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## Startups for a World without Hunger

World Food Program Accelerator celebrates one year of successful work with world-wide 25 projects

WFP's Innovation Accelerator was initiated in 2016 to identify, nurture and scale solutions to end hunger globally. The accelerator in Munich, Germany supports WFP entrepreneurs, external startups and companies with funding, hands-on entrepreneurial



support and a global presence, as well as access to expert networks.

WFP sees innovation as key to achieving a world without hunger by 2030. The Accelerator helps entrepreneurs find out what works and what doesn't in addressing hunger. It is a place entrepreneurs can be bold, and fail as well as succeed.

The portfolio of WFP Innovation Accelerator includes high-potential solutions that tackle some of the biggest challenges in both humanitarian and development aid. ... continued on page 7 ...

## Founders and Fighters

### New Startup Campus in Paris opened Doors

Using an abandoned railway depot, **Station F** in Paris, France opened official on June 29, 2017. With more than 3.000 startup desks, 60 meeting rooms, 3 events spaces, a maker space and a complete infrastructure with restaurant and coffee shops Station F claims to be the largest co-working and startup hub world-wide being able to host 1000 startups at the same time. The President of France, Emmanuel Macron during the launch party ... more on page 4 ...



## Knowing about Cooperation in Europe

The European Cooperation Day will be held during the days around Sep 21, 2017. The campaign was kicked off in Tallinn, Estonia with a three-day event (Aug 30 – Sep 1, 2017).



This year the **European Cooperation Day** will be celebrated on **September 21, 2017**. But this is not a one-day activity. During surrounding days also events and activities will be organized to inform about cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation programs all over Europe. ... continued on page ...

## Coming up for the Calendar

### SA Innovation Summit

Sep 6-8: The **Tenth SA Innovation Summit** will be held in Cape Town bringing together the ecosystem players internationally.



More on page 10 and [website](#)

### Startup Night Berlin

Sep 8: The **Fifth Startup Night Berlin** will bring together 5.000 expected attendees for a one-day conference, exhibition and nightly pitches.



More on [website](#)

### BVIZ Annual Conference

Sep 17-19 UniTransfer-Klinik and TZ Lübeck will host the annual BVIZ conference 2017



More on [website](#)

### SWITCH 2017

Sep 18 – 20 in **Singapore**: For the first time the new innovation, tech and entrepreneurship platform



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### 27th ANPROTECH Conference

Held in Rio de Janeiro Oct 23-26, 2017 this conference will celebrate The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Brazilian Incubation Association



More [website](#)

### Towards a safer digital Armenia

Yerevan will host the 10th annual **ArmTech** conference on Sep. 27 There still are sponsorship options available.



More on page 8 and [website](#)

### Nordic Baltic Dynamics 2017

Oct 26-27: The NBD conference in Stockholm is the continuation of the "Baltic Dynamics" that were held for 21 years.



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# Around the Globe

## Sydney's Startup Ecosystem on the Move New Startup Hub in Sydney

Since 2014, Murray Hurps was leading Fishburners as community-elected board member and "interim CEO". During this time Fishburners successfully developed its activities and communities in Brisbane, Shanghai and Sydney Now, Murray [informed](#) that he will move on to other challenges.

The new CEO of Fishburners will be Annie Parker, co-founder [Muru-D](#) and a key player in the Australian startup scene. She has launched the accelerator [muru-D](#) in 2013 and in 2016 created [Lighthouse](#) to offer founder education programs and just terminated its plans to build a large, central startup hub in Barangaroo.

Fishburners itself is on the move as well. In mid-July the co-working space announced to move as an anchor tenant into the new [Startup Hub Sydney](#). This initiative with \$35 million funding from the New South Wales government (through the Jobs for NSW program) is aimed to become "the



largest startup hub in the southern hemisphere ... in an effort to build stronger links between the Australian fintech startup ecosystem and global markets". The 11- floor hub with 17,000 sqm of space is scheduled to open later in 2017 after renovation has been finished. Other anchor tenants of the new Startup Hub will be [Tank Stream Labs](#), [The Studio](#), and the fintech hub [Stone & Chalk](#).

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## Forth Malaysia Digital Hub open

WORQ now is open as the 4<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Digital Hub of Malaysia Digital Economy



Corporation (MDEC) in cooperation with Alibaba Cloud. The other Malaysian Digital Hubs are [The Co.](#) (also in Singapore), [Common Ground](#) (also in Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines and Vietnam) and [APW](#). WORQ is a productivity community and large-scale co-working space for startups of Malaysia and other ASEAN nations. WORQ is the first digital hub launched under the Electronic World Trade Platform (eWTP), and was set up to play a key role

in incubating startups of Malaysia and other ASEAN nations and was launched under the Electronic World Trade Platform (eWTP) to play a key role in incubating to accelerate digital transformation. Alibaba Cloud, the cloud-computing arm of Alibaba Group, is technology partner for the hub and will roll out programs and services to help small businesses scale. These programs include one-on-one consulting services and customized technology solutions.

The **Create@Alibaba Cloud Startup Contest (CACSC)**, first time was held in 2015, consists of a series of contests for global entrepreneurs in the technology field. It is sponsored by Alibaba Innovation Center (AIC), in collaboration with media outlets, venture capital investors, and top-level partners worldwide. This year the ASEAN division of CACSC invited 15 tech entrepreneurs from across Asia to present their ideas in an intensive pitch contest.

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## Chile calls Startups to join Generation 19

The call for **Generation 19** is open. Startup Chile is now accepting applications for its nineteenth generation. Startups ready to take base in Chile may apply to benefit from funding and accelerator support. **Deadline for the application is September 5, 2017.**

The call is open for early-stage entrepreneurs from around the world who will contribute to Chile's startup ecosystem.

On December 1, 2017 Start-Up Chile will announce the applicants selected for the next program that is scheduled to begin in February 2018.

Program participants will receive a \$30 000 equity-free grant, receive a one year



work visa, have up to 90% of program costs covered by Start-Up Chile and benefit from a free central co-working space. Start-Up Chile was set up by the government in 2010 to encourage entrepreneurs to bootstrap their startups in Chile.

For the previous generation Startup Chile selected startups from Chile (42.7%), US (14%), India and Argentina (6.7%). 7.2% of the entrepreneurs are Europeans mainly from the UK and France with 26% of the businesses working in ICT, 12 per cent in education and 11 per cent in health tech. More about **Generation 18** on [website](#)

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## Designing the Future

GEC'17 on Sep 7, 2017 invites change makers to 100 GEC labs across 15 themes with 20 stimulating keynotes and panel discussions, receive mentoring from entrepreneurs, attend 10 Masterclasses, and take part in the Malaysian Business Angel Network (MBAN) Summit.

More details on GEC [website](#)

## The “Innovator of the Year 2017” and the 10 winners of the “Innovator under 35” competition

In SPICE Update 127 we reported briefly about the “Innovator of the Year” of the magazine Technology Review that honors every year “Innovators under 35” in many countries. Here we take a closer look at the ten winners of 2017 competition.

The German edition of the MIT Technology Review was hosted this year for the third time by the HEISE Publishing House, supported by BNP and the Award ceremony 2017 was held on **June 28, 2017** in the Berlin digital hub **Spiefeld**. The ten winners presented their innovations in short pitches showing the wide range of applications and high level of technologies:

**And the winner, the “German Innovator under 35” in 2017 is Daniel Weigand, [Lilium](#)** has developed the world’s first electric vertical take-off and landing jet with a flight speed of 300 km/h and a range of 300 km. The plane allows all-electric flying without emissions and noise pollution. The Lilium Jet successfully completed its maiden test flight series in Bavaria. The 2-seater Eagle prototype made a range of complex maneuvers, including its mid-air transition from hover mode to wing-borne forward flight.

**The other 9 winners are**

**Jonnai Flaschberger [hawa\\_dawa](#)** has developed a new approach for fighting air pollution to fight the death toll million people annually that can be related directly to polluted air.

**Michael Soliba, [Navvis](#)** presented his system for precise indoor navigation that delivers centimeter-accurate, photorealistic 3D models of large indoor spaces in a fraction of the time needed today for a comparable result.

**Sandra Rey, [glowee](#)** works at the crossroads of biomimicry and synthetic biology and has developed transgenic bacteria that produce their own light and do not contaminate the illumination of the future **Lars Borchardt, [TU Dresden](#)** presented his process to produce battery electrodes from fruit cores with an environmentally

friendly, solvent free synthesis process for porous carbon, which serves as electrodes for batteries and capacitors.

**Andrea Kunze, [Konux](#)** presented his IoT solution using smart sensors, intelligent data fusion and artificial intelligence to identify problems before they occur for targeted maintenance and to increase plant availability.

**Christian Rossow, [CISPA](#)** has developed new ways to protect the Internet against “Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS)-Attacks”.

**Lukas Olbrich, [Sa-blono](#)** has developed a system and platform to revolutionize construction on and off site and deliver exact real-time information for managing the construction process on the construction site.

**Michael Soliba, [EPFL](#)** is using perovskites to produce cost-effective and efficient solar cells. They are easy to produce and cover a range of sunlight that silicon does not reach. Saliba showed that perovskites cells can become as stable as silicon cells by the targeted addition of inorganic salts.

**Andreas Zettler, [VUFRAME](#)** provides a system allowing to make 3D data from production (for example, furniture) available for any system so that objects can be transferred and shown on any system and in any environment.

An important part of the award event was - the keynote presented by Prof. Hans Uszkoreit, scientific director at the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI). He discussed “How intelligent AI will be in future” and outlined the significance to be expected, the impact on and challenges for society and regulations that will be caused by artificial intelligence. The presentation as well as the panel discussion led to an intense exchange of options and views during the reception that concluded the day.

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## European Cooperation Day

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The aim aimed at people who are normally not involved in EU-related activities to give them an opportunity for learning



about project results and highlight the importance of territorial cooperation.

In past editions of the European Cooperation Day, people cycled together, sang together, ate together, and in general had a great time in each other’s company in hundreds of local events organized by territorial cooperation programs and projects in over 30 countries.

For details about this year’s events and for joining the activities visit

[#ECday website](#)

**The European**

**Cooperation Day campaign 2017** was kicked off in Tallinn, Estonia, Aug 30 – Sep, 2017 including program presentations at the Solaris Shopping Mall. The citizens learned about the benefits of cross-border cooperation.

On September 1 the European Cooperation Day 2017 was officially inaugurated by the Managing Authority of the Interact Program as part of the European Committee of the Regions Bureau meeting.

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See also information about the Interreg Central Europe Conference in Berlin (Sept 21-22, 2017) on page 21

### SPARK IGNITE to be held for the Fifth Time

The 5th edition of the annual IGNITE conference under the headline “**Rebuilding Futures**” will focus on improving access to higher education, developing entrepreneurship and promoting sustainable leadership amongst young people in conflict-affected regions. Hear from refugees, entrepreneurs, education experts, private sector, government and NGOs from Africa, the Middle East and Europe. Share knowledge on how to rebuild economies and societies. SPARK IGNITE on Dec 9, 2017 in Amsterdam.

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## Ho Chi Minh City - Viisa welcomes 12 new startups

In April 2017 the first batch of seven startups presented at a Demo Day held by Viisa. The Vietnam Innovative Startup



Accelerator, a partnership of Dragon Capital, FPT and Hanwha Investment, presented these clients at the Hard Rock Cafe in Ho Chi Minh City to about 130 investors, corporate partners and mentors coming from Singapore, South Korea and the US.

For three months, the startups were mentored by prominent venture capitalists and entrepreneurs in the region during their work to get product-market fit and prove that the business model is scalable and repeatable. Regional funds such as NSI Ventures, Spiral Ventures, Cocoon Capital and Golden Gate Ventures conducted office hours with each individual founder.

The 7 graduated startups are:

[Butterfly Wow](#) helps users to find fashion and get the latest haircut for that best matches their looks.

[Fastsell](#) is a mobile app that allows to list, discover and buy things from people around

[Fixir](#) mobile app that helps motorists discover and book repairs and servicing from reliable workshops.

[Lexis](#) is a legal platform to help companies and individuals get legal advice and help through a prepaid package.

[Usedata](#) helps e-commerce stores increase revenue through product and customer analysis with machine learning and big data algorithms.

[Wefit](#) provides access to more than 300 gyms and fitness classes with their monthly subscription plan.

[Wisepass](#), a lifestyle mobile app with a subscription plan. For 6 million VND per month, members can enjoy a bottle of spirits, wine and lunch at top bars, cafes and restaurants in Ho Chi Minh City.

For the second batch Viisa received 160 applications from 28 countries. In August 2017 Viisa announced participants of the **second batch**. This time **12 teams** are re-

presenting 11 nationalities (incl. Indonesia, France, US, Spain, South Korea, Colombia, Japan and Ukraine) were accepted for the accelerator program. The 12 startups are from diverse industries, ranging from Media, Artificial Intelligence, Agritech, Edtech, On-demand platforms and the Sharing Economy:

[SAIGONEER](#) (Vietnam) Provide local brands with a rare trustworthy platform to share their narratives and services with unique and highly desirable audience.

[CRICKETONE](#) (Vietnam) Feeding the world with sustainable protein using proprietary IoT technology.

[MARKETOI](#) (Vietnam) On-demand concierge delivery service that takes you from order to delivery.

[CYFEER](#) (Vietnam) Building e-solutions for apartment and building management

[DENTAL TAP](#) (Ukraine) is a cloud-based software-as-a-service for dental practices.

[AUTHENTIC GUARDS](#) (Indonesia) Protecting brands against counterfeit products using proprietary technology.

[MOJITOK](#) (South Korea) Third-party smart AI that helps reads emotions and converts text to stickers



[ELLA STUDY](#) (Vietnam) Online platform connecting Vietnamese students with alumni for overseas universities placement consultations.

[CID AUTO](#) (South Korea) is the first mobile car sales video platform.

[INTERVIEW.VN](#) (Vietnam) Online platform to train jobseekers with professional development.

[WESPORT](#) (Vietnam) Connecting sports enthusiasts with sports facilities.

[XPATH.CO](#) (Vietnam) Tailored local experiences for discerning tourists.

For more information visit the Viisa [blog](#)

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## Station F opened in Paris

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with about 2.000 entrepreneurs, invited startup entrepreneurs from all around the world to come to Paris: "If you want to invent, to invest, to develop your startup, you have to come here directly to Paris, Station F, and everything will be organized for you."

Station F has opened in Paris's Halle Freyssinet, a 34.000 sqm former train-station built in the 1920s that during recent years has been renovated and adapted to the actual needs to become a startup campus gathering a whole entrepreneurial ecosystem under one roof.

In 2018, a co-living hub with about 100 apartments for Station F entrepreneurs is planned to be made available just 10 minutes away.



Station F has its own training programs, like the Founders and the Fighters programs. In total 26 startup programs will be offered, also by larger companies, such as Facebook, Microsoft and Amazon Web



Services that will be running their own startup accelerators' programs inside the building.

**Xavier Niel**, French founder of Station F sees the main idea of his initiative to help



people from underprivileged backgrounds make it and **Roxanne Varza**, Director of Station F is heading the young team that works to put France and Europe at the forefront of the international startup map



with this ambitious project.

Startups can apply online until **October 2, 2017** through the Station F [website](#) and selected start-ups will start to work on the campus in January 2018.

*Photos: Station F*

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## 205 Applications for Green Alley Award 2017 Final Pitches on Nov 9, 2017

The Green Alley Award is Europe's first start-up competition focused on the circular economy.

In association with the core partners



Landbell, Seedmatch, ERP Finland, Bethnal Green Ventures, H2 Compliance and R2PI, Green Alley is looking for great green ideas, new services, products and technologies that can turn waste into a resource. In return, Green Alley offers strategic support, networking opportunities and expertise in entering the circular econ-

omy across Europe.

**205 applications** for the Green Alley Award 2017 were received until deadline on July 25, 2017. A one-day event will offer coaching by mentors and experienced start-ups.

The **final pitch event on November 9, 2017** will present the ideas in five minutes live presentations to an expert jury

and guests from the circular and green economy, the media and the start-up sector. After the jury has selected and announced the Green Alley Award Winner 2017 participants will all have a big party.

More information on Green Alley [website](#)

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## Singapore creates new Platform for Tech and Innovation

The **Singapore Week of Innovation & TeCHnology (SWITCH)** was created to provide a new platform where complementing tech and innovation events come together Sep 18 – 20, 2017.

Public and private sector players come together at SWITCH to showcase Singapore's vibrant entrepreneurial and technology innovation ecosystem and provide a platform more synergies in technology, innovation and entrepreneurship, combining exhibitions, conferences, workshops and activities revolving around topics such as open innovation, technology transfer, tech entrepreneurship, venture funding, and talent development. This includes opening up a new genre of events to showcase the intersections of technology and lifestyle - the way we live, learn, work and play.

SWITCH will include two already established anchor events:

**Techventure** / [SLUSH Singapore](#) expanded its reach by partnering with Slush Singapore connecting Singapore's entre-



preneurship ecosystem to the international community.

[TechInnovation](#), held since 2012 has become Singapore's premier technology-industry brokerage event that brings together technology providers and seekers to explore the potential for business collaboration and of open innovation.

For details visit SWITCH [website](#)

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## New Techfestival in Copenhagen

This September in Copenhagen will expect 15,000+ people to attend exploring



the impact of technology on our lives. One week of the month (Sep 5 – 10, 2017) will

be filled with more than 100 conferences, summits, dinners, exhibitions and concerts, being together the **Copenhagen Techfestival**. The goal of the event organizers is to "break down today's most complex questions into real talk and tangible experiences" and to strengthen the startup ecosystem of the city.

#CPHFTW (Copenhagen For The Win) brings together ... *Continued on next page...*

## Inclusive Entrepreneurship Support

As part of **FIBA project** the upcoming **EBN Tech Camp** in Naples, Italy to be held October 5-6, 2017 will focus on inclusive entre-

preneurship to seek answers to the question:

**"How to attract, support and scale up less advantaged entrepreneurs?"**

FIBA is an EBN project supported by JP Morgan Chase Foundation that aims to empower business support organizations to become more open and inclusive in their service offering.

For those running business incubators / support centers the Tech Camp will help to better understand the needs of less advantaged entrepreneurs, what services they need, and how to design and implement targeted services. The Tech Camp sessions will be organized in groups so that different examples can be worked on.

More details and registrations on EBN [website](#) **Contact:** EBN, Robert Sanders, [email](#); **SDO Profile** [EBN](#)



## The next Startup Generation of Atlanta

Sep 28, 2017 will see the **Final of the Atlanta Startup Battle 2017**. Five selected Startups will pitch at Techsquare Labs to win \$100,000 investment. However, the way to get on stage on that pitch is hard. The Atlanta Startup Battle gives meaningful experiences to its finalists. The top ten applicants will work at TechSquare Labs



for the next year. receive a full day of hands-on mentorship from experts in UX, go-to-market strategy, brand refinement, and engineering, develop their ideas with mentors and present to VCs from Atlanta and Silicon Valley. Application closed on August 18. At the first selection event on Sep 23 the top 10 participants will pitch to win one of the five places on stage for the final on Sep 28, 2017. Here the five selected startups will compete for an investment of \$100k.

Atlanta Startup Battle aims to Atlanta build, scale, and fund the next generation of outstanding tech companies. The battleground is TechSquare Labs.

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## Techfestival Copenhagen

*Continued from previous page* the tech startups of Denmark and the Øresund Region. It is a neutral, non-profit grass root initiative that is backed by startups curating and supporting the activities to improve the entire startup community in Copenhagen.

#CPHFTW is supporting the Techfestival with **Startup Wrap** dedicated to the new Techfestival held in the Meatpacking District and all over Copenhagen with more than 110 tech events. The **Townhall #13** on Sept 8 will be epic: Open air, more participants and more speakers than ever before.

The wristband of registered participants will allow access to:

- 6 days of program in warehouses,
- studios and outside areas all over Copenhagen
- Day events including meetups, summits, workshops and activities
- Night events including talks, dinners, art installations, concerts and activities

Some events will require separate registration for an additional ticket.

Links for information about the Techfestival [program](#), ticket prices and [registration](#)

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## For the World's Future

Wandeltreppe, a co-working space in Vaduz, Liechtenstein is part of the initiative "Wandeltreppe" with an approach much wider than just providing shared work-space. It is an open project community:



non-party, free of confession and accessible to all interested parties. The name "Wandeltreppe" is an alteration of the word "spiral staircase" ("Wandel" means change "Treppe" means stairs) to express that the initiative is dealing with questions related with the change of culture, system and consciousness towards the future of the world, matters of sustainability.

Just as the staircase is a building with a connecting character, the initiative also wants to support people and ideas working together. In this sense, co-working gets a wider meaning

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## USD 10 million for Ukrainian Middle Class DEG Germany supports Investment Fund

Ukraine recently has made progress in structural reforms. From 2018, economic growth rates of more than three percent are expected again. Limited access to equity for medium-sized companies in the country is a major impediment to growth.

To help closing this gap Emerging Europe Growth Fund III of Horizon Capital has been set up. The first investments of the EEGF III include a light industry company and a company for IT products. Both companies are characterized by their social commitment. The fund is primarily aimed at medium-sized companies that require growth capital and which, as a result of their experience, create a particularly large number of new jobs.

The Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG) provides access to long-term financing to medium-sized companies in the Ukraine. It contributes USD 10 million to Horizon Capital's Emerging Europe Growth Fund III (EEGF III). The fund invests in export-oriented industries, especially IT, light industry and food. A further focus is on companies in the fields of e-commerce and health as

well as other sectors with internal market potential. The fund's anchor investors in-



clude the Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF), the International Finance Corporation (IFC), the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the Dutch FMO. In total, a fund volume of up to 150 million USD is targeted. As one of the largest European development finance providers, DEG also provides banks and funds with long-term funding in addition to direct financing for companies. These loans serve to promote long-term loans to small and medium-sized enterprises. In addition, DEG is strengthening the environmental and social management of capital providers.

More information on DEG [website](#)

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## INCUBATE Australia celebrates Class 10 and 5 Years

Electric plane, brain stimulation device, configurable pillow, artificial intelligence for chemical processes, communication for autonomous cars

Recently, INCUBATE the incubator of the University of Sydney and Australia has launched its 10th startup accelerator class. At the same time the incubator has reached an important milestone: 5 years of successfully building a community of student entrepreneurs.

The 10<sup>th</sup> batch of startups has pitched to mentors and program supporters to begin the 14 weeks accelerator program.

Welcoming the new founders, James Alexander, Co-founder and Program Manager stated "The quality of the founders' businesses just keeps on getting better.

They represent leading thinkers in their industries with solutions that are truly innovative, technologies you only see in a university environment".

Each cohort is unique and Class 10 is no exception. The founders are working on a wide range of technologies, for example, a health-device seeking to tackle malnutrition, a configurable pillow that adapts to each individual's spine, artificial intelligence-based software that automates design of highly complex and expensive



chemical processes, an electric aircraft (vertical takeoff and landing) for urban and military personal transport, a non-invasive brain stimulation device to treat mental illness, and a communication platform allowing the next generation autonomous vehicle's to talk to each other.

This set shows that hardware is on the rise. About half of the founders develop a hardware product. 40 % of the founders are research-entrepreneurs and 40 % are female.

To get more information or simply congratulate to the fifth anniversary contact Incubate Team [email](#) or visit [website](#)

SDO Profile [INCUBATE](#)

Photo: INCUBATE

## Startups from Singapore get Support to enter Vietnam Market

The government agency “International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore)” offers firms from Singapore help to enter foreign markets. To ease the entry to Vietnam, IE Singapore has partnered with Toong in Vietnam, a co-working space that operates several spaces in Hanoi as well as in Danang and Ho Chi Minh City.

This partnership, announced in mid-August is part of IE Singapore’s Plug & Play Network that plans to support 200 – 300 firms annually. Based on agreements with UR Work in China and Springboard in India “entry points” for Singaporean companies can be offered. Similar agreement with partners in Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia are being negotiated. **Toong** will provide ecosystem resources, including co-working spaces, access to networks and support/training resources as well as business, legal and financial advice to the startups, identified by IE Singapore.



One reason why the Singapore/Vietnam partnership has been forged is because the city-state is the third largest foreign investor in Vietnam, and the largest investor amongst the ASEAN countries.

Toong’s Chief Strategy Officer Phu Nguyen evaluated the partnership stating “This partnership essentially cements Toong as one of the gateway for Singapore enterprises looking for means to expand into Vietnam.”

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## German NYC Week for the third Time

The German NYC Week for the third time will be organized by the German association Deutsche Startups. December 10 - 14, 2017 a group of selected startups and other representatives of the German startup ecosystem and politicians will visit New York City to promote economic relations and international network-



ing of the German start-up scene. The program will include visits leading innovative companies, venture capital investors and personalities of New York City - altogether a broad insight into the successful US start-up ecosystem. In addition to lessons from lectures and workshops, will complete the program.

Partners visited will include, for example **Oscar**, launched in 2012, this startup is revolutionizing the healthcare system in the US. To provide medical care to its

customers fast and easy, the private health insurance system uses state-of-the-art technologies. Since 2015, Oscar has been funded by Google Ventures, Google Capi-

representatives of the German startup ecosystem and politicians will visit New York City to promote economic relations and international network- ing of the German start-up scene. The program will include visits leading innovative companies, venture capital investors and personalities of New York City - altogether a broad insight into the successful US start-up ecosystem. In addition to lessons from lectures and workshops, will complete the program.

**Greycroft** a leading venture capitalist, based in New York and Los Angeles is focused on online and mobile investments.

Greycroft manages more than USD 1 billion, and has made 150+ investments.

To **apply for participation** visit German Startups [website](#)

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**SDO Profile** [German Startups](#)

## Peru strengthens Ecosystem for Entrepreneurs

The economy of Peru in recent years was in the list of fastest growing economies with an average growth rate of 5,9 %. Basically this is a good sign, however,

of GDP, compared with, for example, the neighboring country Chile that is investing 0,37 % and Brazil with 1,24 % . However, the technology ...continued on following page,,

## WFP Accelerator – First Year Success

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In just twelve months, from January to December 2016, the number of supported projects went from 5 to 25. From high-tech, futuristic technologies that are transforming the global economy like Blockchain, to revolutionizing age-old solutions like hydroponics, the Accelerator is quickly testing the best new ideas for high-impact, sustainable food assistance.

The **Sprint Program** of the accelerator provides investments of USD 50,000 to 100,000 to selected startups through technological and design support, and space to reach proof of concept and develop prototypes ready for implementation. For three to six months accelerator startups benefit



from an intensive support program and receive access to WFP’s global network of partners and resources.

At a ceremony with more than 250 guests to celebrate the anniversary attended by WFP former Executive Director, Ertharin Cousin, the then German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Frank Steinmeier, and Dr. Gerd Mueller, the German Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, attendees

were challenged to help finding and scaling innovation through an action packed day of pitching, brainstorming and collaboration for zero hunger Examples

for supported ideas are [Hydroponics DIY kit](#) in Peru using low tech hydroponics to provide important access to nutritious foods and support local businesswomen,

[Maano Virtual Farmers Market](#) in Zambia, an app-based e-commerce platform where farmers’ surplus and buyers’ demand for crops are advertised and traded, the app [ShareTheMeal](#), Germany that enables users to "share their meal" with hungry children, Food Computers, Jordan, an agriculture technology platform to control and monitor plant growth, or an idea developed by WFP staff in Colombia: [Nutrifami](#), a nutrition learning platform. For more visit [WFP Innovation Platform](#).

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## Today is the slowest Day of the Rest of your Live

Effective promotion of innovation, entrepreneurship and startups needs more than nicely furnished rooms and free coffee.

The foundation for successful work is activating the involvement of the sources and brains of a place or region. With the successful **First Innovation Forum** of



Source and photos : [Startfeld blog](#)

STARTFELD held in June 2017 this business incubator make effective use of its **network for innovation and start-ups** in the region St.Gallen / Bodensee.

"That's why today will be the slowest day of the rest of their lives," said main speaker Herman Gyr to the 130 participants of the Startfeld Innovation Forum referring to those concerned with the opportunities and challenges of innovation who are finding that everything around us is getting faster. Coming from Eastern Switzerland Gyr has co-founded Enterprise Development Group EDG 30 years ago in Silicon Valley. Involving the participants of the forum during workshops developed 13 sector-specific "strategic maps" on the basis of the "Blueprint" of EDG. These maps pro-

vide insight into important signals, trends and market developments and provide guidance on future business fields, structures, skills and cultural prerequisites.

HSG professor Oliver Gassman, based on his long-standing research presented how innovation can be implemented in SMEs. This was complemented by speakers from established companies such as Claudia Pletscher from Swiss Post, Christina Taylor from Swisscom AG and

Andreas Müller from DGS Druckguss AG and Christian Naef from the Startup Advertima AG. These presentations showed how innovation practically can be implemented in a company.

An important insight from these practice experiences: Those who want to be successful must be relevant to their customers and have the willingness to work together with their competitors.

STARTFELD was founded in 2010 by the University of St.Gallen, the Fachhochschule St.Gallen, Empa and the city of St.Gallen.

For more information see **SDO Profile** of [STARTFELD](#).

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## Towards a safer digital Armenia – ArmTech 2017 in Yerevan

10<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference offers sponsorship opportunities

This year's ArmTech conference in Yerevan, Armenia on **Sep 27, 2017** will be held under the headline "Towards safer digital Armenia". ArmTech'17 be the tenth conference of this series. ArmTech has developed to be the Premier Cybersecurity Conference of Armenia. Held under the patronage of the Prime Minister of Armenia the conference is aimed at expanding the frontiers of Armenian high-tech industry promotion and attracting new participants. Considering the recent development in security matters world-wide, ArmTech '17 will be devoted to cybersecurity and bring together international cybersecurity experts, governmental and academic leaders



September 27, 2017  
Yerevan, Armenia

To discuss the future of cybersecurity. The Forum aims at:

- Facilitating public-private cooperation to create public policies for cybersecurity;
- Identifying trends, opportunities, and determining the role of the private sector in ensuring cybersecurity
- Analyzing market trends for cyber products and services.
- Encourage networking, knowledge exchange and strengthening business links also with diaspora and global tech.

For **sponsoring opportunities** see [brochure](#) or **contact** the team at [email](#)

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## Peru's Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

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investments in innovation are only 0,08 % ecosystem of Peru still offers much room for development. While Chile since several years support startups (\$40 M invested in 1,300 growth startups) and even seeks to attract foreign entrepreneurs, Peru only recently strengthened efforts to reduce the economic dependence on raw materials.

In 2012 the government initiated [Startup Peru](#) to help building the entrepreneurship ecosystem of the country. This and other activities show results. Meanwhile demand for the incubator services and support has grown "exponentially" as [UTEC Ventures](#) founder and managing director, André Benavides told [Techcrunch](#). Another example are the applications to Startup

Peru seed funding: 837 projects applied for seed capital from Startup Peru. 106 applicants were selected to receive funding between US\$5,000 and \$153,000.

Also in 2014 the Ministry of Innovation launched [Innovate Peru](#) with the goal to strengthen entrepreneurs and companies as well as support within the Peruvian ecosystem. Innovate Peru also was set up to facilitate collaboration by providing specific funds, for example, for high-impact projects for the Peruvian economy, society or environment or for scientific equipment at institutions.

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## Startup Support by University del Pacifico

The Universidad del Pacífico (UP), since (founded 1962) is a key actor in the educational, economic and social growth of the country. Besides educations and training in the UP Business Science and the School of Economics and Finance and innovation promotion in the UP Innovation Lab (opened 2015), UP is providing entrepreneurship and startup support through **Emprende UP** in several tiers: **Pre-incubation, Incubation, Acceleration**, and the business angel network



**UP4angels** as well as softlanding service for foreign startups.

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## Waking up the Lion

The SA Innovation Summit will be held for the tenth time on September 6-8, 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa

The SA Innovation Summit is based on entrepreneurship is the most important way that Africa can come to its full potential and develop and deliver products and



services that stand out, are credible and are inspired from the continent. For an individual entrepreneurship is the biggest opportunity in lifetime - it is a David against Goliath story, and it is time to take Africa to the World. It will take courage, vision and ingenuity. The lion is waking up and Africa is rising. The SA Innovation Summit is:

**Establishing Techtribes** to create an enabling environment for the Tech Entrepreneur by connecting cross cutting orga-

organizations through discussions, visualization, education, research and events;

**Promoting an inclusive and impactful Agenda** by challenging and inspiring conversations around the impact on collective environments, both physical and social, and identifying how to effect meaningful change.

**Accelerating innovations from idea to scale:** The Summit brings the African entrepreneurial ecosystem (Funders, Founders, Accelerators, Corporates, and Policy makers and Academia) from across the world together to connect and accelerate ecosystem outcomes which can support the scaling and replication of innovations.

The SA Innovation Summit will be held September 6-8, 2017 in Cape Town. For more details about the program, exhibition pitches, competitions and more see the Summit [website](#)

## European Pitch Tour of Nigerian Startups in Europe

Co-creation Hub (CcHUB) in Lagos, Nigeria is bringing 14 selected startups to Europe to pitch in front of potential investors in five countries.

A group of 14 startups from Nigeria is on a three-week tour to visit five European tech hubs in London, Amsterdam, Berlin, and Zurich. Co-creation Hub Nigeria in partnership with Google for Entrepreneurs is organizing this tour with the aim to pitch to investors, explore international opportunities and offerings, learn about technology markets and build a network amongst technology leaders from both the African and European continent.

118 startups looking for Series A funding applied and 14 were selected to be part of the group traveling to Europe: [Kudobuzz](#): Ghana, [Ongair](#): Kenya, [Gebeya](#): Kenya/Ethiopia, [Piggybank](#): Nigeria, [Gloo](#): Nigeria, [Prepclass](#): Nigeria, [Tradedepot](#): Nigeria, [Lifebank](#): Nigeria, [Fashpa](#): Nigeria, [Firefly media](#): Senegal, [GoMetro](#): South Africa, [ClinicMaster](#): Uganda, [BitFinance](#): Zimbabwe and [Real food](#): Zimbabwe.

The tour began on August 14, 2017 in

London with a visit to [Google's Campus London](#). On other stops of the tour visits are scheduled for example to [TQ Amsterdam](#), [Factory Berlin](#) and [Impact Hub Zurich](#), concluding at [NUMA Paris](#). During



the tour participating startups will have pitched to more than 300 investors - the goal is to raise a total of €20M.

This tour to Europe is part of the CcHub program PitchDrive.

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## ConneCTIC

Entrepreneurs Café presents the Companies selected for Jambar Tech Lab

CTIC Dakar in July organized a "Connectic" with the partners, entrepreneurs, coaches and mentors. The program is part of the Jambar

Tech Lab; Connectic is an essential event in the



ICT scene; it has been bringing together actors, entrepreneurs and professionals from the Senegalese tech scene for over 4 years. Entrepreneurs from the subregion selected for the Jambar tech Lab presented their projects in a professional and friendly framework had the opportunity to interact with the participants.

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## CTIC Dakar expands

In April 2011 the CTIC Dakar opened doors in the heart of the Senegalese capital as the first ICT incubator in West Africa. During recent six years it supported about 100 startups to develop and provided entrepreneurship training to 2,000+ young people. This contribution to the positive development of the startup ecosystem of Senegal is the background for good news. CTIC Dakar is on the way to pursue its ambition: Make Senegal the largest hub of entrepreneurship, technology and innovation in West Africa.



With support of the State of Senegal through the State-owned Asset Management Agency which provides a building of more than 600m<sup>2</sup> to CTIC and renovation supported by institutional and private donors the incubator triples its capacity.

On Aug 24 the official inauguration of the new facilities was celebrated with **XXXX** congratulating guests. We join the congratulations and wish Regina Mbodj, CEO of CTIC and her team ongoing success.

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## AfriLabs partners with ICT4SI

The new network ICT four Social Innovation (ICT4SI) and AfriLabs with 57 members all over the African continent partnered to strengthen impact

AfriLabs that recently could welcome 11 new members has joined forces with the pan-African ICT 4 Social Innovation Network to unite key sectors for digitally advancing development in ICT4SI has been founded by [SPIDER](#), a Swedish Program for ICT in Developing Regions and [iHub](#) Kenya. ICT4SI is managed by iHub.

Anne Salim, Network Manager for ICT 4 Social Innovation /iHub Kenya said “Social Innovation is borne out of creatively approaching the hindrances which stall (social) development. The ICT 4 Social Innovation Network already shares some of its members with AfriLabs, we are delighted to extend this partnership and confident that our alignment will bring new innovative solutions to the table”,



Anna Ekeledo, Head of AfriLabs Secretariat, explains “African tech hubs are at the forefront of technical solutions tailored for the African continent, by joining forces with the ICT4SI

Network, we make sure that synergies of knowledge, opportunities and resources are strategically joined for greater impact and sustainability”.

ICT4SI has 35 member organizations/companies working in private, public, academic, technical and civil society sectors, with a key focus on sustainable development goals through ICT. The network showcases innovation and provides a platform for collaboration and organizational development.

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## African Tech Industry in Paris and Nairobi

Pitches of African Entrepreneurs, Key notes and Networking

Sep 5, 2017 is the day to experience what the African Tech Industry and innovative African Startups have to offer. It is worth



taking a look. In 2016 African startups raised a total of \$367 million.

AFROBYTES and Co-creation Hub Nigeria are organizing the event in Paris with three components:

- **Pitch Drive 2017** – to present 14 selected startups from Africa (see article European Pitch Tour on previous page). This part of the event is **for investors only**, [registration](#) is required.
- **African Tech Industry Trends** – Panel discussions on two topics: “**African Tech Industry Builders**” and “**Developing a successful scaling-up strategy in Africa**” to learn about the situation and potential of technology entrepreneurship on the African continent.
- **Networking Session** – opportunities

- for making new and deepening existing contact.

The event is aimed at speeding up participants’ business strategy in Africa.

**Registration** is open through [website](#)

To follow-up the new contacts made (or as a separate exploration) AFROBYTES offers a

## Visit to the African Tech Industry in Nairobi



The 4 day learning expedition place **Nov 18-23, 2017**. The 4 day learning expedition will take Nairobi is an important hotspot of Africa’s technological innovation and entrepreneurship. The program offers first-hand information about startups, investors and executives in a high-growth technology market. **Application** for participation: AFROBYTES [website](#)

And **June 7-8, 2018: Afrobytes Tech Conference** in Paris will again bring together African and European tech industry. **Contact:** Afrobytes [email](#), CcHub [email](#)  
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## “Smart Cities” AfriLab Annual Gathering 2017

The Annual Gathering 2017 of AfriLab, the pan-African network of innovation hubs, will be held Oct 18 – 20, 2017 at The French University, Sherouk City, Cairo, Egypt.

Hosted by [District](#), a tech hub/co-working space and themed ‘Smart Cities’ the event will focus on employing Big Data and Internet-of-Things (IoT) applications to improve the different aspects of daily life. Examples of topics to talk about and “hot” (not only) for African entrepreneurs and societies are data analytics, water/waste management, buildings & infrastructure, energy Management, transportation, cyber security etc.

AfriLabs 2017 Gathering is the opportunity to interact with other hub managers, start-ups and funders who will for the first time have a grassroots oriented platform for annual interaction.

More about the event [website](#)

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## Make it Happen!

### Conference of ICT4SI in Abuja will focus of Social Innovation for Africa

ICT4SI, ICT for Social Innovation Network, will hold its Annual Conference in Abuja, Nigeria on October 25-26, 2017. This event will be a dynamic gathering of people who make things happen and is part of the ICT4SI platform for learning and investment in social innovation. One-time investor/sponsors for this Annual Conference are welcome as well as long term funders who believe in African ICT solutions for the greater gain of society. The conference will be held in different countries each year. More information is available in the brochure for [download](#). The ICT4SI Network was established for funders and investors to contribute to innovative and sustainable development.

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## The Smart Cities Challenge – Changing the Face of Retail

The second ATTACQ Challenge has been started at Launchlab, Stellenbosch. The first edition in 2016 has 86 applications.

The first ATTACQ Challenge to change the face of retail was held 2016 in partnership with LaunchLab. From 86 applications 11 were shortlisted and 6 selected.



LaunchLab and ATTACQ are still working with 4 of these startups. Now the Innovation Challenge 2017 of this partnership has been announced. This “Smart Cities” are the topic, as ATTACQ is continuing with its development at Waterfall City, a startup urban node between Pretoria and Johannesburg that is the new home to PwC, Deloitte, Colgate Palmolive, Cipla, and others. The Challenge is looking for innovative solutions regarding Location, Transportation, Security, Loyalty as well as “Black screen” technology and technologies to improve experiences

in spaces where people live, work and play. Prize money of R 100,000 will be distributed to the winners who further get support and space from Launchlab and opportunities for doing business with ATTACQ. Mid-August a workshop in Stellenbosch introduced entrepreneurs to the challenge that now is open for video submissions to the [website](#) until **September 29, 2017**.

Such applications should include information about the problem, the suggested solution, the development so far as well as the next steps of the project. LaunchLab will work with ATTACQ to put together a short list of entrepreneurs to invite to the Pitching Platform Final on Oct 18, 2017. The selected teams will pitch in front of an audience and panel to see who will be selected for incubation by the LaunchLab working with ATTACQ. **Contact:** LaunchLab Team [email](#) **SDO Profile** [Launchlab](#)

## African Innovative Startups at DEMO Africa

DEMO Africa is a flagship initiative of LIONS@frica aiming to connect African startups to the global ecosystem.

It is the place where the most innovative companies from African countries get a platform to launch their products and announce to Africa and the world what



they have developed. Hosted by the City of Johannesburg in partnership with South Africa's Department of Science and Technology the LIONS the DEMO Africa 2017 Conference will be held **November 23, 2017** at Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre in Boksburg, Johannesburg. 723 startups applied for the DEMO 2016

in the presence of over 600 delegates (investors and policymakers). During recent five years DEMO Africa has launched over 180 startups that have raised R700-million (more than €44k). Earlier this year Demo Africa already has visited 14 cities in Africa looking for startups to nominate for the competition. 12 startups have been shortlisted but the application window still is open. Startups with innovative scalable products in energy, health, education, agriculture, hospitality, commerce, manufacturing, entertainment and logistics can [apply online](#) by **August 31, 2017**. The 30 selected startups will be announced during September to participate in an eight-week DEMO Africa program to get access to R3.3-million in mentorship, tools and services from Amazon Web Services and Microsoft.

## africa4future: Airbus BizLab

[Airbus BizLab](#) is a global aerospace business accelerator. With #africa4future the accelerator invited African start-ups to apply. The **pitching event** on **Sept 22 at [Workshop17](#)**



in Cape Town. This will offer the chance to learn about startups that shape the future of a growing society, support sustainable development and empower mobility through aerospace technologies. The #africa4future initiative is focused on Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, Satellite Operations Aerial Vehicle Satellite Operations and Imagery, 3D Printing, Smart sensors, and Artificial Intelligence. The winner in Oct/Nov will go on a 10- day-trip to Europe to meet with aerospace experts and boost their startup.

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## Cape Town Startup Capital of Africa

Compiling data from a variety of sources like the World Economic Forum Global Rankings 2016 in combined effort of ecosystem players an [infographic](#) has been developed that is aimed to show why Cape Town is the startup Capital of Africa. Besides large technology corporates Amazon Web Services and Naspers and the stock listed 25 companies headquartered in Cape Town, the large number of tech startups are forming the basis of the ecosystem. 20+ accelerators and 25 +co-corking spaces add to the work of incubators – alone the oldest one, Bandwidth Barn, has in total supported 2,000+ entrepreneurs and incubated more than 750 businesses. The accelerators of the city annually support 10-15 startups.



## 7 Young Black Entrepreneurs Explore the Cape's Startup Hotspots

In early August 2017 seven young black entrepreneurs from the [Allan Gray Orbis Foundation](#) were introduced to the world of entrepreneurship with a two-day bus

During this year's tour participants met with venture builders, investors, co-working spaces and entrepreneurs, giving them a holistic experience of the start-up



tour of startup hotspots in Cape Town. The initiative was sponsored by [E<sup>2</sup>](#), an impact investor and the Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) partnering with the financial services company Allan Gray. Such a bus tour now took place the second time with the aim to inspire entrepreneurs and accelerate their entrepreneurial journey. The first bus tour was inspiring enough that one of the participants declined a lucrative international corporate opportunity and instead started a business.

ecosystem. The tour included visits to [Workshop 17](#), [Silicon Cape](#), WomEng, RecoMed, Tuyu, Neural Sense, [MTN Solution Space](#), Venture Burn, [Saban](#) the South African Business Angel Network, [Spin Street House](#), [Far Ventures](#) and [Silvertree](#) Internet

Holdings. The annual bus tour is just one of several entrepreneurial development initiatives spearheaded by the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation and [E<sup>2</sup>](#), including early stage programs, an incubator and an accelerator program.

*Information for this report based on an article in Venture Burn by Anda Sebesho, communication specialist at E<sup>2</sup>.*

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## Startups selected for first Startupbootcamp in Cape Town

The global accelerator program Startupbootcamp for the first time came to South Africa and received 518 applications

From 518 applications from 43 countries Startupbootcamp Cape Town selected 10 to be part of the acceleration program beginning Sep 4, 2017 and ending with the Demo day on Nov 30, 2017. 409 applica-



tions were from Africa - most from South Africa (220). Selection criteria focused on skills, leadership, commitment, vision, scalability, competitive advantage and timing. The selected startups will each get €15 000, free working space, access to investors and opportunities to attend industry events. In addition they will benefit from mentorship by industry experts. In return Startupbootcamp will take an 8% equity stake in each of the startups.

Startups selected are:

[Brownie Points](#) – (SA) social enterprise connecting non-profit companies with

volunteers, well-wishers and companies.

[Dusu Pay](#) – (Uganda) cross-border payment solution that aggregates payment options from one portal

[Fo-Sho](#) – (SA) insure tech startup that uses AI bots and machine learning to provide a tailored offering

[Got Bot](#) – (SA) AI solutions company that integrates AI into retail and customer relationship management

[Just Now](#) – (SA) smart advertising mobile solution targeted at food businesses and customers to reduce food waste

[Khoyn](#) – (Zimbabwe) e-commerce platform that allows users to sell goods and services via a chat-bot

[MOBicure](#) – (Nigeria) health tech startup that uses mobile technology to tackle health issues facing developing countries

[Strider](#) – (SA) insure tech platform providing fully automated on-demand insurance

[Virtual Drive](#) – (SA) e-commerce platform that connects vehicle buyers and sellers

[Yethu](#) – (SA) startup with an online management system help individuals in the informal sector to save.

For more information visit Startupbootcamp [website](#). **Contact:** Elize Nel, [email](#)  
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## Do-ference at Bandwidth Barn in Cape Town

Social entrepreneurs are the target group of the Do-ference "Pathways to Funding", to be held September 28-29, 2017 at the business Woodstock incubator Bandwidth Barn. The UCT Graduate School of Busi-



ness Bertha Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship has gathered together speakers and entrepreneurs from across the entrepreneurship ecosystem to equip you with the tools and confidence to grow your business

The Do-ference connects entrepreneurs, startup and finance experts from across South Africa to provide knowledge, tools, and connections to better understand business; impact; and how, when, and where to access the right funding to grow business. Participants are invited to

**Design their own program** from the three different tracks (Ideation, Incubation and Growth) by choosing the sessions that most apply.

**Get targeted, specific advice** by booking a free one-on-one session with one of the expert speakers, and to receive

**Do-ference support program and seed funding.** Up to five entrepreneurs from each city's Do-ference will be nominated to enter into a four to six-month support program with the Bertha Centre and Community Chest, with seed funding available for services for their business.

Tickets can be bought online

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## New Accelerator in South Africa

The new accelerator program I'M IN, located in Johannesburg is aimed at (min 51%) black-owned technology start-ups that can present with viable application Technologies. IM IN is providing seed funding through early stage equity deals in conjunction with business development support and one-on-one mentorship from industry specialists. The accelerator allows startups to test their assumptions and validate their products in the market.



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## EU provides funds to Byblos Bank to Promote SMEs in Lebanon

Byblos Bank is a full-service financial institution with a solid presence in strategic countries on three continents. Through the overseas subsidiaries, the bank provides access to commercial banking and other financial activities in Europe and the MENA region.



The SANAD Fund for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), co-funded by the EU, has provided Byblos Bank a loan facility of \$20 million, to be on-lent to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Lebanon to support their financing needs and ultimately contribute to job creation, poverty reduction, and overall economic growth and development.

This loan, the first such facility provided by SANAD to Byblos Bank, will be made available to SMEs in almost all parts of the country thanks to the Bank's wide network. Companies operating in any of the economic sectors including trade, industry, service, crafts or any of the small and underserved professions, will have access to short- or medium-term financing to cover their needs, whether investment or working capital, at attractive interest rates.

The SANAD Fund was established in 2011 to foster economic development and create jobs, particularly for youth, in the Middle East and North Africa by providing debt and equity funding to local financial institutions that lend money to support MSMEs and housing development.

Source & Photo: EU press release

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## Green Startups met Investors in Amman and Cairo

In early August Switch-Med organized two National events "Green startups meet Investors"; one each in Amman, Jordan and Cairo, Egypt. At these events startups presented their business ideas and solutions to representatives of the financial sector.

To prepare for these events participating startups received a two-day training in workshops focused on communication skills. Finally, 15 entrepreneurs (8 in Jordan, and 7 in Egypt) pitched to potential investors and relevant stakeholders like, for example For example, to name a few were the National Microfinance Bank in Jordan, [Oasis 500](#), Alexandria Business tion, Arab Science and Technology Foundation, Injaz and UN representatives.

An important outcome from the events was that entrepreneurs developed their pitching skills, got practice, and received valuable feedback from investors.

Finally, the winners of a trip to attend the **SwitchMed Connect 2018** in Barcelona were selected by a jury. The winners were



**Aina Abu Hamdeh** from Jordan, a SwitchMed green entrepreneur, who is launching "Golden Grass", the first locally produced wheat grass extract for health & personal care products.

**Diaa Adham & Abdelnasser Farrag**, Egypt, the founders of VWaste, who came with an innovative way of transforming orange waste into orange peel powder.

For more details about entrepreneurs and projects supported by SwitchMed [website](#).

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Source & photo: [SwitchMed press release](#)

## Arabnet Kuwait Conference, Competitions, Ecosystem

On Oct 17, 2017 Kuwait for the second tie will be hosting ArabNet. The event will focus on the Kuwaiti and GCC market to highlight the latest trends and opportunities that have emerged as well as Kuwait's most promising startups.



The **2-day conference** will consist of a TechFair, an exhibition for leading digital companies and rising startups. It will also feature a day of keynotes and panels covering digital media topics, digital banking, the state of ecommerce in banking, the state of ecommerce in Kuwait, the latest hardware and innovations, in addition to the landscape of entrepreneurs in Kuwait.

**Two competitions** will be held at Arabnet Kuwait; the **Ideathon** for entrepreneurs with digital business ideas, and the **Startup Battle** for digital young startups less than two years old.

The **Kuwait Entrepreneurship Ecosystem** has witnessed much development with international acquisitions and a number of new funds, accelerator programs, and support institutions.

ArabNet Kuwait will feature **top investors** and underline their investment strategies. It will also touch on the market latest trends, entrepreneurial hacks and best practices, team-building, and scaling.

Arabnet [Website](#)

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## Jordan will set up Innovative Startups Fund

Jordan is preparing to set up a new **Innovative Startups Fund** that will help potential entrepreneurs to develop their ideas, connect them with business incubators and provide venture capital to innovative, growth oriented SMEs. It will also support 200 innovative business ideas across the country.



The new fund benefit from a \$50M loan 48rom World Bank and additional \$0M from the Jordanian Government.

More details in World bank [article](#)



## Baltimore Investment Scene for Startups is maturing

608 startups are listed Angel.co for Baltimore and Baltimore Angels is an important source of finance for these companies. In May 2017, this network of 50+ angels reached a total of \$8 million invested in early-stage companies (since 2009). Considering the size of investments a business angel usually provides for the early startup phase and the fact that a significant part of the total has been invested in recent years only, this number is indicating the growing potential in the city. Adding that in 2017 venture capital invested in Baltimore's startups reached \$465.59 million (data from National Venture Capital Association) underlines the importance of new companies for the area. The Baltimore Angels network was started in 2009 by the serial entrepreneurs Greg Cangialosi and Dave Troy and meanwhile



became a group of angel investors meeting once a month to discuss potential investments. As the investors have very different backgrounds, they can cover the needs of a wide range of startups; may it be fintech, health, or cloud technology. In general an angel investment is an individual matter between a startup and an angel. However, Baltimore Angels created their own investment vehicle. The startups receive *one* investment, even if several angels are involved. Being asked about the startup scene of Baltimore, Meredith Persico, Baltimore Angels operations director, said to [DCInno](#) "The investment scene here is still maturing. We are finally seeing companies more consistently that are ready for angel investment." (more on [website](#)). **Contact** Meredith Persico, [email](#) **SDO Profile** [Baltimore Angels](#)

## Baltimore

Two of the famous children of Baltimore are Edgar Allen Poe and Frank Zappa. Founded in 1729, Baltimore made early experiences with innovative technologies. The first train line of the US, connecting Baltimore with Ohio was opened in May 1830. Baltimore since its early days was an important harbor – first for tobacco, later for immigrants from Europe, and today it is one of the largest harbors of the US. Industrialization blossomed through steel, shipyard, plane, and automobile industries. Today the largest employer is the Johns Hopkins Hopkins Hospital that has a globally leading role in medicine. The Universities of Maryland, Towson and Baltimore add to the innovation potential of the city.

Looking at the latest in business the list of "5 Startups to watch" (2016) made by METROMBA may serve as indicator:

**Allovue:** the software "Balance" connects with financial systems in K-12 school district to allow administrators to track financial information daily.

**Girl Develop It** is a nonprofit organization that provides affordable programs for adult women interested in learning web and software development. **TEDCO** is a unique and independent organization created by the Maryland State Legislature in 1998 to serve Maryland's startups and entrepreneurs.

**Parking Panda** has created an online parking marketplace for parking spot owners to rent their open spots and optimize pricing.

**Betamore:** Located in downtown Baltimore, Betamore is a campus for technology and entrepreneurship and also has various educational resources.

## Baltimore calls for Health Startups

Mid-June a new accelerator program started in Baltimore. M-1 by Johns Hopkins Technology Ventures is focused on health and fitness startups

Mid-June a new health accelerator was announced in Baltimore by Johns Hopkins Technology Ventures, Plank Industries, the University of Maryland, Brown Advisory and the Abell Foundation.

**M -1 Ventures**, a new startup accelerator is focused on connected health and fitness technologies to take advantage of the regional strengths and to offer startups in this sector a clearer path to success.

The 16-week program will be housed in [FastForward East](#), an innovation hub on the Johns Hopkins medical campus. Additional support for the program comes from the Maryland Department of Commerce and Village Capital.

The program will run under the direction of Paul Singh, an entrepreneur, angel investor and co-founder of the investment

firm 500 Startups and Tony D'Agostino, a serial entrepreneur currently working with ZyGood, a medical device startup.

Startups selected to the M-1 Ventures program receive:US\$25,000 in equity, 1-on-1 investor/ entrepreneurs mentorship by Paul Singh and Tony D'Agostino, co-working space in FastForward East, access to and mentorship from connected health and fitness experts at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the University of Maryland, Pro bono legal / accounting services and additional business resources, access to the industry's and region's top investors at a Demo Day and the opportunity to win one of two additional \$25,000 investments. M-1 will launch with its first cohort Sep 5, 2017 and with a Demo Day in Mid-December

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## Full Service Spectrum for Startups at City Garage Baltimore

A former bus depot in South Baltimore is on the way to become a hotspot of entrepreneurship.



The recently opened City Garage is home of three programs to support entrepreneurship and startups:

**Main Street** 5,000 square meters of mixed-use space. Businesses come to Main Street to grow their companies and develop new ideas. Here, tenants are surrounded by an atmosphere of innovation and collaboration.

**The Foundry** was built upon the goal to fuel the creative community with unique access to industrial-grade tools and knowledge, and to provide a safe and ac-

cessible makers' space for Baltimore's creative community to gather, learn, build and teach. The Foundry provides community access to industrial-grade tools and training through membership-based access combined with help for bringing an idea into reality or if providing the necessary tools to complete a project. Additionally, learning a new skill is possibly by using the offers of the program.

**Under Armour Lighthouse** is a Manufacturing and Design Leadership Center; a state-of-the-art facility that will house innovators and cutting-edge technology dedicated to advancing the way footwear and apparel is produced locally.

And the co-working space **Betamore** has recently established a second location with facilities to accommodate up to 60 clients in City Garage. **Contact:** City Garage Team [email](#) **SDO Profile:** [City Garage](#)

## Baltimore Social Entrepreneurs selected for Amaphiko Academy

Teaching students, promoting STEM education, art & apparel sales, improving health, microgreen sales, and parking lot to agri production are the topics of these startups.

The Austrian energy drink inventor Red Bull is hosting the Amaphiko Academy; a launch pad for grassroots social entrepreneurs with the aim to provide inspiration, mentorship, practical skills and tools such entrepreneurs need to take their projects to the next level. The Amaphiko Academy



offers 10-day events to connect and collaborate with some of the leading innovators, entrepreneurs and storytellers in the world. Since foundation in 2014 it has been held 3 times in South Africa, and twice in Brazil. Now it came first time to the US. Baltimore has been chosen for its "emerging social impact community," and the city's social entrepreneurship community aligns with the work of the academy. From 250 applications nation-wide, 14 entrepreneurs from across the U.S (six from Baltimore) were selected to attend the Amaphiko Academy held Aug. 11-20, 17 at Eubie Blake Cultural Center.

The six native to Baltimore are:

**Brittany Young**, founder of the partnership B-360, teaching students of science, technology, engineering, arts and math using dirt bike repair skills for developing community relationships and offer new

career skills and opportunities.

**Muhammad Najecullah**, founder of the Pop Up Robot Gaming Grounds Projects,

an interactive robotic gaming system designed to introduce Baltimore's youth to STEAM-related education, careers and entrepreneurs.

**C. Harvey**, founder of Baltimore's Gifted, a tool for black youth artists to address the exploitation of their artwork and art-derived apparel through a digital platform to sell their work while learning career skills.

**Changa Bell**, founder, the Black Male Yoga Initiative (BMYI), an organization focused on furthering the health interests of Black men worldwide through workshops, products and training related to mindfulness, meditation and yoga.

**Dominic Nell**, founder, City Weeds, a company selling microgreens and teaches city students about their benefits by partnering with local restaurants.

**Walker Marsh**, founder of Flower Factory, a repurposed empty lot in Broadway East where Marsh will grow high-quality sustainable flowers and herbs, and promote green entrepreneurship.

For more information, see [website](#)

## Baltimore for Techies

Baltimore offers many ways and opportunities for getting into touch with other like-minded people in technology and



entrepreneurship. There are 20+ different regular meetups just for the different techies. This spectrum reaches from [GirlDveopIt](#) for women to learn programming through the [TechBreakfast](#) bringing techies, startups, and business folks together, the Digital Harbor Foundation providing make space to youth and supporting educators to meetup groups focusing on UX, PHP, Java, Drupal or Puppet to name just a few. Overview on the **23 different groups** on [Technical.ly](#) On July 26, 2017 the city's organizers of such gatherings met for a "Super Meetup" with 230 people at Baltimore Studios to give each other a quick introduction.

**Contact:** [Technical.ly](#), [email](#)

## Baltimore for All BIW with seven Tracks

The annual Baltimore Innovation Week will be happening for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. The dates are Sep 29 - Oct 7, 2017.

This week-long celebration is organized by [Technical.ly](#) into 7 different tracks (Creative, Access, Dev, Civic, Business,



Media and Sciences). [Technical.ly](#) also organizes Conference Days focused around some of these tracks.

**Contact:** [Technical.ly](#) Team [email](#) More information on [BIW Website](#)

## Startup Maryland

Driven from within the startup community Startup Maryland  is led by/for entrepreneurs. It is a peer-driven initiative focused on high-growth ventures. Startup Maryland strives to connect innovation communities and recognize the importance of founding-entrepreneurs, startup, ramp-up and speedup companies to the innovation economy. Startup Maryland rallies entrepreneurs, supporters and other innovation stakeholders around the four main initiatives Connection, Celebration, Coaching, and Capital.

**Contact:** Startup Maryland [email](#)

## Beaches, Castles, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

The Baltic States offer great places for vacations. For example, in Latvia travelers can find whatever they are interested in. Beaches and culture, nature and architecture, history and innovation, business and entertainment – and there is more.

Those who cannot stop working find the right places all over the country. Latvia provides co-working options not only in Riga, but also in many places interesting from the tourists' perspective. [Labs of Latvia](#) has published a report about places worth to visit and to co-work.

In **Riga** the report mentions the two co-working spaces [Oracule Tang](#) and [Tech Hub](#). We have added the latest space for



creative businesses. The [LIJA Creative Industry Business Incubator](#) (Radošo industriju inkubators) opened in December 2016 as the first of 15 incubators operating throughout the country. For more options in Latvia's Capital check [SPICA Directory](#) listing 13 more spaces. Places outside (with a few additions by SPICA) are listed below:

### Along the beaches of the Baltic Sea



**Jurmala:** Just half an hour train ride from Riga the famous white beaches of Jurmala invite the visitor – the co-worker is served by [Jurmala Business Incubator](#).

**Salacgrīva** is another ocean-side location on the Bay of Riga where the Salaca river mounds into the Baltic Sea, not far from the border with Estonia. The town also is the location of Latvia's biggest music festival (held in June) and [Nirbulis](#) is the place to co-work.

**Liepāja** in Western Latvia has sandy beaches and an ancient fortress as well as a vibrant night-life, attract the tourists.

[Liepāja Kurzemes Business Incubator](#) soon [LIJA Liepāja Business Incubator](#),

the head office for the incubators in **Kuldīga** and **Saldus**, will get its own coworking.

**Ventspils** has an ice-free harbor and is an important place since the Hanseatic League in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. The [Ventspils High Technology Park](#) (VHTP) also offers [business incubator](#) services in Ventspils and in Talsi.

### Western Latvia



**Kuldīga** offers the widest waterfall and the longest auto-transport friendly brick bridge in Europe. [Kurzemes Business Incubator](#), a regional incubator aims at developing business ideas outside of Riga. The [LIJA Kuldīga Business Incubator](#) offers co-working in the creative heart of the city.

**Saldus** in Western Latvia has a rich cultural life with local musicians, poets, painters, artists and the Saldus School of Music (since 1946) and an Art School (since 1984). The [Business Incubator Saldus](#) is part of the Kurzemes Business Incubator.

**Talsi** has a history reaching back to the 11<sup>th</sup> century and is called "the city on nine hills". The [VHTP Incubator Talsi](#) is part of the High Technology Park Ventspils.

**Jelgava**, just 40 km from Riga has a castle to visit and more historic buildings. For the entrepreneur the [JIC Business Incubator](#) provides services

### North-Eastern Latvia



**Cēsis** is a medieval city famous for its castle. The co-working space for creatives is [Skola 6](#) and [Magnus](#) is the business incubator with a wider spectrum of services for entrepreneurs and startups.

**Valmiera** in North-Eastern Latvia is located not far from the border to Estonia. The [Valmiera Business & Innovation Incubator](#) offers a wide spectrum of services.

**Sigulda** - human settlement reaches back to the second century b.c. Turida castle (11<sup>th</sup> century) is the gate to the famous Gauja nature reserve is the "Latvian Switzerland". [Sigulda Business Incubator](#) offers services for entrepreneurs and startups.

**Ogre** was first mentioned in historic documents in 1206 – at that time in German as "Oger". The city offers a rich cultural life and the [Ogre Business Incubator](#) serves the entrepreneurs and startups.

### South-Eastern Latvia



**Madona**, a quiet and calm city in the East of Latvia is proud of the restfulness of the city, in comparison with the stressful bustle of typical cities. The [Madona Business Incubator](#) brings together the brightest minds in a centrally located stylish office.

**Jekabpils** has a stone cross-castle that was built in 1237 by the bishop of Riga and has an industrial history. Already in its early days was a busy trading center and had been inhabited since 1,000 BC. The [Jekabpils Business Incubator](#) provides services for the startup community.

**Rezeknes** is located where the train lines Moscow – Riga and St. Petersburg – Warsaw cross. LATC, the [Latgale Machinery and Technology Center](#) offers a wide range of facilities and support for starting and growing companies.

**Daugavpils** is even further down to the South East of Latvia – less than 20 km to the Lithuanian border. The city has a well preserved citadel from the 18<sup>th</sup> century and the [Daugavpils Business Incubator](#) helps entrepreneurs to get started.

**Bauska** located south of Riga has a 15<sup>th</sup> century castle and an Old Town originating back to the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The [Bauska Business Incubator](#) cater for the needs of (would-be) entrepreneurs.

Photos: Riga: HF other: Fotolia



## Hot Summer? Think about refreshing

It is (more or less) warm summer in the Northern Hemisphere. But, possibly it is time to think about refreshing coolness of February in Riga?

**TechChill**, the key event of the Latvian startup community will open the season with the oldest, loudest and coolest annual startup / tech insider event in Latvia.



**techchill**

**Early bird ticket** sales for the event to be held **February 8-9, 2018** in Riga have opened al-

ready. Tickets at reduced prices are available for [online reservation](#) until **October 4, 2017**.

Since 2012 each year in February TechChill is bringing together the most promising startups from region, the global investors and business angels, students and tech enthusiasts for inspiring stories, deals and new connections. A two day agenda across two stages will include 80 speakers, including experienced found-

ers, innovators, startup community leaders, tech media, investors and top experts in their field.

Riga is booming with young people with outstanding ideas taking advantage of good infrastructure and life quality, one of the fastest internet speeds in the world and easy access to anywhere in Europe. Latvia's ecosystem provides a great mix of reasonable startup costs, access to international entrepreneurial talent and capital, startup friendly regulation and excellent geographical connections. TechChill is the fast-track introduction to the Baltics.

TechChill is organized by [TechHub Riga](#), a non-profit NGO founded in 2012 to help local young entrepreneurs improve and become more competitive. It is a platform that helps technology startups grow their professional networks and develop their ideas faster and more effectively.

**Contact** TechChill [email](#)  
**SDO Profile** [TechChill](#) / [Tech Hub Riga](#)

## New Business Incubation Initiative in Ogre

The Latvian Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA) on January 17, 2017 opened the Ogre Business Incubator; one of the LIDA 14 business incubators in the regions of Latvia. At the opening The Ogre Council Chairman Artūrs Mangulis, the LIDA Business Incubator Department Director Laura Očagova and the LIDA Ogre Business Incubator manager Ilze Linkums welcomed new entrepreneurs and guests. The opening offered the opportunity to entrepreneurs, startups and other interested parties to learn the about business incubator basic services, view the facilities, meet with business incubator partners, as well as obtain information about LIDA business incubator development plans.

Since September 2016 LIDA has set up 15 business incubators all over the country to facilitate a fruitful and development of innovative new businesses. The new centers provide businesses advice, support and service to new businesses as well as to those who want to grow.

The incubator can offer to take a share of

50% of the cost of services the client companies use. The incubators also offer a pre-incubation scheme where entrepreneurs can test their ideas and get free advice.

LIAA Business Incubators are funded



within the framework of the European Regional Development Fund project "Regional Business Incubators and Creative Industry Incubator".

Information about the application procedure in the incubator and other information is available on the LIAA home [page](#) and through the link below.

The City of Ogre already on January 1, 2007 had opened a Business and Innovation Centre that provided services to all kinds of companies. With the new initiative Ogre now can also offer targeted business incubation services.

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## New Door in Riga Social Entrepreneurship Incubator

An international platform of social innovations has been created with the center of activities in Riga, Latvia. The platform is supported by The Cultural and Educational Society Migrash, Bank Rietumu and the Embassy of Israel in Latvia as well as a number of other public and commercial organizations in Latvia, Sweden, Israel, Ukraine and other countries. The aim of the initiative is attract entrepreneurs to open



their doors for the concept of social entrepreneurship.

The newdoor program 2016 had 15 graduates with a wide range on concepts including qualitative design clothes with prints based on watercolor paintings, comfortable and durable socks, a platform to sell regional crafts products, a Day Centre for local people to gain new skills, a platform for children language and intellectual skill development, a search center to find miss-



ing people, middle-east food production to brings refugees and locals together, an international project of exchanging gifts among people who do not know each other, a project for students of 9-12 classes to help them to begin to navigate in the world of professions, an initiative to improve sales of products made by disabled people, a project to assist youth in finding their way to a happy life, teaching children in orphanages in creative workshops, helping Russian speaking children to learn Latvian, specialized transportation and attendant services for people with disabilities.

The program for 2017 has not yet been published, but people having an idea of social business, want to implement their project, improve an existing company or find new partners at any time can apply to the international incubator newdoors (use [web link](#)) and will be informed about the start of the new program.

For more details see [website](#)  
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# Germany

## Sausage wins the Race - German Founder Award

Possibly it does not surprise anyone that the German Founder Award went to a company producing sausage. And if you wish to eat the sausages outdoors, another award winner provides the appropriate rucksack.

The most important award for entrepreneurs in Germany, the German Founder Award (Deutscher Gründerpreis) was celebrated June 20, 2017 at the ZDF Capital Studio in Berlin with winners in four categories: "Aufsteiger" (Climber), "StartUp", "Lebenswerk" (Lifetime Achievement)



and the "Special Award of the Jury".

The goal of the award is to promote a positive start-up climate in Germany and to encourage people to start businesses.

The German founder Award is praised by the partners Stern, Savings Banks, ZDF and Porsche with support from the Federal Ministry of Economics and Energy.

The Award in the category StartUp went to **Grillido** from Munich. The company produces grill sausages and fitness Landjäger (land hunters) with little fat, but good meat and no additives - a product for health-conscious gourmets. After foundation in 2015 Grillido has catapulted itself into the sausage sky within less than two years, now with a revenue "in the high six-

digit range". Grillios does not only produce various kinds of sausage, but also a number of other products around the BBQ. Contact: [email](#) and [website](#).

The "Aufsteiger" Award went to **FOND OF BAGS**. The company, located in Cologne sells ergonomic rucksacks and bags under seven brand names. FOND OF BAGS is a quality label with high credentials in terms of quality, responsible manufacturing, functionality and design. The company started in 2010 with 'ergo-bag': a sustainably manufactured, ergonomic school backpack for school children

Since then, further backpack and bag brands for all ages and uses have been developed. Contact: [email](#) and [website](#).

The award winners and finalists receive individual advice. In addition, members of the Board of Trustees of the German Founder Award will sponsor the young companies for a period of two years. The companies also receive media training at ZDF as well as access to the alumni network of the German Founder Prize. The Lebenswerk Award went to the banker Friedrich von Metzler and the Special Award of the Jury to Dr. Andreas Kaufmann, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Leica Camera AG.

For more information visit [website](#)

## Legendary Power for Technopark Managers

Handover of management for the BVIZ AG BioParks

With the first meeting on March 18, 2005 at the Technology Park Heidelberg the work group BioParks (AG BioParks) of the German Innovation Center Association (BVIZ) started to work for the strengthening of support for bio-technological startups. Bertam Dressel, President of BVIZ and Managing Director of the [TechnologyCenterDresden](#), from the start of the work group has been its speaker; since 2008 Thomas Diefenthal, CEO of [BioPark Regensburg](#) has been managing

the AG BioPark activities. Now, 12 years after the start and at the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the work group Christina Quensel, Managing Director of the [Bio-Tech Park Berlin-Buch](#) took over responsibility; with continued support by Thomas Diefenthal.

The AG BioParks at this time brings together 25 German technology parks with laboratories and is working for the sustainable development of an infrastructure for biotechnology companies supporting their growth strategies.

## Prestigious Sustainability Award calls for Applications

The ZEITWISSEN-Prize for Sustainability 2018 again is open for applications and



suggestions. People, initiatives, educational institutions, companies and start-ups, making a special contribution in the area of sustainable development are invited. Sponsors of the initiative "Courage for Sustainability", the magazine ZEITWISSEN and Aurubis AG are awarding this prize in the categories KNOWLEDGE, ACT and BOOST.

Applicants in the category KNOWLEDGE should be characterized by a long-term commitment or a breakthrough in research or knowledge transfer. In the category "ACT", businesses are awarded that are committed to sustainability as core element of their company philosophy. In the category "BOOST", young companies with innovative, scalable business models firmly anchored in sustainability can be awarded. Aurubis AG also offers a special prize within this category. Crucial for all is the real benefit for sustainable development— ecologically and socially.

Candidates may apply themselves can be nominated by third parties through the ZEITWISSEN [website](#). Deadline for submissions is Aug, 31, 2017. The Prize will be awarded at the ZEITWISSEN sustainability conference in March 2018.

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ZEIT-WISSEN Award [website](#)



Recognizing his lasting support to the AG BioParks Bertram Dressel received a bio-technological product: a XXL bottle of Vúdí beer, produced by the craft brewery Braufactum. The beer is said to give center managers legendary powers...

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## FXH Awards 2017: Health Care Start-ups Wanted

Making Data Meaningful is the motto of the 2017 FXH Award held for the first time in Munich on November 9, 2017.

The new event platform **Future X Healthcare**, initiated by Roche, on November 9, 2017, in Munich will bring



together the most important innovators - from science to industry, start-ups and venture capitalists to politics. Jointly shaping the future of health care is the goal of the initiative.

The focus will be on digitalization and the resulting opportunities and challenges for health care in 2017. The participants expect a networking innovation fair, top-class keynotes and awards at the Alte Bayerische Staatsbank in Munich. The FXH Awards come in the categories "Start-ups" and "Scientific Excellence".

### Three Times €10,000 awarded to Startups at second BMVI Pitch

3 Minutes to present had to be enough to convince the high-caliber jury of the 2<sup>nd</sup> BMVI Startup Pitch in early August 2017. The event brought together creative minds with experienced investors and managers to offer an opportunity for learning about the latest mobility startups and for making valuable business contacts. 20 startups with their pitches competed to win one of the three €10,000 cash prizes with the chance for additional funding from the BMVI mFUND. Four more innovative Startups (with mFUND finance) presented new offers for the future of mobility. The three awards (€10,000 each) went to [Koopango](#) (Rostock region) uses existing loudspeakers to transmit location data transmitted to smartphones with overtones un-hearable for human ears. This possibility solves one of the most important problems of digitization - the determination of indoor positions.

[Hawa Dawa](#), client of the incubator [UnternehmerTUM](#) in Munich and uses a network of cost-effective sensors to model and visualize the state of urban air quality. Through the use of external data, Hawa Dawa creates easy-to-understand maps of the most important airborne substances. Based on these maps, links to traffic and city planning can be established.

Outstanding Healthcare Start-ups are invited to apply. Within the framework of the FXH Start-up Awards, UnternehmerTUM as event organizers, is looking for outstanding start-ups who are pushing ahead with the digitization of healthcare with intelligent solutions for dealing with Big

Data which contribute to more efficient research & development or improved patient care.

In addition to prize money (with a total of €17,500), the winner will receive coaching by an experienced business angel. All finalists will be invited to the Future X Healthcare and get the opportunity to present their own stand there.

More Information on [UnternehmerTUM website](#) or the [ROCHE website](#)

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[XapiX](#) SmartCity Mobility Lab (Berlin):

An increasing number of developers are integrating external data into their apps,



which are accessible through interfaces - so-called APIs. The unique data transformation algorithm converts all APIs to a common format. In addition, different data nodes can be combined according to the modular principle. The implementation is greatly simplified.

The **mFUND** is the funding program for innovative ideas for mobility 4.0 of the BMVI, Federal Ministry for Transportation and Digital Infrastructure. The fund has €150 million available for the coming years (until 2020). The aim of the mFUND is to raise the "treasure" of the BMVI, to promote innovative ideas in the area of mobility and to strengthen the entrepreneurial spirit in Germany.

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## Pfizer Healthcare Challenge Open for Application



The 2017 Challenge of the **Pfizer Healthcare Lab Berlin** is seeking submissions designed to solve some of the key challenges faced by patients and their clinicians. Finalists will be honored at an event in Berlin where they will present their ideas to the challenge sponsors, industry stakeholders, fellow participants and a live audience. The winning solution for each category will also receive a financial reward of 5.000 euros, in addition to mentoring from Pfizer experts. The winning solutions might have the opportunity to co-develop a project or service contract with Pfizer.

To use the potential of Berlin with innovative ideas and business models, startups providing new impulses for digital health - from new methods of diagnostics to therapy support via smartphone app - Pfizer launched the Berlin Healthcare Lab in November 2014. The Berlin Healthcare Lab is not a classic accelerator; it is a flexible platform that allows designing cooperation with partners from the startup scene individually. Pfizer in Berlin also offers opportunities for startups to meet with Pfizer employees providing insights into important health care topics. These start-up consultation hours promote dialogue on an equal footing and is a pioneer for the intensive exchange and new cooperation within the framework of the Berlin Healthcare Lab.

The **Pfizer 2017 Healthcare Challenge** is focusing 2017 finding the best digital health solutions for following three topics:

- Supporting Patients during Oncology Treatment
- Measuring Growth in Infants & Children
- Adherence Solutions, beyond Reminder Apps

**Applications** are possible until **August 31, 2017** through [link](#)

The Pfizer Healthcare Hub Berlin also offers consultations hours: Startups can get individual information and advice about healthcare topics in one-on-one meetings with Pfizer staff.

**Contact:** [Healthcare Hub Team email](#)  
**SDO Profile** [Pfizer Healthcare Hub Berlin](#)

## Getting into the Co-working Landscape of Hamburg

End of May “Hamburg Creative” offered an opportunity to learn about the different ways of co-working

Co-working comes in different patterns for different purposes. “Hamburg Creative (Hamburg Kreativgesellschaft) in cooperation with the “Competence Center for Cultural and Creative Industries” (Kompetenzzentrum für Kultur- und Kreativwirtschaft) took initiative to introduce to the various types of co-working spaces in Hamburg. On May 30, 2017, three guided tours brought participants to 3 – 4 different



places each for “on-site” impressions and discussions and offered opportunities for getting insights into different types of co-working:

places each for “on-site” impressions and discussions and offered opportunities for getting insights into different types of co-working:

- “Coworking & Collaboration 101” with visit to [betahaus](#), [Rockzipfel](#), and [Shhared](#)
- “Thematic Co-working” with visits to [Karostar](#), [formschoen](#), [FilmFabrique](#), and [Bauer + Planer](#)
- “Crossing Boundaries” with visits to [beehive](#), [Next Media](#) and [collabor8](#), and [Places](#)

After such “real-life” impressions the program ended with a meeting of the participants of all tours with presentations by practitioners and a lively discussion. Topics of this concluding session, for example, put light into the question why not only freelancers but also large corporations are interested in the co-working model or what role co-working plays in fostering innovation and supporting entrepreneurship.

For more information visit Meshville [blog](#)

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**SDO Profile:** [Hamburg Creative](#)

## Startups@Reeperbahn for the fifth Time in Hamburg

Not only for the startups scene of Hamburg “Startups@Reeperbahn has become an important place to meet and celebrate.

Hamburg offers a hot September for Startups. From all over Europe young and innovative firms will come for the Startups@Reeperbahn (Sep 20 – 23, 2017) to take the floor to pitch in front of 150 investors, corporates, journalists and other professionals from the German digital and media sector. The five winning teams will receive the **WELT Media Prize**, a media budget of **€100,000**.

As previous Startups@Reeperbahn events demonstrated, the unique atmosphere of

Reeperbahn and the motivated participants offer excellent networking option – especially in the legendary “Lovemobils” that already have seen many surprising results.



The conference program with high-caliber speakers will add a wide range of learning opportunities.

More information see [website](#)

**Tickets** are available on [website](#)

## Hamburg

### Food Innovation Camp exceeded all expectations

The first Food Innovation Camp in 2016 was a success – the actual one exceeded all expectations. 1,200 registered visitors attended the event with 78 exhibiting startups held on July 17, 2017. The workshops of the camp were well attended; some even could not allow all interested participants in.



The question how a startup can find its place in the food market that is dominated by big companies was a much discussed topic during the camp that offered many opportunities for matchmaking and speed dating. At 160 such occasions startups could meet potential investors and business partners and to get valuable advice from experts. This made the Food Innovation Camp a meeting place for all who want to become part of the food scene. Young companies could find investors during the event.

More details and examples are available in Mathias Jäger’s [article](#) (in German) on Hamburg Startups website

## Fintech

### Startup Weekend Hamburg

For the first time focused on Fintech, the upcoming Startup Weekend Hamburg will be held Nov 10 - 12, 2017 in the co-working space [betahaus](#).



This event will bring participants “from a Wantrepreneur to an Entrepreneur”.

The Startup Weekend is inviting designers, developers, marketers, product managers or simply startup enthusiasts. Beginning with open mic pitches attendees bring their best idea and inspire others to join the team. The language of the Startup Weekend is English

Registration and tickets on [website](#)

## New Era of Construction Tech at Deutsche Bahn

Deutsche Bahn (German Rail) is continuing its series of thematic acceleration programs – this time in cooperation with Pluy & Play. The actual call for applications is focused on innovations in construction.

The **Deutsche Bahn Accelerator Beyond1435** is dedicated to the management of major construction projects. After applications closed Aug 20, 2017 the successful applicants will be selected on Sep 20, 2017

Deutsche Bahn Accelerator Beyond1435 Thousands of kilometers of rail network, hundreds of bridges and tunnels, tens of experts for and engineers are the background for the construction tech accelerator. The dimensions of major DB projects, such as the expansion of the VDE 8 line (Berlin - Munich), are hard to imagine. From design planning to data visualization to building itself, construction projects of this kind include many steps that must be organized and executed over a period of several years.

Digitization offers enormous potential to plan and build more efficient. But there is room for software and hardware to improve the management of large-scale projects. How can the challenges of large construction projects like Stuttgart 21 or the VDE 8 route be met more efficiently? How can the



overall planning and management of infrastructure become more efficient, better networked and smarter? These are examples for questions the accelerator Beyond1435 should consider.

From all applications received, Deutsche Bahn will select ten finalists to pitch their ideas before a high-profile jury. The pitch event will take place on September 13, 2017. The acceleration program will start October 16, 2017 and end of January 2018, all participants at a demo day, at which group and industry representatives will be present.

Startups, ready to invest three months to develop a prototype together with teams should have developed at least a MVP or even a prototype. Later stage startups are also welcome. Deutsche Bahn does not take any shares.

More Information at Deutsche Bahn Mindbox [website](#)

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## Celebrating 20 Years of Cooperation in Central Europe

This year transnational **Interreg Central Europe** cooperation turns 20.

This anniversary will be celebrated with an international conference in Berlin.



Through hundreds of successful projects, transnational cooperation has helped great ideas come true beyond borders since program start on August 6, 1997.

Transnational project can generate many effects. They build mutual trust, realize

pilot actions, investments and reduce economic disparities and they can create jobs, neglected infrastructures are targeted by improving governance frameworks and public services. Such projects also enhance knowledge management and transfer competences public administrations, academia and companies. Finally, institutional dialogues are held across different categories of stakeholders.

Transnational cooperation – with spending only 22 Eurocent per citizen per year – has shown high relevance to sustainably change ... continued on following page ...

## Hub.berlin

### Interactive Business Festival

**hub.berlin** is “Europe’s interactive business festival for digital movers and makers.” It will be organized by Bitkom and held Nov 28, 2017 in STATION-Berlin. At the Hub conference the speakers, the world’s masterminds



of digital transformation stand in the midst of the crowd, involving the viewers in talks about smart technology, modernized society and the digitization of key industries. Political ideas and minds find their forum in the **Policy Arena** to discuss how to shape the digital transformation. The two **Innovation Spaces** bring together science and digital thinking in form of lectures and use cases and feature the best practices of world innovation leaders.

Over 500 start ups and key players of Europe’s SMEs will be visiting the hub.berlin that creates rare encounters between global players, political decision-makers, costumers, founders and investors. Here, young companies can find the needed connections to take the next step while C-levels of global players and SMEs have the chance to discuss and plan new projects with founders and potential business partners. Exhibition areas, food and lounges provide the ideal atmosphere to network and exchange information.

More information on [website](#)

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## 33rd German Founders' and Entrepreneurship Day

The German Founders 'and Entrepreneurs' Day (deGUT) this year will take place on Oct 13 and 14, 2017 at ARENA Berlin.

6,000 participants are expected to attend to get information about start-ups and entrepreneurship from ca. 150 exhibitors.

More details are available on the deGUT website for [exhibitors](#) and [visitors](#)

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## The Winners – Grant4Apps Open Air in Berlin

The four startups the Grants4Apps Accelerator selected this time from 1,082 submissions will be presented at an open air event in Berlin.



The four startups the Grants4Apps Accelerator selected this time from 1,082 submissions this year are from the USA, South Korea and the UK and work to **improve the lives of patients in the fields of women's health, chronic diseases and cardiology.**

On **August 31, 2017**, starting at 18.00 h the **Grants4Apps Open Air** will offer the

### Space for inclusive Co-working

As the first co-working space in Germany that is open to all

The “Osram-Höfe” (Osram Courtyards) in Berlin-Wedding once has been the place where the first light bulbs were produced in Germany by the co-inventor of this innovation. Beginning in 1904 the Bergmann Electricitäts-Werke Aktiengesellschaft developed to become the largest light bulb production in Europe. Today the buildings are listed as memorial of industrial architecture are home of about 60 companies.

An actual addition is Germany's first inclusive co-working space made for creative and ambitious people - whether with or without disability. The space does not only offer the known co-working facilities, but also an art and a design lab.

Under the name TUECHTIG (proficient, efficient) this co-working space was established by [KOPE, HAND + FUSS gGmbH](#) working for freedom of equal participation in the community to offer the opportunity for a self-determined life to everyone through events, workshops, personal discussions and the sensible use of new media with an approach containing modern and scientifically founded education in all forms TUECHTIG, a place to live, work, think,

### Berlin Co-working Spaces open Doors for the Co-working Festival Week

Berlin has become one of the world's leading startup hubs - and a co-working city. This is a good basis for organizing the Berlin

Co-working Festival Week, Sep 4 – 8, 2017 Those new to the concept get a week-long



opportunity to meet with the selected startups.

The evening will be focusing solely on digital health, startups and networking. A short program rich in content with a range of speakers will introduce to the topic. Attendees can take a little break and simply enjoy the evening with BBQ and beer from various different countries. Startups interested to use this opportunity to present their startup, program, or project to the audience, can apply by [email](#).

To know more about Grants4Apps Open Air 2016, visit [website](#).

To attend the actual Grants4Apps Open Air [register](#)

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**SDO Profile** [Grants4Apps](#)

relax and learn, aims a closing a significant gap by providing barrier-free rooms and technologies, furniture, work assis-



tants and psychologists to create a place made for creative and ambitious people - whether with or without disability.

This initiative is supported by business partners, associations and interest groups, the Female Entrepreneurs Association, the Protestant Deaf Community, the Berlin Disabled Association and others.

People with a wide variety of working conditions and experiences meet in TUECHTIG to open up new horizons through inclusive thinking strategies: “In mutual exchange, we can find answers to societal challenges such as professional defenses and inclusion at the workplace.”

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**SDO Profile** [TUECHTIG](#)

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chance to see, learn, and experience. Whoever is interested can take a tour or join an event to see what co-working can offer.

See event details and [program](#)

Contact by [email](#)

## 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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stakeholder skills, capacities and attitudes in view of problems most urgently affecting central European countries.

To celebrate the **20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Interreg Central Europe a conference will be held in Berlin on Sep 21-22, 2017** in the Federal Ministry of Transport and Digital Infrastructure. This conference will not only look at what has been achieved, it also will discuss future activities until 2020. Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE by 2020 will fund around 120 new cooperation projects and bring together up to 1.300 public institutions and private companies from nine European Union Member States (Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia) to jointly work on topics related to innovation, low carbon, environment, culture, and transport and also contribute to the success of all existing EU macro-regional strategies

More info and registration on [website](#)

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### Fourth Startup Days at IFA NEXT

The German Startups Association together with the IFA is arranging the Startup Days at IFA.NEXT for the fourth time – six



days long with a focus topic for each IOT / Wearables / Fitness & Activity (Sep 1), Smart Home (Sep2), Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality (Sep 3), Digital Health (Sep 4), Gadgets & Appliances (Sept 5) and Future Mobility (Sep 6).

100 startups will have the opportunity to exhibit for one day at IFA NEXT and present the company in a 5 minute pitch to IFA visitors.

This initiative offers access to representatives from industry and politics, press as well as investors and consumers at the world's biggest Consumer Electronics Show with 240.000 visitors, 3.000 media representatives, and 1.900 exhibitors from more than 100 countries.

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SPICA Directory is using a minimum “quality standard” for being listed on “SPICA World Map”. This standard does not evaluate the quality of an organization supporting, but only checks if information in the profile is sufficiently complete and actual.

SPICA World Map shows locations of incubators, accelerators, co-working spaces, technology parks, associations, consulting firms as well as support and finance organizations. Different colors and shapes (for the various types of organizations) to ease identification

**SPICA World Map**

Information about the organizations listed in the directory can be accessed from here. Additionally, the “search” function can be used.

[www.spica-directory.net/map](http://www.spica-directory.net/map)



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**Developing SPICA Directory**

We continuously are working to develop SPICA Directory. The directory meanwhile includes accelerators and co- working spaces as well as finance sector organizations, education and training offers as well as research institutions and public organizations supporting entrepreneurship and startups. We work on making use of experiences from directory users.

Under the project title

**SPICee Entrepreneurship Ecosystems**

we are looking for volunteers who are interested in making their “home ecosystem” them” better known and help entrepreneurs and startups getting access to the needed resources Other tasks are developing new We also look for **software developers** who voluntarily help developing the system. Interested? To **join the team** contact us at [spicee@spica-directory.net](mailto:spicee@spica-directory.net)



**Israel:** JEST, the Jerusalem Entrepreneurs Society and technology was launched with the goal of planting a seed to grow an entrepreneurial community can grow. JEST is centered around a physical hub for entrepreneurs.

**SDO Profile** [JEST](#)



**Nigeria:** **Workbay** provides co-working facilities and regular office space at three locations in Nigeria to offer entrepreneurs and start-ups cost effective office structure solutions.

**SDO Profile** [Workbay](#)



**South Africa:** The co-working space **Spin Street House** was one of the founding members of the global network of SeedSpace facilities offering a full range of services at 22 locations in 20 countries.

**SDO Profile** [Spin Street House](#)



**Latvia:** The **Latvian Investment and Development Agency (LIAA)** has started a network of 15 business incubators all over the country to promote innovative and creative entrepreneurship and startups.

**SDO Profile** [LIAA](#)



**Malaysia:** The co-working provider **The Co.** offers facilities at two locations in Kuala Lumpur as well as in **Singapore**. The Co describes itself as one of the fastest growing entrepreneurial communities.

**SDO profiles:** Kuala Lumpur ([Bangsar](#), [The Row](#)) / Singapore [Duxton](#)



**Germany:** In Berlin the Accelerator **Grants4Apps** started activities some years ago. Focused on digital innovation in the health sector has meanwhile expanded to other countries and is open for startups in Barcelona, Moscow, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo.

**SDO Profile:** [Grants4Apps](#)



**Brunei:** The new incubator **Startup Brunei** is a venture builder that runs a mentorship and an accelerator program, educates and value-adds the startup ecosystem with our corporate partners and networks.

**SDO Profile** [Startup Brunei](#)



**USA:** The **Social Innovation Lab** of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore supports innovative nonprofits, mission-driven companies and disruptive technologies that aim to create change and opportunity in Baltimore and beyond.

**SDO Profile** [Social Innovation Lab](#)



**Australia:** The government of New South Wales has Started to build the “largest startup hub of the Southern Hemisphere. Well knows incubator and coworking spaces will move in.

**SDO Profile** [Sydney Startup Hub](#)



**USA:** Co-working facilities at strategic locations in the City of Baltimore are offered by **FastForward**, part of Johns Hopkins Ventures that is bringing technologies from laboratories to market through various programs.

**SDO Profile** [FastForward](#)



**Indonesia:** the co-working space provider **spacemob** offers facilities (**space, technology, and connections**) in Jakarta at Gama Tower as well as in Singapore at Ascent and Claymore.

**SDO Profile** [Spacemob Jakarta](#)



**France:** The new Innovation Hub **Station F** in Paris offers more than 3.000 startup desks, 60 meeting rooms, a maker space and a complete infrastructure with restaurant and coffee shops claims to be the largest co-working and startup hub world-wide.

**SDO Profile** [Station F](#)



**Peru:** The incubator / accelerator **UTEC Ventures** since 2014 is supporting technology startups. The program includes the possibility to provide an initial investment to client companies (in exchange for an 5 – 10 % equity stake). UTEC is a pioneer in the Startup Ecosystem of Lima.

**SDO Profile** [UTEC Ventures](#)



**Vietnam:** The co-working space **CirCO** offers facilities at two Locations in Ho Ch Minh City: Huang Dieu and Nguyen Trai. Besides fully equipped facilities CiCO provides access to community and events.

**SDO Profile** [CirCO Huang Dieu / Nguyen Trai](#)



**June 28-29, 2017 in Singapore: Echelon Asia Summit 2017**



**Sep 5 – 10, 2017: Tech Festival week in Copenhagen, Denmark**

Copenhagen will experience 15,000+ people exploring the impact of technology on our lives. This week will be filled with more than 100 conferences, summits, dinners, exhibitions and concerts. The goal is to “break down today’s most complex questions into tangible experiences. More on [website](#)



**Sep 6+8, 2017: 10th SA Innovation Summit 2017 in Cape Town, South Africa**

The 10<sup>th</sup> SA Innovation Summit will be celebrated aims at becoming the place for igniting an innovation revolution for entrepreneurs, the go-to place for inspiration and networking. Competitions, exhibitions, matching events, meetings with investors and sessions with thought leaders. More on [website](#)



**September 8, 2017 The Fifth Startup Night Berlin**

The 5th Startup Night on Berlin is expected to bring together 5.000 attendees for a conference and a long night of pitches. Selected companies will present at Deutsche Telekom, Deutsche Bank, DRIVE Volkswagen Group Forum and Microsoft Atrium. **Tickets** are for sale on [website](#)



**Sep 17-19, 2017 in Lübeck, Germany: BVIZ Annual Conference 2017**

**BVIZ, German association of business and innovation centers, will hold its annual conference in the historic city of Lübeck, Germany under the title Innovation centers 5.0 – Re-inventing Networking”. The conference will be hosted by the Technikzentrum / UniTransferKlinik Lübeck GmbH. More information will be made available on the association’s [website](#). SDO Profile [BVIZ](#) Contact: Andrea Glaser [email](#) SDO Profile host: [Technikzentrum Lübeck](#) , website host [www.unitransferklinik.de](#) Contact: Raimund Mildner [email](#) [mildner@tzt.de](#)**



**Sep 26-29, 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey: IASP World Conference 2017**

The IASP World conference 2017 under the headline “Science parks and natural innovation ecosystems: Articulating future strategies” with main theme blocks: Innovative funding schemes, Service mechanisms, and Rethinking space. Full details are available on [website](#)



**Oct. 11, 2017: StartupCon 2017 in Cologne**

The StartupCon is a start-up conference, a highly concentrated mecca for start-ups and innovators and the ultimate hotspot for the contact and dialogue with investors, decision-makers from the industry and opinion-makers from the press and media. More details on [website](#)



**Oct 13+14, 2017 33<sup>rd</sup> German Founders and Entrepreneurs Day in Berlin**

6,000 participants will attend the deGUT 2017 to get information about business start-ups and entrepreneurship. 148 exhibitors and consultants. Free seminars and workshops, will provide in-depth knowledge and advice, as well as contacts with peers, and supporters. More details on [website](#)



**Oct 17, 2017 ArabNet in Kuwait**

Kuwait for the second time will be hosting ArabNet. The event will focus on the Kuwaiti and GCC market to highlight the latest trends and opportunities that have emerged in the country and Kuwait’s as well as the most promising startups. More details on [website](#)



**Oct 18 – 20, 2017: AfricaLab Annual Conference “Smart Cities” in Cairo**

Hosted by **District**, a tech hub/co-working space and themed ‘Smart Cities’ the AfricaLabs conference will focus on employing Big Data and Internet-of-Things (IoT). **AfriLabs 2017 Gathering** is the opportunity to interact with other hub managers, start-ups and funders. More information on [website](#)



**Oct 23-26, 2017 ANPROTEC conference in Rio de Janeiro**

The biggest event of innovative entrepreneurship in Latin America celebrating Anprotec’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary and carried out together with Sebrae, will be held into Rio de Janeiro (RJ), with local organization of the Technological Park of UFRJ. More information on [website](#)



**Oct 26-27, 2017: Nordic Baltic Dynamics in Stockholm, Sweden**

After 21 annual “Baltic Dynamics” conferences held in turns in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania this entrepreneurship event is widening its scope by including not only the Baltic States, but also the Nordic region. **Building Resilience for a Stronger Tomorrow”** is the title of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Nordic Baltic Dynamics conference. The impact of the world economy on the environment and people is in focus. The sharing economy and growing emergence of startups are disrupting traditional industries, and global sociopolitical stability cannot be taken for granted. More information will be available on website and registration will open at the end of June through [website](#) **Contact:** Jaak Raie, CEO of Tallinn Science Park Tehnopol, [email](#) and Magnus Lundin, CEO of Swedish Incubators & Science Parks, [email](#) SDO Profile [Tehnopol](#) and [SISP](#)



**Oct 25 – 28, 2017 ICT4SI conference “Social Innovation” in Abuja, Nigeria**

“Make it Happen!” is the motto of this event that invited Funders contribute to, and be part of the ICT4SI platform for learning and investment in social innovation. The ICT4SI Network was established as a creative forum for collaboration, learning and innovation. More details on [website](#)



**Nov 8 – 10, 2017: Coworking Europe in Dublin Ireland**

The seventh **Coworking Europe** conference invites the community to meet. The range of topics for the conference is wide including, for example, how the concept of co-working is shaping the patterns mobility management, and entrepreneurship development More details on [website](#) **Contact:** JY Huwart [email](#)



**Nov 13 – 27, 2017: The 1776 Challenge Cup Festival 2017 in New York**

The Challenge Festival is the Grande Final of the 1776 Global Startup Competition for startups that won regional competitions in Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Dubai, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Greece, Kenya, Ireland, Pakistan, USA, Uganda, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Zimbabwe. More information on [website](#)



**Nov 28, 2017: hub.berlin Interactive Business Festival**

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**Nov 30 – Dec 1, 2017 SLUSH 2017 in Helsinki**

17,500 attendees, 2300 startups, 1,100 investors, and 600 journalists have been counted at Slush 2016 in Helsinki. The next opportunity to meet with a global startup community is **Slush**. This world-renowned event now is held in Helsinki, Tokyo, Shanghai, and Singapore. More information and ticket on [website](#)



**Dec 9, 2017: The 5<sup>th</sup> SPARK IGNITE conference “Rebuilding Futures”**

The 5th annual IGNITE conference will focus on improving access to higher education, developing entrepreneurship and promoting sustainable leadership amongst young people in conflict-affected regions in Africa, the Middle East and Europe. More information on [website](#)

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