

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Since its founding in 2007, Venture Kick has supported more than 1,234 startups with a total budget of 102 million Swiss francs. These companies have gone on to attract over 10 billion francs in follow-on financing and create more than 16,100 new jobs. In many cases, the initial "kick" proved decisive for their later success.

This is exactly where the Kick Pipeline comes in: it forms the backbone of the Swiss startup ecosystem, continuously feeding talent, projects, and business ideas into leading support programs and to investors, where they can continue to grow. As a result, Venture Kick startups hold ranks 1 through 10 in the 2025 Top100 Swiss Startups and account for a total of 66 of the listed companies. Its quality is also recognized at the European level. Venture Kick ranks as one of the most effective early-stage startup supporters in Europe, reflecting the strength, consistency, and long-term impact of its model.

The importance of the pipeline becomes especially evident in national awards: whether De Vigier, EY Entrepreneur of the Year, Venture, the ZKB Pioneering Prize, or the HSG Accelerator – 70% of the later finalists and winners began their entrepreneurial journey with Venture Kick, and went on to succeed in these competitions.

But the impact goes beyond supporting individual startups. Today, Venture Kick alumni are active as jury members, investors, board members, and often as CEOs of new Venture Kick startups. They contribute experience, capital, and courage to the next generation, creating a cycle of sustainable impact.

Venture Kick is an initiative of the charitable Kick Foundation with measurable impact – for startups, innovation, and Switzerland. What makes Venture Kick a success is a shared goal of kicking forward Swiss innovation for the benefit of Switzerland's economy and society. Join us in scaling the Venture Kick program with its great track record and leverage.

In the name of the Venture Kick board, we would like to thank everyone for their great support.

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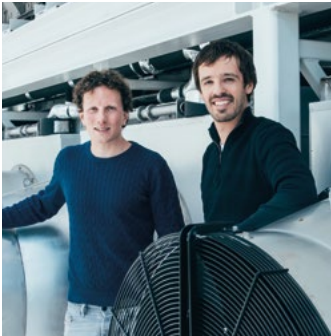
VENTURE KICK ALUMNI

HIGHLIGHTS 2025

The year 2025 marks a renewed upswing in the startup ecosystem, with investment rounds gaining momentum again despite ongoing geopolitical and economic uncertainties. In Switzerland, the rebound is clearly visible as funding activity rises. Amid this positive shift, our Kickers continue to excel—driving groundbreaking innovations, securing substantial new investment, forging high-impact partnerships, and earning widespread recognition through prestigious awards.

 To read more about the investments our Kickers attracted in 2025, scan the QR-code here, or consult: www.venturekick.ch/newsroom

RAISING ROUNDS OF CHF 12+ MILLION



CLIMEWORKS (CHF 129.5M)

Climeworks, the global pioneer in Direct Air Capture (DAC) technology and a leading provider of holistic carbon removal portfolios, has secured USD 162 million in additional equity funding – marking the largest carbon removal investment worldwide so far in 2025. This latest investment highlights growing confidence in Climeworks’ approach to carbon removal and advances its total funding beyond USD 1 billion.



DISTALMOTION (CHF 120M)

Distalmotion has secured USD 150 million in a Series G financing round to expand its footprint across the United States. The new funding, led by Revival Healthcare Capital and supported by existing investors, will accelerate the commercial adoption of DEXTER, particularly in the rapidly growing Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) market, expand DEXTER’s presence in the US, and support ongoing clinical and product development initiatives.



NEURAL CONCEPT (CHF 79.3M)

Neural Concept has secured USD 100 million in a Series C funding round as demand accelerates for enterprise AI solutions that deliver measurable impact in industrial environments. The company is positioning itself to scale its AI-native engineering platform globally, as engineering teams increasingly move beyond experimentation toward full deployment across core product development workflows.



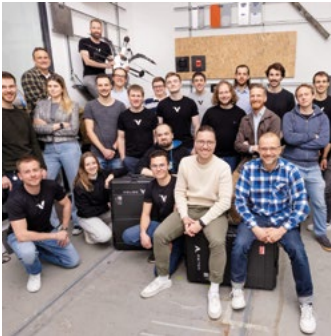
ROOMPRICEGENIE (CHF 60M)

RoomPriceGenie, a provider of revenue management systems (RMS) for independent hotels and groups, has secured a USD 75 million investment from Five Elms Capital. The funding will support the company’s international expansion and further development of its platform. The ICT company has built a global presence, with nearly 100 employees and 3,000 hotel clients in 65 countries.



BEEKEEPER (CHF 28M)

The Zurich- and Berlin-based provider of digital tools for frontline teams has secured USD 35 million in growth and working capital financing from HSBC Innovation Banking UK. The new investment will support the company’s continued expansion. Its mobile-first platform helps organizations digitize paper-based processes, facilitate real-time communication, and improve engagement, productivity, and safety for frontline workers.



VOLIRO (CHF 18.5M)

The company, developing aerial robots for industrial inspections, has raised a total of USD 23 million following an extension of its Series A round, led by Cherry Ventures, with noa and debt facility from UBS. With this funding, the robotics startup aims to scale its operations and expand its global reach in the infrastructure and energy sectors. Voliro currently serves over 40 customers across 17 countries and conducts more than 100 inspections each month.



DEPOLY (CHF 18.5M)

DePoly, winner of the 2024 Top100 Swiss Startup Award, has raised USD 23 million to launch a 500-ton-per-year recycling showcase plant in Monthey, Switzerland. Set to open this summer, the facility will demonstrate DePoly’s proprietary technology that transforms PET and polyester waste into virgin-quality raw materials, without relying on fossil fuels. DePoly plans to open its first commercial-scale plant by 2027.



BIOVERSYS (CHF 14M)

Wellcome has allocated SGD 22 million (approximately CHF 14 million) to strengthen the network and enable this first sponsor-driven trial in collaboration with BioVersys. With this support, BioVersys will advance its lead anti-infective candidate BV100 into Phase 2b clinical development. The study will be conducted through the ADVANCE-ID clinical trial network, with the first patient expected to be dosed in the first half of 2026.



HAYA THERAPEUTICS (CHF 52M)

The biotech company HAYA Therapeutics has raised USD 65 million in Series A funding to accelerate the clinical development of its RNA-guided therapeutics platform. The investment supports the company’s lead candidate, HTX-001, to treat heart failure, and extends to expanding its pipeline across other chronic and age-related diseases. HAYA’s platform targets the non-coding DNA that governs gene expression.



ONWARD MEDICAL (CHF 47.5M)

Headquartered in the Netherlands, ONWARD Medical develops therapies to restore movement and function in people with spinal cord injuries, and has raised EUR 50.85 million in gross proceeds through a private placement. The funding will strengthen the company’s financial position, support product development, and accelerate commercialization activities for its external neurostimulation device, the ARC-EX System.



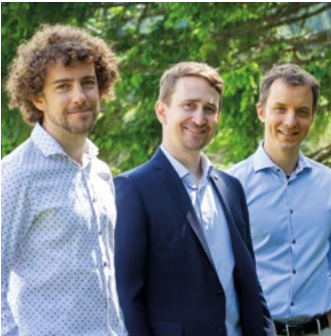
CORINTIS (CHF 39.3M)

Corintis specializing in advanced chip cooling technology, secured USD 24 million in September and has raised an additional USD 25 million in funding, led by Applied Digital. This brings the company’s total capital raised to about USD 58 million. The investment reflects growing market pressure to manage the rising heat and energy demands of next-generation AI hardware. NVIDIA’s challenge.



DEEPJUDGE (CHF 33.6M)

DeepJudge, ranked third at the latest Top100 Swiss Startup Award, has raised USD 42 million in Series A funding to redefine how law firms manage and retrieve knowledge. Founded by former Google search engineers with PhDs in AI from ETH Zurich, DeepJudge has developed an AI platform tailored for the legal sector’s most complex data challenges. The funding will allow DeepJudge to expand its platform and scale its collaborations with global law firms.



BLOOM BIORENEWABLES (CHF 13M)

Bloom Biorenewables has secured CHF 13 million in Series A funding to advance its Aldehyde-Assisted Fractionation (AAF) technology, a process that allows for the full utilization of plant biomass for high-value chemicals and materials. The investment will support the scaling of Bloom’s technology and the development of commercial-scale units. Bloom Biorenewables is positioned to scale its technology and accelerate market adoption.



OXYLE (CHF 12.8M)

PFAS—hazardous “forever” chemicals—found in everything from firefighting foam to non-stick cookware – have posed severe health and environmental risks. Swiss startup Oxyle has developed a state-of-the-art technology that destroys them permanently. Now, backed by a USD 16 million funding round, the company is set to scale its solution and address a growing regulatory push for effective water treatment.



MIMIC ROBOTIC (CHF 12.8M)

The robotics startup has raised USD 16 million to deploy advanced physical AI for robots capable of performing complex, dexterous tasks across manufacturing and logistics. With this move, the Zurich-based company positions itself as a leading European player in the race toward general-purpose robotics. Mimic has a 25-person team and has received support from Switzerland’s federal innovation agency and the AWS Generative AI Accelerator.



VIROMETIX (CHF 12M)

Virometix, a biotechnology company developing fully synthetic vaccines designed to generate targeted immune responses against infectious diseases and cancer, has raised USD 15 million in a financing round backed by existing shareholders. The new capital will enable the company to advance the clinical development of its lead vaccine candidate, V-212, a serotype-independent pneumococcal vaccine currently in Phase I clinical evaluation.

RAISING ROUNDS OF CHF 3 MILLION TO 12 MILLION



COMPHYA (CHF 11.85M)
Comphyra, a leader in medical technology, successfully closed the first tranche of its Series A1 funding round, raising CHF 4.35 million in February and completed it in July with CHF 7.5 million to advance erectile dysfunction therapy.



FENX (CHF 8.2M)
The ETHZ spin-off is scaling up its mineral foam technology for building insulation after raising CHF 8.2 million in Series A funding. The capital will help industrialize production, grow partnerships, and develop new applications for its panels.



FLYBOTIX (CHF 8M)
The global robotics company specializing in drone-based solutions for confined-space inspections, raised CHF 7.75 million in seed funding. The financing will support the advancement of the company's ParaX® platform and accelerate the development of its lead drug candidate.



ASTRA THERAPEUTICS (CHF 7.75M)
ASTRA Therapeutics developing precision treatments for parasitic diseases, raised CHF 7.75 million in seed funding. The financing will support the advancement of the company's ParaX® platform and accelerate the development of its lead drug candidate.



HEMOSTOD (CHF 4.3M)
The Swiss developer of donor-free blood platelets, raised CHF 4.3 million to accelerate pre-IND development and launch a commercial-scale pilot line, demonstrating the scalability of its platelet manufacturing technology from lab to industry.



ODNE (CHF 4.2M)
Odne, transforming endodontic care, raised USD 5.1 million in a Series A1 extension led by ZEISS Ventures. Existing investors, employees, and private dental investors also participated. The funds will support Odne's US market expansion.



ADIPOSS (CHF 4M)
Adiposs raised CHF 4 million in a Series A round to advance clinical development of its brown fat imaging product for early cancer treatment assessment. The funds will support a proof-of-principle trial, which subjects were dosed in June 2025.



FORGIS (CHF 3.6M)
The ICT startup raised USD 4.5 million in a pre-seed funding round. The funding will accelerate the development of Forgis' AI-powered software platform, designed to connect and optimize machines and production lines for smarter, more efficient factories.



CREAL (CHF 7.16M)
Swiss startup CREAL raised USD 8.9 million in an equity funding round led by Zeiss to support the company's continued push to commercialize its proprietary light field display technology in the vision care and augmented reality (AR) sectors.



POSITRIGO (CHF 7M)
Positrigo raised CHF 7 million to accelerate production of its brain imaging device. The financing round boosts manufacturing and enhances its commercial rollout of its NeuroLF system in the US and Europe, supporting the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in particular.



LARGO.AI (CHF 6M)
Largo.ai, an AI analytics platform for the film, TV, and advertising industries, secured USD 7.5 million in Series A funding. Sylvester Stallone is a new investor as the company expands its core business for 600+ clients, including major Hollywood studios.



SAEKI (CHF 5.4M)
The engineering startup raised USD 6.7 million to address inefficiencies caused by fragmented supply chains and labor intensive manufacturing. The funding will be used to advance its digital manufacturing approach, increasing efficiency and enabling more streamlined operations.



TETHYS ROBOTICS (CHF 3.3M)
The ETHZ spin-off Tethys Robotics is modernizing underwater operations once reliant on human divers. The startup has raised EUR 3.5 million in pre-seed funding to accelerate its transition from pilot projects to commercial deployment across Europe.



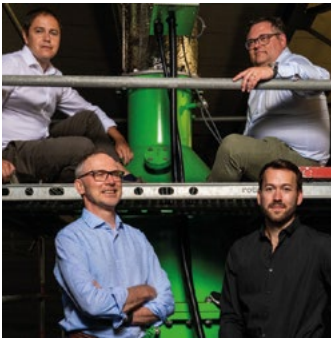
NAUTICA TECHNOLOGIES (CHF 3.2M)
The startup raised USD 4 million to commercialize its autonomous underwater robots for preventing marine biofouling. The robots provide continuous hull cleaning and inspection, helping the shipping industry reduce fuel costs, emissions, and regulatory risk.



RTDT LABORATORIES (CHF 3.2M)
The Zurich-based startup raised USD 4 million in a pre-seed round to scale its wind energy optimization technology. The funding will accelerate growth and strengthen RTDT's role in modernizing wind energy infrastructure and improving renewable energy efficiency.



VIBOO (CHF 3.1M)
The Swiss building automation company raised EUR 3.3 million to support expansion in Germany. Its platform delivers measurable energy savings and aids in decarbonizing existing buildings amid growing demand from the new Building Energy Act (GEG).



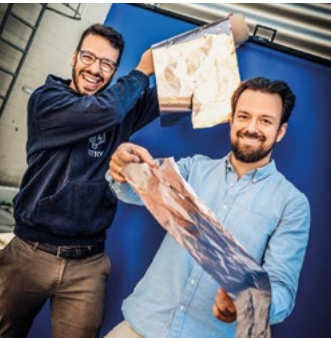
DAPHNE TECHNOLOGIES (CHF 4.8M)
Daphne Technology, with Williams, received USD 6 million from the U.S. Department of Energy to support their project scaling innovative technologies to reduce methane emissions, addressing a critical environmental challenge.



NUNU.AI (CHF 4.8M)
nunu.ai secured USD 6 million to expand its AI agents, called "Unembodied Minds", which automate video game testing. Since launch, several game studios have integrated these agents to run continuous, automated tests.



VOLTIRIS (CHF 4.8M)
Voltiris, a leader in solar greenhouse solutions, has raised CHF 4.8 million in seed funding to advance electrification and tap into the USD 60 billion greenhouse market, thus promoting sustainable agriculture and energy solutions.



BTRY (CHF 4.6M)
BTRY raised USD 5.7 million to scale production of its ultra-thin solid-state batteries. The company develops compact, fast-charging, and temperature-resistant cells designed for connected labels, sensors, and wearables.



AKINA (CHF 2.8M)
AI healthcare startup Akina raised CHF 2.8 million to expand its hybrid digital physiotherapy platform. Since its 2024 launch, it has delivered thousands of AI-assisted therapy sessions, with plans to grow in Switzerland and across Europe.



SCANVIO (CHF 2.7M)
Scanvio raised an oversubscribed USD 3.4 million seed round to advance its diagnostic tool for underdiagnosed conditions. The funds will enhance its AI-based ultrasound assistant for earlier, more accurate endometriosis diagnosis.



NEOLOGY HYDROGEN (CHF 2.5M)
The startup is advancing toward commercializing its zero-emission energy solutions, planning to launch 50 kW Ammonia Power Generator units by late 2026 to early 2027. The aim is to replace diesel-powered machinery in ports or in agriculture.



BAXIVA (CHF 2.4M)
Schlieren-based biotech and ETHZ spin-off Baxiva received USD 3 million from CARB-X to develop a multivalent glycoconjugate vaccine against E. coli infections. The company's approach aims to protect against multiple strains of the pathogen.

RAISING ROUNDS BELOW CHF 3 MILLION



PERIVISION (CHF 2.4M)

The Medtech company PeriVision has secured USD 3 million in seed funding to expand its platform with new VR-based tests for retinal diseases, advanced AI insights, and integrations designed to deliver a complete solution for eye clinics, optometry practices, and biopharma partners.



AICA (CHF 2.35M)

AICA secured a strategic investment led by Momenta. The funding will support AICA's global expansion and strengthen its AI-driven automation capabilities. Existing investors Spicehaus, HTGF, and Schaeffler, along with Zürcher Kantonalbank, participated, reaffirming their confidence in the company.



RHOVICA NEUROIMAGING (CHF 2.3M)

The MedTech startup raised CHF 2.3 million in a financing round led by M2care, with participation from Kickfund, Valuemaker, and other business angels. The funding will accelerate the development of SoNav, Rhovica's bedside navigation system for extraventricular drainage (EVD) catheters.

IPOS, MERGERS, AND ACQUISITIONS



BIOVERSYS' IPO

BioVersys, a Basel-based biotech company focused on combating multidrug-resistant bacteria, is now publicly listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Valued at CHF 213 million, the company raised CHF 90 million by offering over 2.2 million shares at CHF 36 each, demonstrating strong investor support for its work.



ARARIS BIOTECH ACQUIRED BY TAIHO PHARMACEUTICAL

The acquisition follows a research collaboration between the two companies that began in November 2023. Under the terms of the agreement, Taiho will pay USD 400 million at closing, with the potential for additional milestone payments of up to USD 740 million, as the company reaches unicorn status.



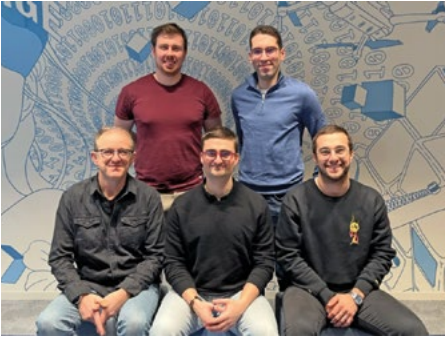
BEEKEEPER ACQUIRED BY LUMAPPS

Beekeeper has been acquired by LumApps in a transaction backed by Bridgepoint, forming a combined company valued at over USD 1 billion and launching what is described as the first AI-powered Employee Hub for both frontline and desk-based workers. The combined company will serve more than 7 million users across 2,000 clients.



ASKEARTH (CHF 2.2M)

askEarth, specializing in geospatial intelligence, has closed an oversubscribed seed funding round of USD 2.85 million. The fresh capital will support the expansion and commercialization of its innovative agentic AI platform designed to transform satellite data into actionable insights for enterprise users.



DPHI SPACE (CHF 2.1M)

The EPFL spin-off engineering startup secured a CHF 2.1 million pre-seed funding round to advance its shared satellite platform for hosted payloads. Its innovation simplifies and reduces the cost of access to space. The new investment will support the launch of its first Clustergate platform into orbit.



A-METAL (CHF 2.1M)

a-metal raised CHF 2.1 million to bring its metal 3D printing system to market. It will also support industrializing the technology, expanding the team, and preparing for scalable production, making metal 3D printing accessible to more users, from industrial teams to medical applications.



NOVACCESS' DIVISION ACQUIRED BY TRIDONIC

Novaccess has entered a new chapter with the acquisition of its NovaLight smart lighting division by Tridonic, the Austrian specialist in professional lighting control systems. Since August 2025, the NovaLight team and its cloud-based technology have been operating under Tridonic, which has also taken over the associated IP rights and begun offering the solutions directly to the market.



OBARIS ACQUIRED BY JOHNSON & JOHNSON

Johnson & Johnson has acquired OBaris, an ETHZ spin-off developing a novel drug delivery platform. With its OctoPatch® technology, OBaris aims to make oral administration possible for therapies that are usually limited to injections. As part of Johnson & Johnson, the platform will be advanced within a global healthcare ecosystem.



PI IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES ACQUIRED BY ZEISS

Pi Imaging Technologies, developing SPAD-based imaging solutions, has been acquired by Carl Zeiss Microscopy. Known for launching the first camera built on single-photon avalanche diode (SPAD) technology, Pi Imaging will now contribute its innovations to Zeiss's microscopy systems, with the aim of advancing imaging performance in life sciences and related fields.

- **Soverly** secured CHF 2M to bring usable sovereignty to every smartphone.
- **Oncobit** obtained CHF 1.9M to advance next-gen cancer monitoring.
- **Sonix** landed CHF 1.8M to boost growth in competitive gaming.
- **Grensol** garnered CHF 1.8M to improve hard-to-treat waste recycling
- **Riverkin** acquired CHF 1.7M to expand pilots in key watersheds.
- **CellX Biosolutions** collected CHF 1.7M to advance PFAS degradation.
- **Ionic Wind** raised CHF 1.6M to industrialize solid-state cooling technology.
- **DuraMon** secured CHF 1.6M to scale its operations.
- **Medyria** raised CHF 1.5M to progress PyCath and grow globally.
- **EBAMed** received CHF 1.5M to advance cardiac-care solutions.
- **Autonomyo** obtained CHF 1.3M to scale safe home rehabilitation.
- **qCella** secured CHF 1.3M to scale energy-efficient heating tech.
- **Borobotics** raised CHF 1.3M to accelerate geothermal drilling systems.
- **DigeHealth** raised CHF 1.25M for gastrointestinal health solutions.
- **InkVivo Technologies** secured CHF 1.1M to advance its polymer drug-delivery platform.
- **MetaLead** received CHF 1M to progress treatment for Wilson's disease.
- **KYLYS Aesthetics** raised CHF 1M to develop next-gen hyaluronic acid devices.
- **Reshape Systems** obtained CHF 800K to expand AI-based risk analysis.
- **SolidWatts** secured CHF 796K to scale clean industrial heating.
- **Jaipur Robotics** secured CHF 700K to enhance AI-driven waste management.

UNDISCLOSED FUNDING AMOUNTS

- **K2 Photonics** secured seed funding to simplify frequency comb technology for global industries.
- **Exnaton** closed Series A funding to scale its AI-driven platform for the new energy era.
- **Anevo** raised pre-seed round to automate busy work in real estate.

Check more fundraising news on www.venturekick.ch/newsroom



RETINAI ACQUIRED BY ESSILORLUXOTTICA

EssilorLuxottica has acquired RetinAI, a medtech company that uses AI to analyze retinal images and data. The acquisition puts RetinAI's technology at the heart of the group's strategy, helping doctors detect eye diseases faster and make more informed decisions for patient care.

INDUSTRY DEALS

- **BioVersys** and Shionogi enter into global research collaboration for broad-spectrum non-tuberculosis mycobacteria clinical candidate.
- **Bloom Biorenewables** partners with Hexion to pioneer renewable adhesive technology.
- **CASUS** exits CASUS Create in LAWLIFT deal.
- **Climeworks** partners with TikTok and Two Drifters Distillery to remove 6,000 tons of CO₂.
- **CompPair** and SBB partner to increase durability and sustainability of InterCity trains.
- **Composite Recycling** and Owens Corning partner to advance circular economy for composite waste. Composite Recycling is also at the core of a circular nautical industry by leading a new initiative in Western France.
- **Cosaic** and Ingredion announce strategic partnership to redefine the future of ingredient innovation.
- **Inverto Earth** joins forces with Delta Blue Carbon to advance Blue Carbon monitoring standards
- **InSphero** acquires DOPPL SA for 3D in vitro drug models.
- **Largo.ai** has acquired QuMind, a London-based company, setting a new standard for data accuracy and usability.
- **SONIX** acquires RUSH Entertainment's tournament tech to launch all-in-one esports platform.
- **Technis** acquires French company Videtics, laying the foundation for a sovereign European group.

AWARDS & WORLD PREMIERE



4 VENTURE KICKERS AMONG THE DE VIGIER AWARD WINNERS 2025

CellX Biosolutions, Clee Medical, PAVE Space, and Visienco have been awarded CHF 120,000 each at the W.A. de Vigier Stiftung Award, spotlighting Switzerland's most promising entrepreneurs.



ARARIS BIOTECH WON THE STRÜNGMANN AWARD 2025

The award supports outstanding entrepreneurial and scientific achievements in the life sciences industry. Araris Biotech won the EUR 100,000 cash prize to help establish a new generation of targeted cancer therapies.



CLIMEWORKS AND PLANTED RANKED IN THE TOP 5 OF TIME WORLD'S TOP GREENTECH 2025

Rankings were based on positive impact, financial strength, and innovation. Switzerland stands out with two Kickers in the top five: Climeworks at number 2 and Planted Foods at number 5.



DEEPJUDGE FOUNDER PAULINA GRNAROVA IS YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AT SEF. WOMENAWARD

Paulina was honored for her AI start-up that revolutionizes legal search for law firms, building on her background from North Macedonia, ETH Zurich, and Google.



GRENSOL WON SOLOTHURN'S SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE PROTECTION AWARD 2025

The award recognizes Solothurn companies reducing greenhouse gas emissions or promoting climate protection and sustainability. Grensol won this prestigious award in 2025.



HEROSUPPORT'S CEO, GIOVANNA DI PASQUALE, WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE 'FEMALE INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR' 2025

Giovanna Dipasquale won Female Innovator of the Year for her impact through HeroSupport's personalized 3D-printed breast cancer therapy supports.



NANOFLEX ROBOTICS WON THE 2025 ZÜRCHER KANTONALBANK PIONIERPREIS TECHNOPARK

Nanoflex Robotics' groundbreaking telerobotic technology is set to transform the future of endovascular interventions. The startup also received the Audience Award on that same evening.



NOVOVIZ LAUNCHED THE FIRST EVER SINGLE-PHOTON AVALANCHE (SPAD) CAMERA INTO SPACE

The launch is more than a technological achievement; it is a testament to the robustness and reliability of NovoViz's SPAD technology.



NU GLASS TAKES THE EY ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR – SCALE-UP LEADERS AWARD AND WON THE 2025 PRIX DE L'INNOVATION DE LA RÉGION DE NYON

nu glass is building a new global leader making glass transparent to mobile waves – and revolutionizing indoor connectivity.



TRILLIOME WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE "FOOD AS MEDICINE" FROM THE EIT FOOD ACCELERATOR NETWORK

The milestone follows a strong year with ARDD and Probiota Americas awards recognizing its AI-driven gut bioactives made from upcycled plant waste.



VENTURE KICK RANKED THE #1 MOST ACTIVE "DEBT INVESTOR PROVIDER" IN EUROPE FOR Q1 2025 BY STIFTED

A recognition for Venture Kick impact: 1,121 projects supported with CHF 80 million since our launch in 2007, and fully supported by a private consortium.



SWISSTO12 NOMINATED FOR THE 2024 SATELLITE EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

CEO and Founder Emile de Rijk has been nominated for the prestigious Satellite Executive of the Year award by Via Satellite. Emile is recognised in this year's nominations list alongside executives from the industry.

A KICKERS' WORLD

THE WEB SERIES SHOWCASING THE FOUNDERS IN THEIR NATURAL SETTING.

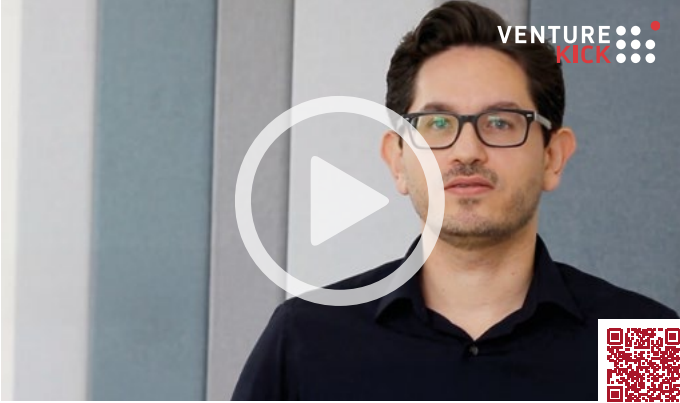


Step inside the offices and labs of the Venture Kick winners to discover their innovations and the global challenges they're tackling

Scan the QR-code to watch their interview.

AZURE CELL THERAPIES

REGENERATING NEURONS TO DEFEAT PARKINSON'S DISEASE



BIOSCIBEX

TRANSFORMING BIOLOGICAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT



dEEGtal

EMPOWERING EPILEPSY DIAGNOSIS



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ADVANCING NEXT-GENERATION NATURAL KILLERS (NK) CELL THER-



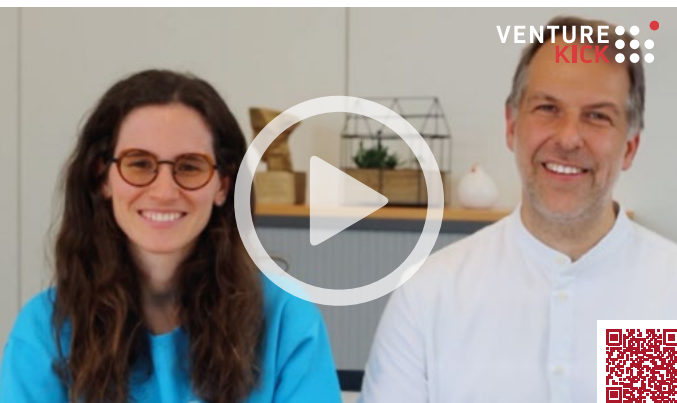
ORTHOSENS

MAKING IMPLANTS TALK FOR CONTINUOUS ORTHOPEDIC RECOVERY



VISIENCO

AI-POWERED AUTOMATED ORGANOID SORTING TECHNOLOGY




66 VENTURE KICKERS

10 IN TOP10


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CORINTIS
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Enabling the computing of tomorrow with in-chip cooling.
START VENTURE KICK SUPPORT IN 28.09.21




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DEPOLY
→ www.depoly.com
Closing the loop on PET plastic recycling.
START VENTURE KICK SUPPORT IN 20.08.19




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DEEPJUDGE
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AI-powered legal research and document analysis for faster, smarter decision-making.
START VENTURE KICK SUPPORT IN 17.11.20



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VOLTIRIS
→ www.voltiris.com
Green Energy-as-a-Service for greenhouse growers.
START VENTURE KICK SUPPORT IN 19.10.21



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BLOOM BIORENEWABLES
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Making biomass a true alternative to petroleum.
START VENTURE KICK SUPPORT IN 25.06.19



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DPHI SPACE
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Streamlining space access via satellite ridesharing.
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LIMULA
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Unified platform supporting cell and gene therapy manufacturing across scales.
START VENTURE KICK SUPPORT IN 21.08.18

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ENANTIOS
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Cutting-edge solutions to analyze chiral molecules and biologics.
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OXYLE
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Permanently eliminating the most challenging PFAS from your wastewater.
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ENERDRAPE
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EXNATON
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CLEE MEDICAL
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MOSAIC SOC
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BIOTECH

ABBMIRA THERAPEUTICS – Creus Marc, University of Basel (UNIBAS), Fine-tuning native immunity to treat cancer.

ALP AI – Mehra Punit, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Precise prediction of immunogenicity risks in biologics.

ALTERBIOTIX – Hathaway Lucy, University of Bern (UNIBE), First-in-class therapeutics targeting pneumococcal disease.

AZURECELL – Fares Bilal, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Regenerating neurons to fight Parkinson’s disease.

BAIO – Igashov Iliia, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Streamlining early-stage drug discovery processes.

BASIQIL – Hauser David, University of Basel (UNIBAS), Multivalent vaccines for global viral protection.

BAXIVA – Greter Giorgia, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Next-generation glycoconjugate vaccines against E. coli.

BEMARROW – Perver Dilara, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Humanized models for advanced blood cancer therapies.

BIODELPHIS THERAPEUTICS – Petruzzella Aaron, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), A new generation of targeted drugs for cancer and beyond.

BIONERIS – El Chazli Marwan, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), The world’s fastest bacterial contamination detection tool.

BIOSCIBEX – Albietz Chloé, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Revolutionizing cell culture with the Swingo bioreactor.

CHROMNIL – Lehmann Daniel, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), A ready to use, low-cost Instrument for product screening.

CRIA TECHNOLOGIES – Palmieri Vittorio, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Ultra-low temperature sustainable and portable solutions.

ELDIAN BIOMED – Bordon Gregor, University of Bern (UNIBE), Injectable microcushions for long-term joint restoration.

EVIS BIOSCIENCE – Montanari Elita, University of Zurich (UZH), Next-generation non-viral gene delivery systems.

GENOROBOTICS – Adam Nicolas, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Field-deployable DNA kit for species identification.

GLIOCART – Willmann Dieter, University of Basel (UNIBAS), CAR-T cell therapy targeting glioblastoma.

HEPHAISTOS – Neumann Jannik, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Creating novel, efficient, and sustainable biocatalysts.

IMMITRA BIO – Taheri Amir, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Activating backup genes to treat genetic diseases.

INKOCELL THERAPEUTICS – Girardin Mathieu, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Developing the next generation of cell-based therapies.

INNUNITY THERAPEUTICS – Katsoulas Antonios, University of Zurich (UZH), Targeting innate immunity to treat MS-related disability.

LABLI AUTOMATION – Balula Samuel, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Optical technologies for automated biology research.

LATENTFUSION.AI – Hagmann Elias, University of Zurich (UZH), AI-guided optimization of biologics.

LEMNA BIO – Houmani Moustafa, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Physics-inspired AI for biomolecule discovery and design.

NANOZYMEX – Sevarika Boris, University of Basel (UNIBAS), Next-generation enzyme replacement therapies.

NIMVERTA – Singh Amit, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Next-generation peptide solutions for bone regeneration.

NINSUN BIOTECH – Carré Vincent, Centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois (CHUV), Targeting cancer stem cells for theranostic applications.

PURE-DEL – Keller Michelle, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Targeting the undruggable with DNA-encoded libraries.

REMUUN – Chahwan Richard, University of Zurich (UZH), On-demand monoclonal antibody development.

SANTELLA – Stöckli Sabrina, University of Bern (UNIBE), Sustainable vaccines for better animal health.

STATCOVERY – Meledin Roman, University of Zurich (UZH), Accelerating drug discovery with deep live-cell insights.

TASTEOMICS – Batora Daniel, University of Bern (UNIBE), Revolutionizing nutrition through taste science.

TRILLIOME – Guye Patrick, University of Basel (UNIBAS), Extending healthspan with microbiome nutraceuticals.

TUUS SOLUTION LABS – Caldara Tiziano, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Controlled-release hydrogel for steady carb delivery.

UNOMR – Schlötter Til, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Single biomolecule sensors for medical research.

VERSARYS BIOSCIENCE – Schwyter Lukas, University of Zurich (UZH), Customizable co-culture for bacterial-cell studies.

CLEANTECH

CIRCELEC – Bourely James, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Manufacturing recyclable and compostable circuit boards.

DELTASPAK – Bondaz Luc, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Turning CO₂ into valuable opportunities.

FORTYFOUR – Müller Henry Willem, Hochschule Luzern (HSLU), Boosting crop yields with sustainable CO₂ capture.

GRENAT – Scheidegger Josué, Hautes école vaudoises, Optical sorting for alternative crops and small farms.

IRON ENERGY – Heiniger Samuel, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Affordable and sustainable energy storage using iron oxide.

JAIPUR ROBOTICS – Zamboni Ermes, Centre Suisse d’Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM), Building the leading operating system for waste recognition.

LIGHTSEEDS – Perret Laure-Emmanuelle, Centre Suisse d’Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM), Creating ultra-light, unbreakable solar panels.

MLCL AG (KELVA SYSTEMS) – Lisiakova Maria, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Reliable, low-cost thermal energy storage technology.

PAWER SOLUTIONS – Babou Yacine, University of Zurich (UZH), Plasma-activated water for sustainable agriculture.

SENDMEBAG – Kohler Joshua, Hochschule Luzern (HSLU), Reusable e-commerce packaging to reduce CO₂ and waste.

SIXTEEN44 – Dumas Nelson, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Direct air capture of methane using proven technology.

STORRA DYNAMICS – Pezzulli Edoardo, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Risk management and optimisation for CO₂ storage.

SURFACE CLEANTECH – McConnell Saoirse Kathryn, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Enabling affordable compostable packaging solutions.

VERRETEX – Anderson Mitchell, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Creating circular glass fiber textiles.

WINDUCTION – Bhuka Sonam, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Inductive charging solutions for electric vehicles.

ELECTRONICS, MECHANICS

AITHON ROBOTICS – Dautzenberg Roman, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Aerial access solutions for complex, high-altitude tasks.

ASKALON INDUSTRIES – Camy Severin, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), AI-powered acoustic drone detection.

AUGETIK – Ebrahimi Aliakbar, PSI Paul Scherrer Institut, Modular muon detectors with AI for precise imaging.

AVIENTUS – Aicher Johannes, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Autonomous drone-based logistics systems.

CALMEA – Breuss Alexander, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Adaptive robotic bed to enhance sleep quality.

CDDS – Bertschi Christoph, University of St. Gallen (HSG), Autonomous interceptor drones for threat neutralization.

CYCLOWATT – Luder Victor, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Next-generation cycling power meter for amateurs.

EMBODIED AI – Stella Francesco, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Developing the first soft commercial robot.

EUREKA – Zhang Siyi, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), High-quality, affordable microscopes for everyday users.

FIREDRONE – Wiesemüller Fabian, EMPA, Temperature-resilient drones for firefighting operations.

IMPACT.BUILD – Vasey Lauren, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Robotic processes for a circular build environment.

LIGHTLINK INSTRUMENTS – Arun Ajay, EMPA, Hyper-spectral cameras for accurate color analysis.

MAUS ROBOTICS – Hennig Robert, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Robotic vending machines preparing fresh crêpes on demand.

MIMIC ROBOTICS – Gravert Stephan-Daniel, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Autonomous robots for unstructured environments.

MOSAIC SOC – Di Mauro Alfio, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Developing cutting-edge low-power AI chips.

QENDRA – Stadler Martin, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Advanced control systems for quantum computing.

RAVEN ROBOTICS – Erünsal Izzet Kagan, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Fully automated inspection solutions for workplace safety.

ROBOA – Kübler Alexander, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Safe exploration of confined spaces using robots.

SUBATRON – Baumann Samira, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Next-generation wireless underwater communication.

UNDER INDUSTRIES – Valli Eugenio, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Micro tunnel boring robot for underground infrastructure.

ICT

APRENDO – Winder Georg, Professional development platform for digital skills.

ARKLEM AI – Marcaillou Clémence, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Enabling actuaries to build accurate risk scores.

AXY – Patel Nisheet, University of Geneva (UNIGE), Building the future of scientific collaboration.

BEWY – Serratore Luca, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), AI-powered, tech-driven property management services.

BINABIK.AI – Peña Queralta Jorge, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), The first modular cognitive layer for robots.

CAREWELL – Meylan Josselin, University of Geneva (UNIGE), A seamless digital healthcare marketplace.

CHESSLINE AI – Rau Stefan, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW), AI-powered training platform for strategic games.

DERISC – Casiraghi Giona, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), AI-powered risk analytics for pharma supply chains.

DIPLOTOOLS – Crettol Jerome, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Purpose-built AI tools for diplomacy and policy.

FAINITE – Donzelli Alex, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Speeding up physics simulations and design iterations.

FILMIUM – Hunziker Dodo, Berner Fachhochschule (BFH), Unbiased discovery engine for streaming content.

FLATABLE – Rawfal Safras, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Smart roommate and shared flat matching platform.

FLYCATCHER – Galli Lorenzo, Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana (SUPSI), Safer, more reliable, cost-effective AI-driven inspections.

FORENSWISS – Beaudet-Labrecque Olivier, HE-Arc (BE-JU-NE), AI solutions to fight online crime.

FORGIS AG (XELERIT) – Martelli Federico, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Faster industrial robot programming using AI agents.

GONEON – Eder Raphael, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Instant infrastructure planning with AI agents.

HAICKER – Dourassov Philippe, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), AI pentester to scan vulnerabilities in codebases.

HUMBRELA – Zaidi Semchs, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), AI-powered app for managing insurance policies.

INFINITYGEN – Dominici Gabriele, Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), Industrial-grade image generation software.

JOSEPHA – Gitterle Josef, University of St.Gallen (HSG), AI-powered price comparison for online shoppers.

LABDEEP – Sängler Catharina, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Unlocking hidden data in life-science R&D.

LEARNINGLEVELS – Marti Nils, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH) Gamified learning platform for schools.

LOBBY – Abbrederis Romy, AI agents for hotel operations.

MELIOR – Nouvellon Menelik, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Personalized AI museum guide that adapts to each visitor.

MENTIS – Lalic Jelena, Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN), Agentic platform for next-generation silicon design.

NARRAE – Esparsa Pierre, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), The first AI Film interface for teams and AI Agents.

NUREO – Biedermann Manuel, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Next-generation 3D design tools for engineers.

OOVIE STUDIOS – Casagrande Giulio, Zurich University of the Arts (ZHdK), Interactive AI films reacting to musicians in real time.

PAPERCHECK – Zumbühl Yves, Hochschule Luzern (HSLU), AI-powered proofreading for scientific papers.

PERMITREE – Runets Hanna, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Automating work permit applications with AI.

PIN SPORT APP – Oti-Amoako Pearl, University of Zurich (UZH), All-in-one platform for sports event success.

RESHAPE SYSTEMS – Apollonio Andrea, Conseil Européen pour la Recherche Nucléaire (CERN), Enhanced risk analysis for complex systems using GenAI.

ROOFLESS LABS (K4MERA) – Juvet Maikor, University of St. Gallen (HSG), Connecting creators and 3D photography.

SHOOTIFY LABS – Ambrosini Luca, Scuola Universitaria Professionale della Svizzera Italiana (SUPSI), AI-generated on-model fashion photoshoots.

SIGN.MT – Rabozzi Timothy, University of Zurich (UZH), Google Translate-like solution for sign language.

SOVERLI – Puddu Ivan, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Ensuring digital sovereignty with next-gen mobile security.

SPIKEFORE – Herren Tim, University of Zurich (UZH), Risk & Compliance AI Engine.

STELLENMATCH – Osa Osaze David, Fachhochschule Graubünden, AI platform guiding the youth to their dream job.

SWISSBID – Waszkis Sebastian, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), AI-powered platform for smarter rentals.

TRIALHER – Antognini-Amin Hyatt, Participant-first system advancing women’s health research.

UTHEREAL – Carvalho João, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Transforming expertise, IP, and operations into AI systems.

VESTIR TECHNOLOGIES – Filbin Joanne, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Bringing the in-store fitting room experience online.

WITTY MACHINES – Blomqvist Kenneth, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Simple robotic assistants for the food industry.

XELIDONI – Morais Joana, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), AI-powered inspections for scalable, smart real estate.

MATERIALS, CHEMICALS

4 SEASONS – Kazbik Yasaman, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Modular, sustainable shoes that grow with children’s feet.

BILLOBA – Magne Jonathann, Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW), High-performance, plant-based sportswear materials.

NOXBLANC – Greger Michael, University of St. Gallen (HSG), Smart mattresses with adaptive firmness and temperature.

PEELPACK – Drigloff Slava, Berner Fachhochschule (BFH), Biopolymer packaging from upcycled waste streams.

MEDTECH

AI-TAILS – De Riggi Angelica, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW), AI-driven health monitoring for livestock and pets.

AIRSCALE – Zubi Sohail, Hochschule Luzern (HSLU), Smart weight measurement for immobile patients.

ALIGNA3D – Sacconey-Pfister Alexandre, 3D-printed orthoses for improved hallux valgus treatment.

ALTISCREEN – Dumea Leonard, HE-Arc (BE-JU-NE), Handheld devices for drug screening.

CAPTAIM/APHERYON – Saini Massimo, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Next-generation liquid biopsy to make cancer vaccines.

CLEE MEDICAL – Lapinski Matthew, Real-time vision and control for brain surgery.

DENTAL ROBOTICS – Ory Kinga Ildiko, Ultralight 3 in 1 system to empower mobile dental providers.

DEXTEROUS ENDOSCOPES – Piskarev Yegor, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Equipping doctors with next-generation endoscope technology.

DOXOMED – Hashemi Pouya, Hôpitaux universitaires de Genève (HUG), The all-in-one digital healthcare ecosystem.

MEDICAL WIZARDRY – Jauvtis Louis, Fachhochschule Graubünden, Robotic articulating tool for precise bone cutting.

MEDRICH – Du Xiaoyu, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Titanium-hydrogel implants for joint arthroplasty.

MOLESENSE – Barbruni Gian Luca, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Shaping women’s health through molecular wearables.

MYOLINK – Mendez Vincent, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), EMG & kinematic data for personalized gait rehab

NEURODAIGNOSTICS – Langer Nicolas, University of Zurich (UZH), AI-powered cognitive diagnostics.

NEUROVIA BIOELECTRONICS – Shalby Omar, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Developing devices for blood pressure modulation.

NEXTGUIDE – Bayer Alexander, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), An AI-powered white cane for the visually impaired.

OPTIMALPSI – Smit Thijs, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Topology optimization for patient-specific spinal implants.

OPTIZONE – Baniasad Mina, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Pushing athletic boundaries safely with personalized care.

ORTHOSENS – Hannema Gwenaël, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Making standard orthopedic implants smart.

PARABOLIS – Mesfin Josh, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Microbotic thrombolytics targeting deep vein thrombosis.

PERFORMANCE MOUTHGUARD – Nasrollahzadeh Naser, Centre hospitalier universitaire vaudois (CHUV), Unique mouthguards to reduce concussion risk.

SCANVIO MEDICAL – Tuchschnid Stefan, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), AI-assisted ultrasound diagnostics for gynecology.

SEFIT HEALTH – Börlin Elena, Fachhochschule Nordwestschweiz (FHNW), Therapeutic stress management for less reliance on meds.

SOFTSOCKET – Ammann Cara, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Developing forearm sports prostheses sockets for children.

SURGEXPLORE – Ghamsarian Negin, University of Bern (UNIBE), AI platform for surgical training and clinical discovery.

TIGHTVALVE – Jahren Silje Ekroll, University of Bern (UNIBE), First device for measuring valve leakage in heart surgery.

VELTIST – Anthis Alexandre, University Hospital Balgrist, Solutions to prevent and detect surgical leaks.

VERSIVE – Togni Reto, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Redefining wheelchairs with steering-by-leaning technology.

VIDASENSE – Behbood Naeimeh, Centre Suisse d’Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM), Remote monitoring for maternal and fetal health.

WATCHIBIA – Nijpels-Tishurova Olga, Centre Suisse d’Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM), Smart straps for mechanical watches.

ZURIEV – Zhang Yanan, University Hospital of Zurich, Breakthrough non-invasive cancer detection and monitoring.

MICRO-, NANO TECHNOLOGY

4D-PICOSENSE – Kugathanan Thanushan, University of Geneva (UNIGE), High-speed LiDAR sensors for all lighting conditions.

DROPGEN – Dietsche Claudius, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), High-throughput screening in a compact solution.

LIGHTIUM – Loizeau Frédéric, Centre Suisse d’Electronique et de Microtechnique (CSEM), Building the next generation of data infrastructure.

MINYSA – Abid Salem, Hautes école vaudoises, Smart gallium nitride power modules for efficient systems.

MOLECL – Chernev Andrey, University of Lausanne (UNIL), Nanopore-based detection of protein modifications.

RHONEXUM – Carbon Vicente, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Lausanne (EPFL), Advancing cryogenic electronics for quantum and beyond.

SCALE LASERS – Stark David, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETH), Mid-infrared lasers for portable multicolor sensing.

YQUANTUM – Jünger Christian, University of Basel (UNIBAS), Building the future of scalable quantum hardware.

PROJECT SELECTION

- **990 PROJECTS**
applied for Venture Kick
- **82 APPLICATIONS**
per month
- **63%**
from German-speaking Switzerland
- **33%**
from French-speaking Switzerland
- **52%**
of supported projects are from ETH Zurich and EPF Lausanne
- **42%**
of supported projects have women in the founding team

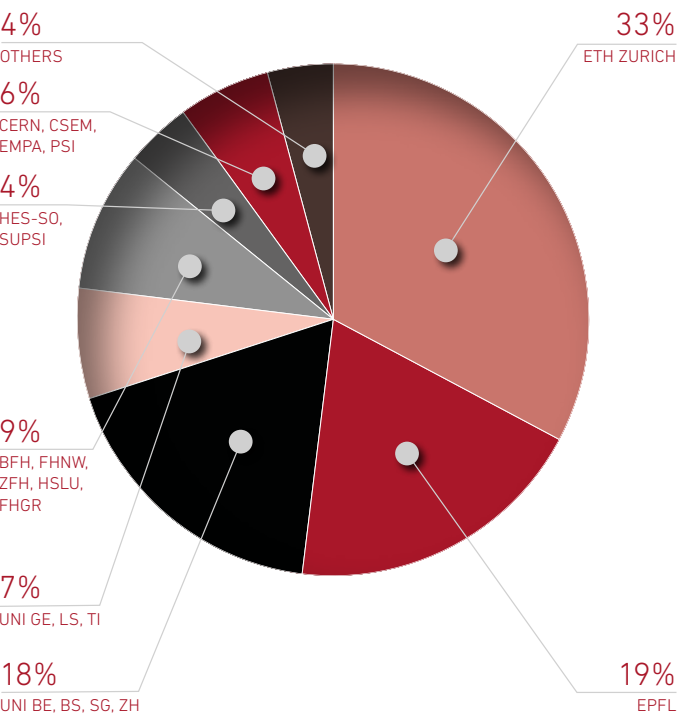
Applications to Venture Kick grew by 12.5% year-on-year, reaching 990 in 2025 (up from 880 in 2024). Most applications came from the German-speaking region (63%), followed by the French-speaking region (33%), and Italian-speaking Ticino (4%).

Venture Kick attracts applicants nationwide, with 39% of submissions originating from the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology in Zurich (ETHZ) and Lausanne (EPFL), and 61% from 39 other universities and research institutions.

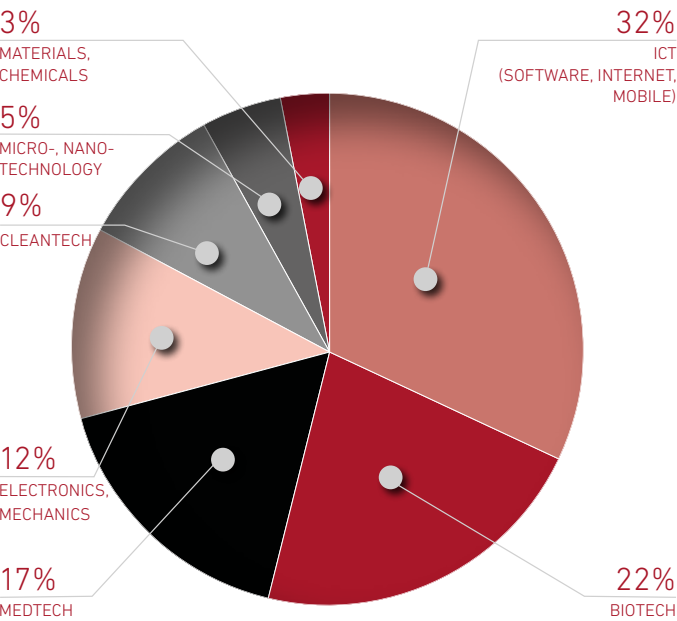
Applications span all high-tech sectors. Information and communication technologies (ICT) dominate with 39%, followed by life sciences (26%, including biotech and medtech). Cleantech projects account for 6%, the same share as electronics/mechanics (6%). Materials/chemicals and micro/nano-technologies account for 2% each, while 19% fall under other sectors.

Selection remains competitive. Projects from ETHZ and EPFL represent 52% of those selected, up from 46% in 2024. Among supported projects, 39% are in life sciences, 32% in ICT confirming the strong interest and potential of AI solutions, 9% in cleantech, 12% in electronics/mechanics, 5% in micro/ nano-technologies, and 3% in materials/chemicals.

SUPPORTED PROJECTS
BY UNIVERSITY



BY SECTOR



FINANCES

DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO STARTUP PROJECTS

	ACTUAL 2025		BUDGET 2026	
CASH SUPPORT FOR STARTUPS	8,320,000	73.5%	9,580,000	73.5%
Grants of CHF 10,000	1,300,000		1,480,000	
Convertible loans of CHF 40,000	3,120,000		3,600,000	
Convertible loans of CHF 100,000	3,900,000		4,500,000	

INDIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO STARTUP PROJECTS

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR STARTUPS	2,520,000	22.3%	2,900,000	22.2%
Venture Briefing contribution				
Review of 1,000 project applications, feedback and preparation for candidates / Validation of 472 projects for presentation				
Presentation to investors and supporters at 68 jury sessions in 2025 and 78 in 2026				
Personal introductions to investors and pilot customers				
Individual coaching and support at 74 Kickers Briefings, Kickers Camps, and Demo Brunches in 2025 and 89 in 2026				
Written feedback and pitch videos, monthly reporting, startup hotline				
Support and management for invested portfolio				
Coordination and recommendations for Kick Fund investment				
Press releases and articles for startups to create national and international visibility				
Creation of PRs, articles, video portraits, social media news about Startups				
Promotion of startup news via social media and news channels (Handelszeitung, startup.ch, startupticker.ch, and others)				
Coordination and recommendations for Kick Fund investment				
Business software, checklists and templates				

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT	485,000	4.3%	560,000	4.3%
Planning / Team management / Reporting				
Promotion at all Swiss universities and partners				
Startup Portfolio Management / Kick Foundation Transfer / Financial returns / Donations				
IT / Website development and maintenance				
Kick Foundation Audit / Accounting				

TOTAL (excluding VAT)	11,325,000	100%	13,040,000	100%
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Purpose

Legal Structure

The Kick Foundation is monitored by the Swiss Federal Supervisory Board of Foundations.

Venture Kick's Strategy Board

Pool of Experts

Venture Kick Management

Venture Kick's strategy board has mandated Venturelab Ltd. to manage operations. Co-managing directors Beat Schillig, Jordi Montserrat, and Philip Hassler built the program since day 1 and share responsibility for Venture Kick's successful operations and sustainable growth. They are supported by a strong team running the daily startup support operations, selection process, jury sessions, Kickers Camps, promotion activities at Swiss universities and introductions to national and international investors.



OUTLOOK

→ 1,000 APPLICATIONS

→ 472 PROJECTS PRESENTED
at 78 jury sessions (30 Stage 1 / 30 Stage 2 / 18 Stage 3)

→ 283 PROJECTS FUNDED
(148 at CHF 10,000 / 90 at CHF 40,000 / 45 at CHF 100,000)

→ CHF 9,580,000
in seed funding for startup projects

→ 69 KICKERS CAMPS & DEMO BRUNCHES
Individual coaching workshops / investor matchmaking
events

→ 20 KICKERS' BRIEFINGS
Workshops at Swiss universities

GOAL 2035: 100,000 JOBS

Venture Kick is looking for additional CHF 50 million from donors to achieve the following milestones in nine years from now:

→ 3,000 STARTUPS
3,000 incorporated high-tech companies, resulting in 2,600 active Venture Kick alumni

→ 100,000 JOBS
40 sustainable jobs created per active Venture Kick alumni
(2025: 19 jobs per alumni)

→ CHF 50 BILLION INVESTMENT
CHF 19.3 million of investment raised per active Venture Kick alumni (2025: CHF 11 million per alumni)

1 Million Plus

STARTUPS FROM SWISS UNIVERSITIES CAN GET MORE THAN A MILLION IN CASH PLUS SUPPORT AND GREAT NETWORKS. IT STARTS WITH A FIRST KICK OF CHF 10,000 FOR A GREAT IDEA.

Since 2007, the philanthropic initiative Venture Kick has invested CHF 100+ million to support 1,234+ startup projects from Swiss universities. Today 830 active high-tech companies have attracted CHF 10+ billion from investors, created 16,100+ jobs and keep growing strong!



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