

Press release

goNEON Agentic Systems receives CHF 150,000 from Venture Kick to accelerate infrastructure planning with AI

St.Gallen/Zurich/Lausanne, July 20, 2026 — Founded by ETH Zurich graduates, goNEON Agentic Systems has obtained CHF 150,000 from Venture Kick to transform how infrastructure is planned using agentic AI. The ICT startup aims to help planners and infrastructure operators generate technically feasible, regulation-compliant designs in minutes instead of months.

Planning roads, utilities, and transport infrastructure still relies heavily on manual engineering workflows, disconnected software, and repetitive analyses. As projects become more complex and budgets tighter, evaluating multiple design alternatives remains prohibitively slow. The platform enables engineers to generate and evaluate infrastructure scenarios in minutes instead of weeks, allowing planning teams to explore far more alternatives while maintaining engineering and regulatory requirements.

[goNEON](#) addresses this challenge with an agentic AI platform that automatically generates infrastructure designs based on engineering requirements, local regulations, and real-world constraints. Instead of replacing engineers, the platform supports decision-making by rapidly producing technically feasible planning options, enabling teams to evaluate and refine projects in a fraction of the usual time.

Infrastructure planning is a multi-trillion-dollar market with little software innovation. goNEON has already generated over USD 250,000 in paid pilot revenue, working with cities and engineering firms across Europe. The company is now scaling from custom AI planning workflows to a platform for infrastructure planning.

The CHF 150,000 from Venture Kick will help goNEON prioritize pilots with the strongest market potential, turn the most repeatable workflows into scalable product modules, and validate which use cases can become the foundation of a broader infrastructure planning platform.

The startup was founded by CEO Raphael Eder and CTO Dr. Lukas Ballo, who combine expertise in entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, and urban planning. Together, they are developing AI tools that help reshape how infrastructure is planned and delivered.

“Venture Kick helped us make the leap from research to customers. It pushed us to validate the market early, connected us with an exceptional network of founders and investors, and gave us the momentum to build a global company,” highlights CEO Raphael Eder.



CEO Raphael Eder and CTO Lukas Ballo

[goNEON Agentic Systems' profile on Venture Kick](#)

About Venture Kick

The Venture Kick philanthropic initiative provides more than 1 million in seed funding to Swiss startups and offers a well-structured entrepreneurial path toward building a winning business. Startups pitch to Venture Kick juries in three stages to obtain CHF 150,000, gain direct feedback, and access a network of 250 international investors. Winners of Venture Kick are eligible for an InnoBooster grant of CHF 150,000 and an additional CHF 850,000 investment from the Kickfund.

Since its launch in 2007, Venture Kick has supported 1,286 Swiss startup projects with CHF 103 million from private donors. Thanks to financial support, coaching, and networking with investors, this initiative has led to the emergence of 1,000+ thriving startup companies and the creation of 16,100+ jobs. Venture Kick alumni companies have attracted investments of CHF 10.2 billion and represent 66 companies ranked in the Top100 Swiss Startups in 2025 (<https://www.top100startups.swiss>).

Venture Kick is an initiative by the Kick Foundation, supported by a private consortium and operated by Venturelab. The supporting foundations and private philanthropic partners include Gebert Rüt Stiftung, Ernst Göhner Stiftung, Fondation ALCEA, Hauser-Stiftung, André Hoffmann,

Hansjörg Wyss, Martin Haefner, Fondation ProTechno, ESA BIC Switzerland, Swisscom, Lichtsteiner Foundation, and Deep Tech Nation Switzerland Foundation.

Find more information on venturekick.ch, with [all startup projects supported by Venture Kick](#), and follow the success stories of our startups on [LinkedIn](#).

Management contacts

Beat Schillig, Co-Managing Director, +41 79 358 04 19 (DE/EN)

Jordi Montserrat, Co-Managing Director, +41 78 708 18 04 (FR/EN)

Media contacts

Rita Longobardi, +41 58 767 00 20 rita.longobardi@venturelab.swiss (EN/IT/DE)