SOFIA TECH PARK

Home of **innovations**

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KEY ASPECTS

Sofia Tech Park is a 100% state owned high-priority government and EU-driven project, designed to advance research, innovation and technology growth in Bulgaria.

EUROPEAN UNION
EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Total investments in project until 2018 (phase 1 + phase 2) € 47+ M Euro by two Operative programs of the European Commission and by the Bulgarian Government.

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME
INNOVATIONS AND COMPETITIVENESS

City of Sofia - highest potential and concentration of universities, researchers, start-up businesses, NGOs, local and international R&D companies.

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€ 47M+
Invested until 2018

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MISSION

Sofia Tech Park is the first science and technology park in Bulgaria, established in 2015 to be a platform for exchange of knowledge and ideas between the academic field, the business, the government and the society.

The **mission** is to enhance the whole ecosystem by providing world-class know-how, networking and new technologies by supporting developing companies.

STP **partners** with leading universities, business clusters, big BG & international companies, City of Sofia, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Economy, Bulgarian Investment Agency, VCs, banks and state and non-governmental institutions.

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OVERVIEW

Focus areas	ICT	Smart Cities, Blockchain, AI, IoT, Big Data, Mobility
	Life Sciences	Biotech, MedTech, Health-Tech, Food-Tech, Agri-Tech
	Clear Energy	Power Technologies, Green energy
Infrastructure	Laboratory complex	11 High-Tech laboratories
	Innovation forum	More than 120 events, annually
	Incubator	Startup development programs, co-working spaces, startup ecosystem
	Museum / Experimentarium	Interactive space for children - TechnoMagic Land
	Sport Complex	4 Tennis courts, 2 multifunctional playgrounds and a gym in a green and relaxing environment

In 2019
at Sofia Tech Park

BOSCH

Engineering center for automotive software development.

THE WORLD BANK

Shared Services Center

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Operations launched

PARTNERS

BOSCH

Microsoft

SAMSUNG

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TechTour

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Achievement
A Member of JA Worldwide
Bulgaria

CLEANTECH
BULGARIA

WALLTOPIA
climbing walls

FULBRIGHT

Fraunhofer

NEVEQ
new europe venture equity

SOFIA
TECHPARK

ARC
ACADEMY

WORLD BANK GROUP

Coca-Cola

INCUBATOR

Situated in the northeast part of Sofia Tech Park, the Incubator includes approximately 6,200 square meters of office space designed for startup companies that develop innovative products within the three major focal areas of the Science and Technology Park:

- Information and Communication Technologies,
- Life Sciences, and
- Green Energy.

5,200 m²
office space customized for tech&startup companies

24
high-tech companies, including
21 startups

INCUBATOR

- STARTUPS IN INCUBATION PROGRAMS
- WORKSHOPS
- HACKATONS
- ACCELERATION PROGRAMS
- PRODUCT PRESENTATIONS
- PITCHDAYS
- INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Season 1

▸2018

24 high-tech companies, including

21 startups

Season 2

2019, Q4▸

Co-working space for up to **30 teams and startups.**

Own incubation program with a set of high added value services.

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INCUBATOR - Companies

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Incubation Program Season 2.0

Turning science into products.

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Mission

To foster and support R&D-based entrepreneurship (in Bulgaria and the Balkan region).

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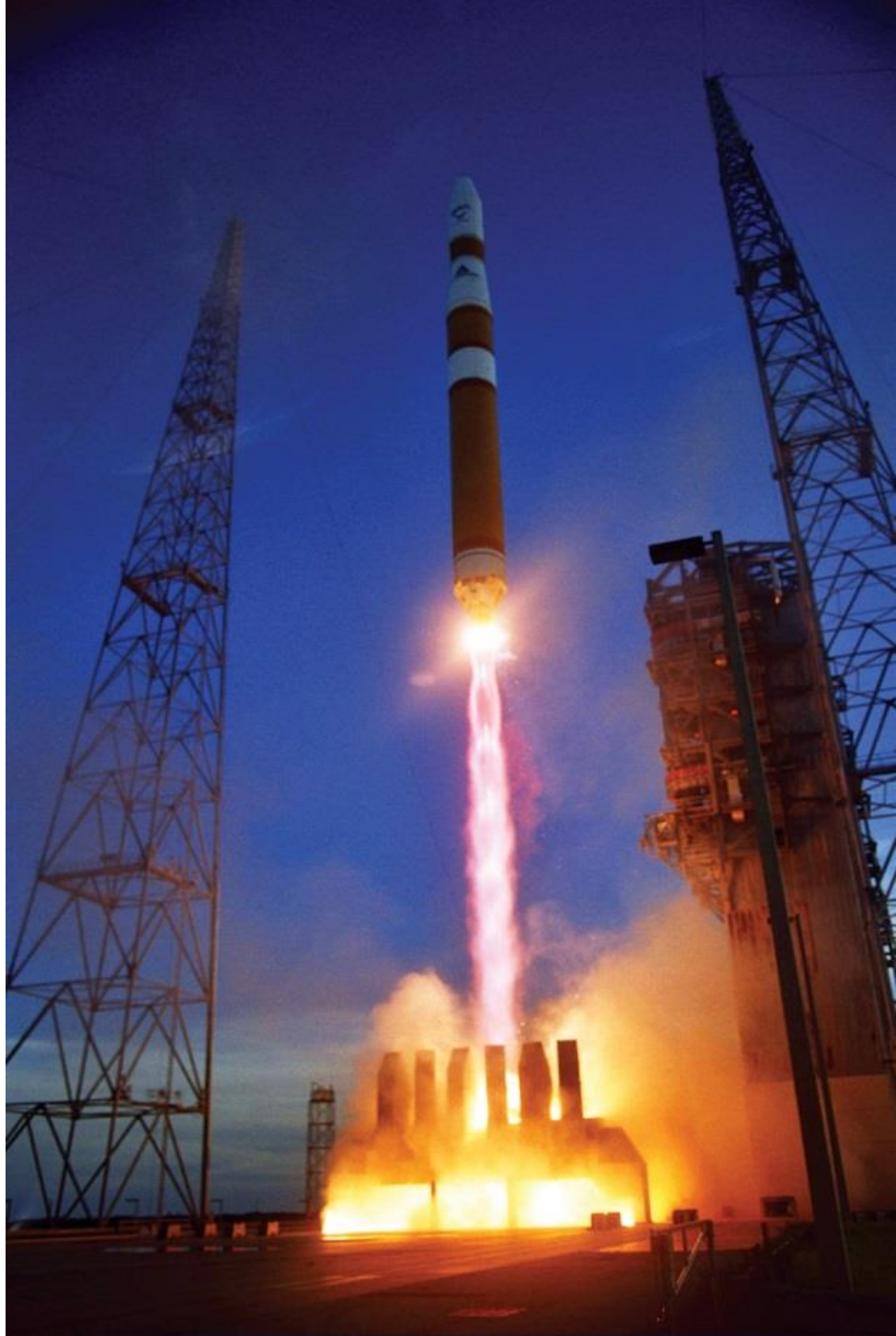

Added Value

- Focuses on and science-related and R&D innovation start-ups;
- The STP lab complex with sector specific equipment and know-how;
- Virtual participation
- Access to investors and funding

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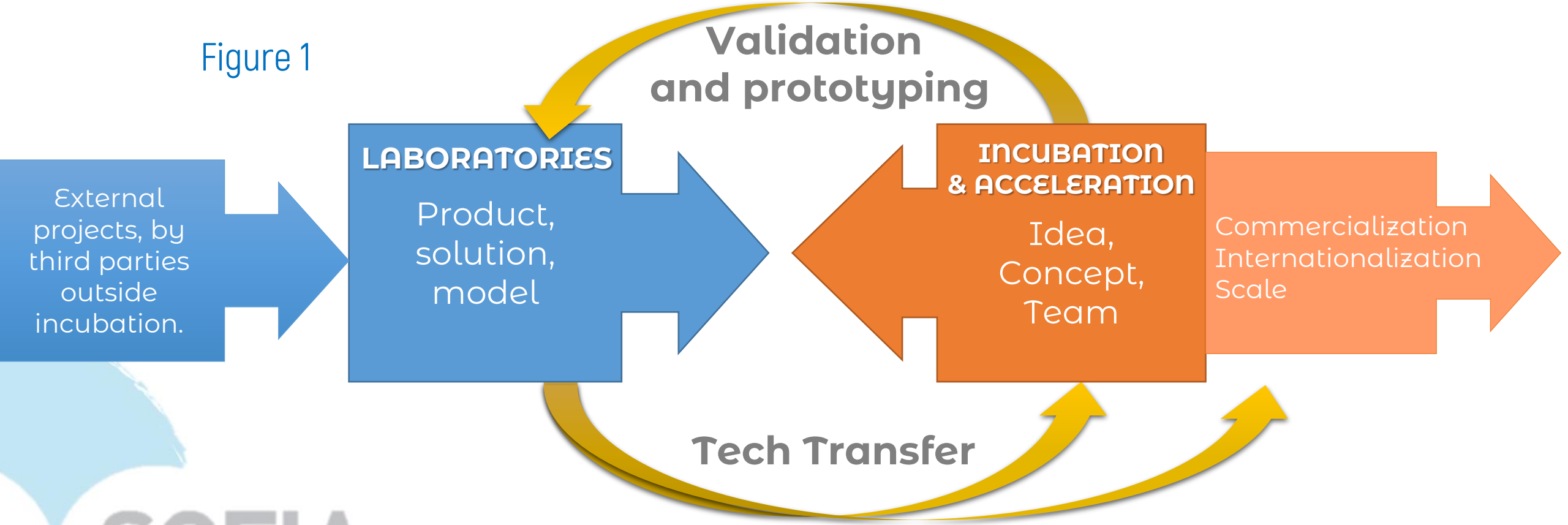
Synergies

Figure 1



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Scope

Activities and services to:

- Build managerial capacity
- Build community among R&D entrepreneurs and support their growth
- Provide specific scientific know-how
- Facilitate networking opportunities
- Provide relevant mentors & partners

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Capacity

Season 2 will offer more than
750 m2 of co-working environment.
This capacity can accommodate up to
60 teams and startups.

BIG
idea
BE CREATIVE

Key Aspects

- Involve stakeholders and experienced partners
- Mandatory trainings
- Additional trainings and workshops
- E-Learning platform for training, follow-up, and feedback
- Inspirational talks, success stories and networking events
- Co-working space nurturing peer-to-peer learning and interaction
- Accommodation and living costs for the first 6 months
- Grow-while-develop concept (real-time progress)

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Technology Transfer

- *Identifying ideas with potential for IP*
- *Involvement of scientist from the Labs as mentors*
- *Technology Transfer process*

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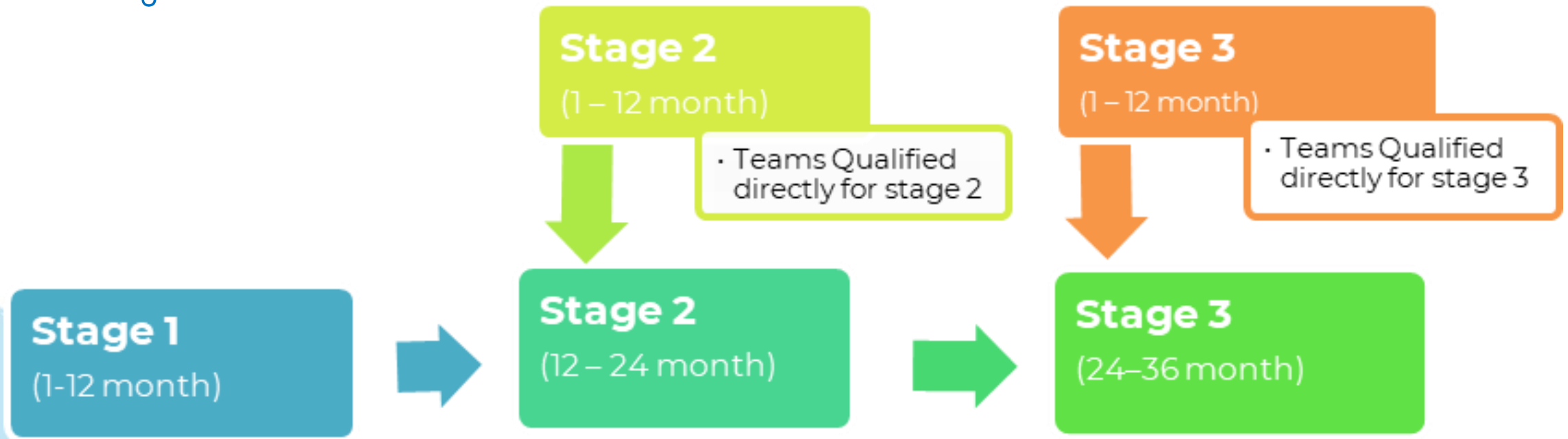
Program Streams

Figure 2



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Process

- Application process – always open;

Figure 3

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Value Added Services

- Individual mentoring and progress monitoring
- Access to STP Labs
- TTO
- Virtual participation
- Accommodation and living costs
- Co-working space
- Dedicated Service Desk

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Value Added Services

- Shared services
- Networking (investors, mentors, partners, international exposure)
- Startups of special interest
- Other incubation programs, accelerators, activators
- Funding & access to investors
- Strategic partnerships from the business and government sectors

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Priority Sectors

ICT

Smart Cities, Blockchain, AI, IoT, Big Data

Life Sciences

Biotech, Medtech, HealtTech, FoodTech, AgriTech

Clean energy

Power Technologies, Green energy

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LABS OVERVIEW

Biopharmaceutical Lab Complex (BioPharma)

- Laboratory for extraction of natural products and synthesis of bioactive compounds
- "In vitro" laboratory for evaluation of biological activity and toxicity
- Pharmaceutical development and characterization with "In Silico" design

Bioinformatics Lab (BioInfoTech)

High Performance Computing (HPC) Lab

Cyber Security Lab

Intelligent Communication Infrastructures Lab

3D Creativity and New Products Rapid Prototyping Laboratory

Micro Nano Lab

Virtual and Augmented Reality Lab

Artificial Intelligence and CAD Systems Lab

Laboratories

Unique opportunity to validate ideas, concepts, models within the STP Lab complex and speed-up prototyping.

SCHOTT
DURAN

Application Process

- Apply at www.sofiatech.bg or through f6s.com
- Three stages:
  - Application with basic information and a short video
  - Presentation of the project in front of a Selection Panel
  - Enrolling in Incubation Program Season 2.0

Applicants will also be monitored on a progress-base merits and be included in the 3 different streams, depending on results.

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Promo Activities

- Roadshow to technical and medical universities, including:
  - Promotion team
  - Digital media and journalists team
  - Jury members
  - All transported with electric vehicles
- Promo day
- Social Media promotions and ecosystem synergy
- International and regional promotion

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Value proposition to corporate partners

- Company branding and positioning
- Mentorship opportunities
- Investment opportunities
- Participation in special acceleration programs.

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Partners

SOFIA UNIVERSITY
St. KLIMENT OHRIDSKI

TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY SOFIA

МЕДИЦИНСКИ УНИВЕРСИТЕТ
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY
SOFIA
СОФИЯ

CLEANTECH BULGARIA

TechTour

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FOUNDER INSTITUTE

Campus X
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Automotive Cluster Bulgaria

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