Venture Building
Venture Capital in Switzerland
2013 to 2021

12'102 MCHF

Source: https://www.startupticker.ch
EPFL Startup Scene - 2021

33 New startups
778.6 MCHF raised

17 Seed rounds (1MCHF<5MCHF)
9 Scale-up rounds (+20MCHF)
Tech Launchpad

**IGNITION**
Validate feasibility and viability

**BOOST**
Accelerate through services sourcing external skills
DESIGN & PROTOTYPE
INTERNSHIPS
DERISK

**INNOGRANT**
Get market ready, product ready, and investor ready
EPFL – UNIL: building together the next generation of startups

EPFL
The Startup Launchpad

Unil
UNIL | Université de Lausanne

EPFL
CHANGE MAKERS x Blaze
FINAL AWARDS
15 DECEMBER
5:30-7:30PM

UCreate
Accélérateur UNIL

Connect Founders
Dec. 13 15th at 5:30 PM | The Station at EPFL
An event to gather founders and aspiring entrepreneurs, to form complementary co-founding teams.
- Strengthen the startup community
- Build an extended network around the community
- Host startup programmes
- Increase the visibility of the EPFL Startup Launchpad Students
Industry collaboration
Valley of Death between Research to Product

Ways to bridge gap

- Startups
- IP, tech transfer, licensing
- Talents, cont. education
- New industry - academia collaboration models
EPFL Innovation Park
A rich variety of industries

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - FINANCE - COMPUTING

HEALTH - NUTRITION

ENGINEERING - TRANSPORT - MATERIALS

And a community of
- 2’500 people
- 150 start-ups
- 20 service providers
6 innovation sites in Western Switzerland
Perfect match with EPFL’s extended campus concept

- EPFL Innovation Park Biopôle
  - Université de Lausanne
  - CHUV
  - HES-SO

- Campus Biotech
  - Neuro-Engineering (Wyss Center)
  - Human Brain Project (HBP-site geneva)
  - Université de Genève
  - HUG
  - HES-SO

- Microcity
  - Microtechnology
  - Advanced Manufacturing
  - CSEM
  - Université de Neuchâtel
  - HES-SO

- Blue Factory
  - Sustainable architecture
  - Smart Building
  - Université de Fribourg
  - HES-SO

- Energopolis
  - Energy
  - Green Chemistry
  - HES-SO
Industry collaboration
Opportunity space

COMPANY NEEDS
- Prepare for the future
- Increase Internal Knowledge
- Grow your competitive edge
- Create Awareness & Attract talents
- Scout for new opportunities
- Boost your Innovation

EPFL SERVICES
- Research Collabs.
- Access to talents & co. education
- Startups & Technologies acquisitions
- Branding & Visibility
- Events & networking
- Presence at Innovation Park
A program to discover the potential of academia in innovation, maximize impact of opportunities, benefit from a vibrant & unique ecosystem.

1 Year program to discover the ecosystem

- **Explore** the EPFL opportunity space
- **Test the value** of the ecosystem
- **Build the foundations** of a long lasting relationship
- **Test Account Management** service
- **Be physically** at the heart of the EPFL Innovation Park
Innovation Initiatives
Performance, Health and Entertainment. Sports innovations don’t just boost athletes’ performance, they can improve everyone’s life and represent a growing market for companies.
ARBR with EPFL science and tech

The Alinghi team together with Red Bull Racing are the new challenger for the America’s Cup, and they aim to do it using EPFL science and tech research and startups.
Amplify the voices of the Swiss space ecosystem

A new national platform for the promotion of space in Switzerland from the Swiss Space Office (SSO) of the State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)

www.space-exchange.ch
NGO council

Cross-cutting and collaborative platform comprising 26 NGOs that serve as a source of real on-the-ground challenges for Tech4Dev, changemakers and other VPI activities.
Emerge Labs

Series of collaborative innovation workshops activating interdisciplinary teams of NGOs and EPFL labs to jointly solve some of their most pressing sustainability challenges.

Themes

Data
March

Health
June

Environment
September
1st FemTech Accelerator in CH
In partnership with Groupe Mutuel

- Multiple corporate partners (mentorship, sponsorship & network)
  Ferring, Merck, Debiopharm, PwC, Swiss Biotech Association, BioAlps

- International Partners and Roadshows: Fermata (Japan), Joyance Partners (Boston), Femtech insider (UK), Swissnex Boston /UK

- 110 applications, 102 relevant in FemTech, from 25 countries
- 34 Swiss strat-ups / projects from different regions
- 70 women founders
- Selected: 15 growth start-ups, 15 early stage start-ups & projects
- 2 parallel programs, tailored, equity-free supports
VPI as orchestrator of Open Innovation Ecosystem

Partners / Providers of innovation
EPFL/ CSEM/ CHUV/ UNIL/ IMD / Startups / VCs incubators / Other partners

Buyers/ Consumer / Integrators of innovation
Corporates / SMEs / Government / International / Users / Others

Connect EPFL with Society
Startup creation
Collaboration with industry
Innovation Initiatives