fee, a member of STP Niš also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee.

Note: The 50% reduction applies exclusively to the membership fee, while related costs are paid in full, without the right to a reduction.

C) Infrastructure services

- Office space of various capacities,
- Use of shared infrastructure (meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms, common areas),
- Access to technical and research infrastructure and technical resources in accordance with available capacities.



D) Professional services

- **Support in cooperation with the economy and startup ecosystem**
 - connecting with companies, startups and development centers,
 - involving researchers in cooperation with industry,
 - development of joint projects and initiatives,
 - connecting with STP Niš support programs.
- **Support for the development of joint laboratories and research capacities**
 - support in establishing joint laboratories,
 - development of research infrastructure,
 - connecting with partner organizations,
 - support for industrial and applied research.
- **Support for technology transfer and commercialization of research**
 - support in connecting research with market needs,
 - inclusion in technology transfer programs,
 - support for the commercialization of research results,
 - support for the development of startup and spin-off initiatives.
- **Support in the implementation of joint projects**
 - concluding agreements on the implementation of joint projects,
 - the possibility of using the infrastructure capacities of STP Niš free of charge within the framework of project activities,
 - support in the development of project partnerships,
 - connecting with domestic and international project initiatives.
- **Support for the establishment of accredited NIO offices in STP Niš**
 - providing soft-landing services for establishing an office of accredited NIOs in STP Niš,
 - integration of research teams into the STP Niš ecosystem.
- **Support in internationalization and project networking**
 - connecting with international partners and networks,
 - inclusion in EU and international projects,
 - developing cooperation with research and industrial partners,
 - support in the development of international consortia.
- **Visibility and positioning in the innovation ecosystem**
 - involvement in the activities and events of STP Niš,
 - presentation of research capacities and projects,
 - connecting with companies, startups and institutions,
 - promotion of scientific research activities and results.



2.1.2.3.

Business development service providers from the areas defined by the Law on Innovation Activities

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for providers of business development services in the areas defined by the Law on Innovation Activity, is put into use for a period of 3 (three) years, with the possibility of extending membership and contracts for an additional period of up to 2 (two) years, in accordance with the results of the evaluation, the level of development of the member, the fulfillment of contractual obligations and the needs of further development of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

The category of business development service providers may include entities that provide services in the field of administrative and accounting services, business and financial consulting, services related to intellectual property rights, as well as other services aimed at the development of innovative activities.

The same rules that apply to development centers (R&D) apply to this category of membership in terms of the duration of membership, evaluation methods, use of space, infrastructure capacities, membership fees, and the obligation to pay related costs.

B) Membership fee and related costs

A member classified as a business development service provider in the areas defined by the Law on Innovation Activities in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and related costs.

The membership fee for this membership category is:

- 10.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that a member receives for use as part of their membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, for unfurnished space;
- 14.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, if STP Niš, in accordance with available capacities and possibilities, makes furnished space available to the member.

In addition to the membership fee, a member of STP Niš also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee.



C) Infrastructure and administrative services

- access to office space in accordance with available capacities,
- use of the shared infrastructure of STP Niš,
- access to meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms,
- use of common premises and accompanying infrastructure capacities,
- administrative support within the membership.

Note: Business development service providers are not entitled to use the professional services that STP Niš provides to its members, except for general infrastructure and administrative services that are an integral part of membership. On the other hand, members classified in this category are obligated, in accordance with the agreement with the expert team of the Science and Technology Park Niš, hold up to 12 workshops, training, education, consultations or other forms of professional support per year, lasting at least 2 hours per activity, in their field of expertise, for the needs of members of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

The main goal of including business development service providers in the membership of the Science and Technology Park Niš is to provide members of the Science and Technology Park with access to high-quality expertise and specialized services that are important for their growth and development. Members classified in this category are expected to contribute, through active participation in the work of the community, to strengthening the competencies of other members, improving the business of startups and technology development companies, as well as developing a culture of knowledge and experience exchange within the Science and Technology Park Niš. In this way, business development service providers represent an important part of the innovation ecosystem and additional support for achieving the goals of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

2.1.1.2.3.

Business support partner organizations

A) Service package and period of use

The package of infrastructure, expert, advisory, program and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for partner organizations for business support, is put into use for a period of 3 (three) years, with the possibility of extending membership and contracts for an additional period of up to 2 (two) years, in accordance with the results of the evaluation, the level of development of the member, the fulfillment of contractual obligations and the needs of further development of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

The category of business support partner organizations can include institutions, organizations and associations that, through their activities, contribute to the development of innovation, technological entrepreneurship, business internationalization, access to financing, human resource development, education, employment, export, regional development and strengthening the competitiveness of the economy.



Members classified in this category must have relevant experience in implementing projects, programs and activities of importance for the development of the economy, innovation and entrepreneurship, as well as the capacity to contribute through their work to the achievement of the goals of the Science and Technology Park Niš and the development of the innovation ecosystem of the Southern and Eastern Serbia Region.

The same rules that apply to development centers (R&D) apply to this category of membership in terms of the duration of membership, evaluation methods, use of space, infrastructure capacities, membership fees, and the obligation to pay related costs.

B) Membership fee and related costs

A company classified as a development center in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and other costs. A member classified as a business support partner organization in the Science and Technology Park Niš pays a membership fee and related costs.

The membership fee for this membership category is:

- EUR 10.00 excluding VAT per m² of space that a member receives for use as part of their membership, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, for unfurnished space;
- 14.00 euros excluding VAT per m² of space that the member receives for use, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the date of invoicing, if STP Niš, in accordance with available capacities and possibilities, makes furnished space available to the member.

In addition to the membership fee, a member of STP Niš also pays related costs, which consist of:

- costs of own space;
- proportional participation in the common costs of the complex;
- any additional services that go beyond the standard package of services included in the membership fee and related.

C) Infrastructure and administrative services

- access to office space in accordance with available capacities,
- use of the shared infrastructure of STP Niš,
- access to meeting rooms, conference and presentation rooms,
- use of common premises and accompanying infrastructure capacities,
- administrative support within the membership.



Note: During the membership period, partner organizations will be allowed to use the infrastructure and administrative capacities of STP Niš for business support, in accordance with the available spatial and organizational capabilities. Members classified in this category are not entitled to use the professional services that STP Niš provides to its members, except for general infrastructure and administrative services that are an integral part of membership.

Business support partner organizations are obligated to actively contribute to the development of STP Niš and its members during their membership through the implementation of joint activities, inclusion in support programs, connecting STP Niš members with domestic and international partners, participation in the organization of events, providing support in the preparation and implementation of projects, as well as through other activities important for the development of the innovation ecosystem.

The main goal of including business support partner organizations in the membership of STP Niš is to create a wider network of relevant stakeholders that can contribute to the development of STP Niš members, strengthening international cooperation, access to new markets, sources of financing, projects and expertise.

2.2. VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP

A) Service package and period of use

A package of expert, advisory, program, educational and other services of the Science and Technology Park Niš, intended for virtual members, is put into use for a period of 3 (three) years, with the possibility of extending membership and contract, in accordance with the results of the evaluation, fulfillment of contractual obligations and the needs of further development of STP Niš.

Virtual members of STP Niš can be startup companies and technology-development companies that meet the conditions defined by the Business Model and the Public Call for Membership, but do not use business space within the STP Niš complex as regular members.

During the virtual membership period, members will be able to use all professional, consulting, educational and program services of STP Niš, in accordance with the category they are classified in (startup or technology development company), as well as access to support programs, education, training, networking, promotion, connections with scientific research and higher education organizations, access to talent, and other forms of support for the development of innovation activities.

Participation of virtual members in programs, trainings, education and other program activities of STP Niš is free of charge and included in the membership fee.

Virtual members do not have the right to use business space within the STP Niš complex in terms of the allocation of office space for permanent use, but they have the right to use meeting rooms, presentation rooms and common rooms, in free times and with prior approval of STP Niš, under preferential conditions, i.e. with a 30% discount compared to the valid STP Niš Price List.

The main goal of virtual membership is to provide access to the professional and program capacities of www.ntp.rs





STP Niš to companies that do not need permanent use of business space, but want to actively participate in the development of the innovation ecosystem, use support programs, develop their products and services, connect with partners and participate in STP Niš activities.

B) Membership fee and related costs

A virtual member of the STP Niš pays a membership fee depending on the category of business entity in which it is classified. The membership fee is calculated in euros, in dinar equivalent at the middle exchange rate of the National Bank of Serbia on the day of invoicing.

The virtual membership fee is:

- 30.00 euros per month excluding VAT for startup companies;
- 50.00 euros per month excluding VAT for micro and small businesses;
- 100.00 euros per month excluding VAT for medium-sized companies;
- 250.00 euros per month excluding VAT for large companies.

The membership fee includes the right to use consulting, educational, program and other services of STP Niš, in accordance with the membership category, as well as the right to participate in support programs, trainings, education and other activities of STP Niš.

Services for using meeting rooms, presentation rooms and other common areas are invoiced separately, in accordance with the valid Price List of STP Niš, with a 30% discount compared to the full price of the service. Park Niš pays the membership fee and related costs.

2.3. ADDITIONAL NOTE:

- All prices of membership fees, fees and other costs defined in this Public Call represent starting values determined on the basis of market analysis, existing operating costs, comparative practices of other science and technology parks and an assessment of the sustainability of the operations of the Science and Technology Park Niš. The stated prices will be applied from the moment of signing the Agreement. For the sake of predictability of the operations of members and users, the possibility of annual adjustment of prices to the growth of retail prices, i.e. to relevant indicators of inflation and operating costs, is determined. In this regard, a Price List of Services of the Science and Technology Park Niš will be adopted for each subsequent calendar year, regardless of whether there is a change in the existing prices or not. In cases of significant market disruptions, increased operating costs, liquidity disruptions or other circumstances that may affect the sustainability of STP Niš's operations, STP Niš may adjust prices by up to 25% compared to the current Price List, of which STP Niš is obligated to promptly notify members and service users.



- The price of other specialized, consulting and additional services that are not included in the basic package of services will be negotiated separately, in accordance with the needs of the member and the valid Price List of STP Niš.
- Of the total available space capacities of the STP Niš, distributed on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors of the building, up to 70% of the available space will be made available through this public call. Exceptionally, in the case of a large number of exceptionally high-quality applications from technological development companies and development centers, the Application Evaluation Commission may propose that up to 80% of the available space capacities be made available.
- Within the available space capacities, the categories "Partner organizations for business support" and "Providers of business development services in the areas defined by the Law on Innovation Activity" may together occupy a maximum of 10% of the total available space capacities of STP Niš, taking into account their function of supporting the development of the innovation ecosystem, startup companies and technological development members of STP Niš.
- The office space will be allocated successively, in accordance with the available spatial units of the complex, technical and infrastructure capacities, as well as the needs of the members. The maximum square footage that can be given to one member for use at the end of the contract period is limited to a maximum of 10 m² of office space per employee.

3. How to apply, required documentation and deadlines

3.1. The application for membership in the Science and Technology Park Niš is submitted on the form defined by this Public Call by categories:

3.1.1. Regular membership:

3.1.1.2. Startups

- 3.1.1.2.1. [Informal \(startup\) team or startup classified in the pre-incubation phase;](#)
- 3.1.1.2.2. [Startups in early development stages;](#)
- 3.1.1.2.3. [Startups in the mature stage of development;](#)
- 3.1.1.2.4. [Growing innovative startup companies \(scale-up\);](#)



3.1.1.2. Technology development organizations;

- 3.1.1.1.1. [Development centers;](#)
- 3.1.1.1.2. [Accredited scientific research organizations;](#)
- 3.1.1.1.3. [Business development service providers in the fields defined by the Law on Innovation Activities;](#)
- 3.1.1.1.4. [Business support partner organizations;](#)

3.1.2. Virtual membership:

- 3.1.2.1. [Startups;](#)
- 3.1.2.2. [Technology development companies.](#)

3.2. STP Niš reserves the right to subsequently request additional clarifications of the submitted documentation.

3.3. All data provided in the forms and documents submitted to the Public Call will be treated as strictly confidential, with the exception of data that is publicly available.

3.4. All incomplete and untimely applications will not be considered, or will be considered in the next round.

3.5. Applications for participation in the Public Call are submitted in electronic form. Electronic application is made via email address publiccall@ntp.rs All information regarding registration can be found at the internet address www.ntp.rs, where application forms can also be downloaded in electronic and written form. Interested parties can send questions regarding the public call to the email address publiccall@ntp.rs.

3.6. Duration of the Competition

The competition for admission of members defined by this Public Call is permanently open from the date of announcement. Decisions on received applications will be made until the capacity is filled. The date of the first decision on received applications is defined in point 3.7, and subsequent decisions will be made as needed.

If a candidate who meets all the conditions for signing the Contract withdraws from the application, or does not proceed to conclude the Contract within the stipulated period of 15 days, the capacities will be filled by the next candidate from the ranking list.



3.7. Deadline for submitting program applications

The competition was announced on May 13, 2026. The first cut-off of received applications will be made on June 12, 2026, after which a session of the Commission for the admission of new members will be organized. After the end of the first cut-off, in the event that the planned capacities are not filled, the competition remains open, and the cut-off and evaluation of applications will be organized as needed.

4. Evaluation process

4.1. The evaluation of received applications will be carried out by an expert committee appointed by the STP Niš.

The decision on the results of the Public Call will be published on the official website of the STP Niš. The statutory deadline for appealing the decision of the STP Niš is 8 days from the date of publication of the competition results. The appeal is submitted to the STP Niš:

- in writing to the address: Science and Technology Park Niš Ltd. Niš, Aleksandra Medvedeva 2a, 18104 Niš, with the indication "Appeal against the results of the Public Call for Membership in STP Niš", or
- electronically to the address: publiccall@ntp.rs with the subject "Appeal against the results of the Public Call for Membership in STP Niš"

Information and questions regarding the Public Invitation can be obtained by sending an inquiry to the address publiccall@ntp.rs

4.2. When considering and evaluating the applications received, the Expert Committee of the Science and Technology Park Niš will assess the candidates based on the fulfillment of formal requirements, the quality and development potential of the application, as well as compliance with the goals and purpose of the Science and Technology Park Niš.

The assessment process will include:

- checking the administrative correctness and completeness of documentation;
- assessment of the compliance of the candidate's program, products, services or business model with the goals, mission and activities of STP Niš;
- assessment of the degree of innovation, technological and market potential, as well as the value and development prospects of a product, service or company;
- a mandatory interview with candidates, which will be organized and held in the premises of the Science and Technology Park Niš, for the purpose of introducing the candidate, further clarifying the application and assessing the candidate's development, organizational and business capacities;
- Ranking of candidates in accordance with the evaluation criteria defined in this Public Call.