

Press Release

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Ascendia accepted into Google for Startups Scale Tier with LIVRESQ, advancing learning infrastructure for European public institutions

Bucharest, May 11, 2026 – Ascendia S.A. (BVB: ASC), a Romanian company specialized in digital infrastructure for education, public institutions, and regulated organizations, announces that its digital educational content creation platform, LIVRESQ, has been accepted into the Google for Startups Scale Tier, the most advanced category of Google’s global program dedicated to technology companies operating at an international scale.

As part of this program tier, Ascendia gains access to enterprise-grade infrastructure, Google AI technologies, including Gemini and Gemini Enterprise Agent Platform, as well as dedicated technical support for product development and scaling. The company will also benefit from up to USD 200,000 in Google Cloud credits.

Acceptance into the Scale Tier represents the continuation of Ascendia’s collaboration with the Google for Startups ecosystem. In September 2025, LIVRESQ was selected for

the international “Google for Startups Growth Academy: AI for GovTech”, becoming the only solution from Romania accepted into the EMEA cohort dedicated to companies developing AI technologies for the public sector. The result of that program was the creation of the pedagogical assistant LIVRESQ Companion, launched in April 2026, with a first contract already reaching more than 10,000 teachers across 800 schools.

The grant and infrastructure provided through the Google for Startups Scale Tier enable Ascendia to optimize costs associated with cloud infrastructure and AI processing while accelerating product development. Resources will be directed toward technological development, AI feature integration, and commercial expansion across European markets.

At the same time, Google Cloud infrastructure strengthens Ascendia’s ability to deliver stable, secure, and scalable solutions for public institutions, large organizations, and national education digitalization projects, in a European context where security, accessibility, and technological compliance requirements are becoming increasingly critical.

“Acceptance into the Google for Startups Scale Tier represents a natural continuation of the technological and institutional direction Ascendia has been developing for several years. Access to Google infrastructure and AI technologies allows us to optimize operational costs and accelerate product development without compromising flexibility or investment pace. At the same time, this program strengthens the technical infrastructure behind LIVRESQ and supports Ascendia’s positioning as a European provider of digital education solutions,” said Cosmin Mălureanu, CEO of Ascendia.

This milestone aligns with Ascendia’s strategic direction of developing critical infrastructure for education and GovTech, built on principles of accessibility, interoperability, governed AI, and European compliance. The company’s activity aligns with European institutional requirements related to NIS2, DORA, the European Accessibility Act, and the gradual implementation of the EU AI Act.

About Ascendia

Ascendia operates digital education infrastructure for European public institutions, EU programs, and regulated enterprises at a national scale, with listed-company governance. A member of the European Commission’s Digital Education Content (DEC) expert group and an e-learning provider for the Council of Europe, the company combines data-driven strategies with modern technologies. By integrating AI into its platforms as governed public capacity, Ascendia creates scalable solutions that strengthen institutions and

generate community impact, with applications in education, cybersecurity, agriculture, energy, housing, transportation, space technologies, environment, healthcare, manufacturing, and defense.

Ascendia S.A. has been listed on the Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB: ASC) since July 7, 2016, becoming the first e-learning company listed on the Romanian capital market.

About LIVRESQ

LIVRESQ is Ascendia's educational content development solution, currently used by more than 158,900 creators from over 7,260 institutions and companies, with 14 million measured views recorded over the last 12 months as an active dissemination layer within the public-interest learning environment. LIVRESQ enables training teams to produce courses, interactive lessons, and open educational resources and distribute them in open standards (SCORM), fully compatible with existing LMS platforms.