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# 2023 AWARD CEREMONY

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**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO ALL THE  
WINNERS  
OF >>VENTURE>>  
2023!**

**Chère communauté >>venture>>,**



**It gives us great pleasure that >>venture>> returns to EPFL, where innovation and entrepreneurship form part of its DNA.**



**This year, >>venture>> took on a new dimension of innovation. Today we proudly celebrate the remarkable contributions of nonprofit organizations (NPOs) for the first time in our history. Along with business**

**startups, these extraordinary entities have set out to become beacons of inspiration, blending visionary thinking and a financially sustainable operating model with unwavering dedication to address humanity's most urgent challenges.**

**We extend our congratulations to all the 2023 >>venture>> winners, and our gratitude goes to the 336 participating teams who have contributed to making this edition a great success.**

**We are immensely grateful to our network of over 200 expert mentors and jurors, who donate their know-how to a new generation of entrepreneurs throughout the competition. We would also like to express our appreciation to our sponsors, the Advisory Board, who year after year recognize the significance of investing in the next generation of trailblazers.**

**On behalf of >>venture>>, we wish you an inspiring evening and thank you for venturing forward with us.**

**Ulrich Jakob Looser  
Chairman of the  
>>venture>> foundation  
Partner of BLR & Partners AG**

**Lea Firmin  
CEO of the  
>>venture>> foundation**

# PROGRAM

- 18:30 Welcome by  
Prof. Dr. Martin Vetterli,  
President of EPFL
- 18:35 Introduction by  
Ulrich Jakob Looser,  
Chairman of the >>venture>>  
foundation
- 18:45 Keynote speech by Peter  
Maurer, former president of the  
International Committee of the  
Red Cross
- 18:55 NPO Track Awards
- 19:00 Audience Award NPO Track  
presented by RTS

- 19:05 Finance & Insurance Awards
- 19:10 Health & Nutrition Awards
- 19:15 ICT Awards
- 19:20 Industrials & Engineering Awards
- 19:25 Retail & Consumer Services Awards
- 19:30 Audience Award Business Track presented by RTS
- 19:40 Grand Prize Winner
- 19:50 Closing
- 20:00 Apéro

# 2023 KEY FACTS & FIGURES

**17**  
EVENTS

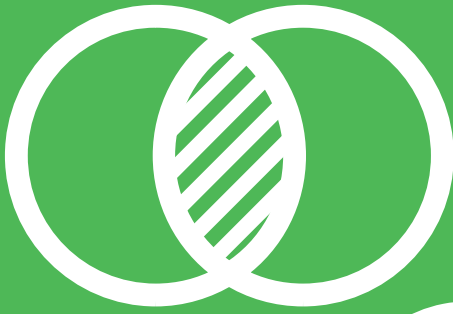
**79**  
MENTORS

**451**  
STARTUP PLAN  
REGISTRATIONS

**206**  
JURORS

**774**  
PARTICIPANTS  
AT OUR EVENTS





# 104

MENTORSHIP  
PAIRINGS



## Company Status

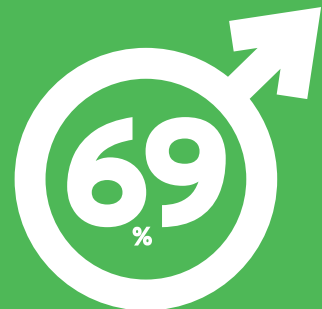
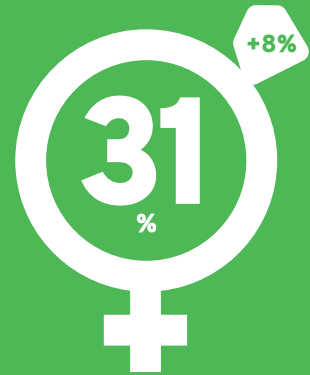
58% Registered Company  
42% Idea Phase

## Share of university affiliation



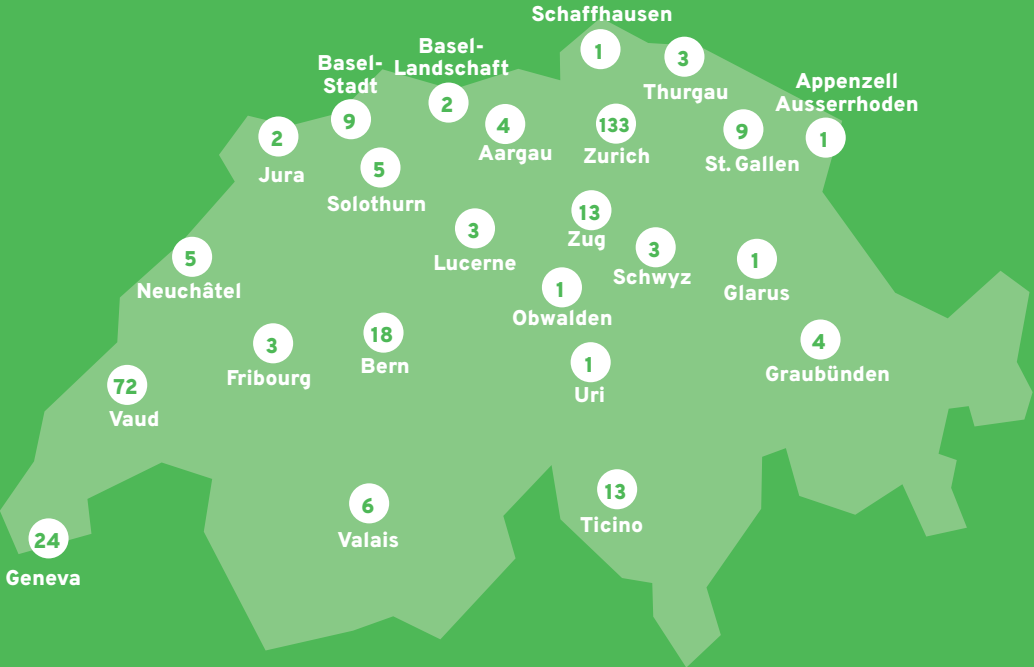
- 10% ETH Zurich
- 9% EPFL
- 3% UniGE
- 2% UZH
- 1% HSG
- 6% Other Swiss universities
- 3% Foreign universities
- 66% Not stemming directly from academic research

## Gender split



# 2023 KEY FACTS & FIGURES

## Geographic location of submissions



# 336

TOTAL ACCEPTED SUBMISSIONS

## Submissions per industry vertical/track



**30**

Finance &  
Insurance



**46**

Not-for-  
Profit Track



**59**

Indrials &  
Engineering



**63**

ICT



**55**

Retail &  
Consumer  
Services



**83**

Health &  
Nutrition

# >>VENTURE>> EVENTS OVER THE YEAR 2023



2022 >>venture>> Grand Prize Winner, Margaux Peltier, CEO and co-founder of Enerdrape helped kickstart this year's competition at EPFL



Vanessa Wood, VP for Knowledge Transfer and Corporate Relations at ETH Zurich, talking to a packed auditorium during the 2023 >>venture>> Kickoff event at ETH's Student Project House in Zurich



Seasoned and aspiring entrepreneurs, industry experts, startup coaches, investors and startup support organizations gathered on November 22, 2022 at EPFL to celebrate the start of the 2023 >>venture>> edition



Mentors and jurors gathered in Zurich for one of the >>venture>> networking apéros



Aspiring entrepreneurs and startup supporters during the 2023 >>venture>> Kickoff event in ETH Zurich's Student Project House



Startup advisor, Nanci Govinder providing feedback to one of the Audience Award nominees during filming at EPFL



Pitching during Jury Round 2 in May 2023



Patent expert, Kamran Houshang Pour, from the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property during one of >>venture>>'s IP workshops in February 2023

# >> VENTURE >> PROCESS



## Registrations

NOV. 2022 TO MAR. 2023

336 participants submitted a 10-20 page startup plan to take part in the competition



## Jury Round 1

MARCH 2023

175 jurors evaluated startup plans online & selected 61 finalists (10 per track/vertical + tie)



## Mentoring

APRIL 2023 TO JUNE 2023

Finalists and early birds benefited from the expertise of our accomplished network of startup coaches



## Jury Round 2

MAY 2023

Finalists pitched their idea to a live jury who selected the top 3 per vertical/track



## Final Pitch

JUNE 26, 2023

The Advisory Board members, split into 5 verticals and NPO Track, rank the winning teams



## Grand Prize Pitch

JUNE 26, 2023

1st ranked teams pitch one final time in front of the entire Advisory Board to win the overall Grand Prize



## Award Ceremony

JUNE 26, 2023



**WINN**  
**2023**





**ERS**

# TOP 3

# FINANCE & INSURANCE



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## **ASCENTYS SARL**

Ascentys' platform helps companies measure, manage, report and improve their ESG performance in a way that is simple, accurate, defensible and cost-effective.

**TEAM MEMBERS** Jerome Raguin, Özge Özdemir



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## FRIGG AG

Frigg makes sustainable finance accessible, efficient, and composable through a SaaS platform that streamlines the financing workflow.

**TEAM MEMBERS** Philip Berntsen, Francesco Leonetti, Adam Straight, Olivier Winkler, Sergio Lavanga



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## GRAPE INSURANCE AG

Grape is the first Swiss fully digital employee insurance that invests in employees' physical and mental health, using new data points and machine-learning techniques.

### TEAM MEMBERS

**Back:** Jack Wilkinson, Nico Hänggi, Alfred Widmer, Mirko Hess  
**Front:** Tristan Keuning, Michela Keller, Laura Carrió, Nico Frey, Fabian Mächler, Sabine Ultsch, Pascal Küng



# TOP 3

# HEALTH & NUTRITION



DIATHERIS

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Zurich

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## **DIATHERIS**

DIATHERIS develops better therapeutic solutions to improve management of type 1 diabetes, providing an alternative to insulin therapy for patients.

**TEAM MEMBERS** Giorgio Ramadori, Roberto Coppari



## LIGHTHOUSE TECH SAGL

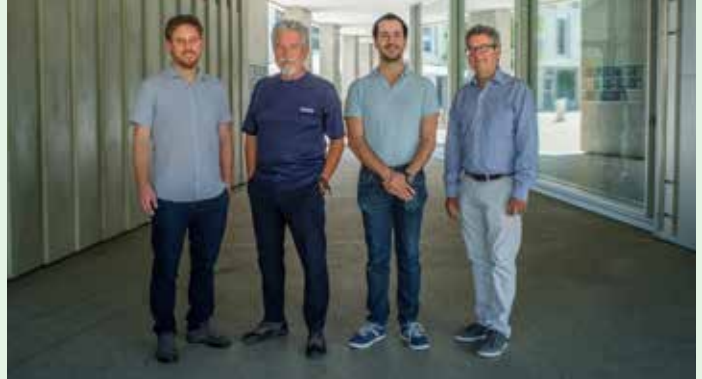
Lighthouse Tech makes discreet and fashionable eyewear that enables safe mobility for blind and severely vision impaired people: Haptic vibration signals hazards.

**LOCATION**  
Morbio Inferiore

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**TEAM MEMBERS** Nathan Deutsch, Riccardo Baldini,  
Andrea Moroni Stampa, Franco Burlando



## METALEAD

metaLead develops next-generation medications to treat lead poisoning at various levels, many of which cannot be currently treated.

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**TEAM MEMBERS** Michal Shoshan



# TOP 3

# ICT



## BEARMIND SA

Bearmind develops helmet-worn sensors and software for brain injury prevention and cognitive performance monitoring in sports using real-time head impact data.

**LOCATION**  
Lausanne

**TEAM MEMBERS** Harshal Sonar, Pierre Coieffey, Mathieu Falbriard, Tom Bertrand, Michael Blackburn, André Clerc

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## CLEARSKY SARL

ClearSky is the next-generation AI assistant built on uncompromising privacy by design to ensure sensitive data remains inside the meeting, consultation or hearing.

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## EMPATH

EMPath provides a novel plug&play over-the-air test solution using a single-shot measurement for wireless systems to ensure safety and performance of devices.

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# TOP 3

# INDUSTRIALS & ENGINEERING



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## **BIOSIMO AG**

Biosimo develops low-cost, bio-based, green chemicals, leading the transition to a fossil-free chemical industry and reducing the carbon footprint of everyday products.

**TEAM MEMBERS** Top: Maximilian Moser, Genny Dibello, Konstantina Ntrenogianni, Eduardo Rodriguez Bottom: Sotiria Mostrou, Manuel Núñez Salinas, Emily Lupparelli, Nicola Hagger







## **PEROVSKIA SOLAR AG**

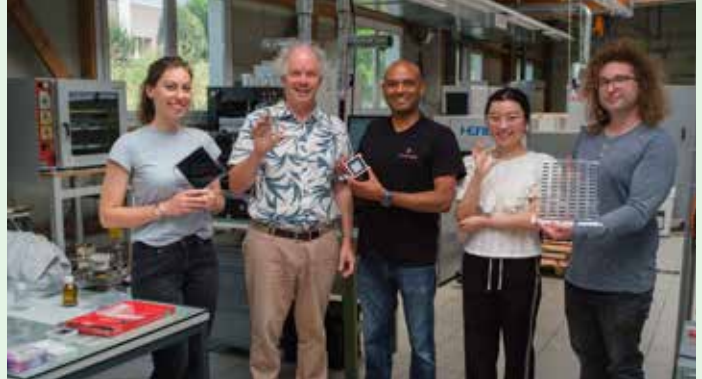
Perovskia Solar is a cleantech startup that provides digitally printed solar cells that seamlessly integrate into electronic devices & sensors at disruptive costs.

**LOCATION**  
Aubonne

**TEAM MEMBERS** Jessica Girard, Toby Meyer, Anand Verna, Junjei Cai, Demar Künzle

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## **VOLTIRIS SA**

Voltiris' innovative solar modules generate electricity in greenhouses with 3 benefits for growers: energy independence, profitability and sustainability.

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Lausanne

**TEAM MEMBERS** Xavier Da Costa, Nicolas Weber, Dominik Blaser, Assaad Akkouch and Thomas Meuriot

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# TOP 3

# RETAIL & CONSUMER SERVICES



## CLEVER FOREVER EDUCATION AG

CatnClever is an ad-free math and literacy app for preschoolers that uses AI to create easy-to-use interactive and adaptive learning.

**LOCATION**  
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## NOW CARE SARL

NOW Care is rethinking personal care by developing the first Swiss made powder-to-liquid soap formula. Made with local plants, it gives consumers convenience and sustainability.

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## VIATU AG

Viatu has developed the first platform that educates travelers on their impact and promotes sustainable tourism partners in curated destinations.

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# TOP 3 NOT-FOR-PROFIT



## **ADAIRE ACADEMY AG**

Adaire Academy, in partnership with EPFL Extension School, enables qualified, yet un- or under-employed African adults to pursue remote tech careers in Switzerland.

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## HEMLATA

### HEMLATA

HEMLATA is empowering young women from India's lower socio-economic strata, through quality education, to step out of their cycles of poverty, and achieve gender equality.

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### OPENVERSUM GMBH

Openversum empowers local entrepreneurs in Colombia and Ecuador to provide safe drinking water while creating employment and reaching the people most in need.

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Schlieren

**AFFILIATION**  
ETH Zurich

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**TEAM MEMBERS** Olivier Gröninger, Laura Stocco



# 2023 >> VENTURE >> FINALISTS

## FINANCE & INSURANCE



### DIGITAL INVESTMENT PRODUCT SHOWROOM

A SaaS for asset managers to create their own customized digital investment product showroom, transforming the way investment products are marketed.

[info@alquant.com](mailto:info@alquant.com)

### EVERON EVERON AG

A mobile app that democratizes access to Swiss private banking with digital on-boarding, a portfolio management engine and an API infrastructure for business partners.

[info@everon.swiss](mailto:info@everon.swiss)



### IACCESS PARTNERS AG

Access for qualified investors to top-tier private

equity funds on a fully digital basis starting from low minimal investment amounts.

[info@iaccesspartners.com](mailto:info@iaccesspartners.com)



### MAVUNO TECHNOLOGIES GMBH

An Agri & FinTech startup empowering African smallholder

farmers with satellite imagery and machine learning to drastically increase harvest yields.

[mail@mavuno.tech](mailto:mail@mavuno.tech)



### SWAY FINANCE SA

Next-gen tech stack for SMBs that uses innovative integration partners and AI to help clients work more efficiently, with a set of robust and flexible tools.

[info@swayapp.io](mailto:info@swayapp.io)



### THE INGAGE INSTITUTE

Innovative digital solutions for insurance companies to effectively train their learners, employees and clients.

[welcome@ingage.institute](mailto:welcome@ingage.institute)



### YAINVEST AG

A SaaS to help banks and FinTechs generate more investment returns for their clients using applied behavioral finance to create individual investor profiles.

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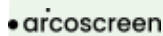
## HEALTH & NUTRITION



### **ARCORIS BIO AG**

**Empowering personalized medicine with multiplex biomarker technologies, such as the groundbreaking MUSE, an IP-protected, high-sensitivity, universal biomarker imaging nanotechnology.**

*contact@arcorisbio.com*



### **ARCOSCREEN SA**

**Providing pharmaceutical companies with a new screening tool based on patients' cells, which helps to identify which molecules will fail at the first step of the drug discovery process.**

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### **BREATHE**

**A more affordable,**

**portable, Swiss-quality ventilator for improving emergency care in low-resource settings, coupled with medical and technical training to ensure a long-lasting positive impact.**

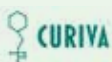
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### **CULTIVATED BIOSCIENCES**

**An indulgent dairy alternative, offering consumers the creamy experience they crave to help make the switch to sustainable foods.**

*hello@cultivated.bio*



### **CURIVA**

**A non-invasive wearable diagnostics patch that allows doctors, healthcare professionals and patients to accurately test for high-risk biomarkers for**

**gynecologic malignancy detection.**

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### **NEXMR GMBH**

**A unique platform that collects in vitro data about small molecules interacting with proteins, thus accelerating efficient drug discovery through artificial intelligence.**

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### **THERAPPI BIOSCIENCE SAS**

**A new class of protein interaction inhibitors to tackle drug resistance in cancer and to cure other rare diseases.**

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# 2023 >> VENTURE >> FINALISTS

## ICT



### EGONYM

Visual privacy protection that alters a person's appearance so that it is unrecognizable, while still letting the user share their original face with people they trust.

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### procured.

#### HLD SOLUTIONS GMBH

procured. is a platform for companies to access software service providers in an easy and time efficient manner through a unique mix of procurement best practices combined with state-of-the-art AI.

[info@procured.ch](mailto:info@procured.ch)



### REFLUENCED AG

A data and AI-driven online platform connecting influencers with brands that supports and simplifies content creation, planning, and control across all social media channels.

[info@refluenced.com](mailto:info@refluenced.com)



### STACKSYNC SA

A real-time, bidirectional data synchronization tool between CRM systems and databases: Simply connect the two chosen apps in one click and select the tables you want to sync, that's it!

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### STREAM OCEAN AG

Underwater cameras with an AI-powered analytics

engine to provide real-time biodiversity data to marine projects to combat biodiversity loss and restore our planet's oceans.

[info@streamocean.io](mailto:info@streamocean.io)



### VEINTREE SA

Forgery-proof, non-nominative, biometrically inspired digital identification, using the hand as a unique signature, specific for each digital transaction.

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### VIRTUAL LAB

The platform that saves preclinical researchers' time and money by connecting specimen producers and consumers.

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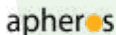
## INDUSTRIALS & ENGINEERING



### 4QT HOLDING AG

ParisHybrid™, 4QT's Swiss proprietary electric power-train technology, enables green construction, green maritime and green transportation clients to lower the emissions and fuel consumption of their fleet by 35-100%.

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### APHEROS AG

An ETH-spinoff providing cost-effective cooling materials using high-quality cleantech materials obtained through a novel metal foaming process.

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### ASCENTO AG

Robotics-as-a-Service for autonomous outdoor security patrolling of large industrial areas, which leverages robotics and AI to counteract shortages in the security industry.

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### QAPTIS SÀRL

An inexpensive, fast-to-deploy CO<sub>2</sub> capture solution for vehicles to mitigate the carbon emissions in transportation. The captured CO<sub>2</sub> is sold and used in other sectors.

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### REMATTER AG

Circular, low carbon and price competitive

earth-timber floor slabs to replace unsustainable reinforced concrete and poor-performing/costly timber alternatives.

[contact@rematter.earth](mailto:contact@rematter.earth)



Innovative receivers for concentrating solar collectors that enables the decarbonization of the industrial sector through solar process heat.

[contact@solaxer.com](mailto:contact@solaxer.com)



### TETHYS ROBOTICS

The only underwater drone that can operate autonomously in strong water flows with poor visibility, to mitigate risks for underwater professionals.

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# 2023 >> VENTURE >> FINALISTS

## RETAIL & CONSUMER SERVICES

1 2 3 kiD

**1,2,3 KID SA**

**A platform that simplifies parents' lives by allowing them to quickly find the most relevant educational resources to support their children aged 2 and above.**

*info@123kid.org*



**CIRKEL SUPPLY CO. SA**

**Consumer and environmentally friendly circular outdoor apparel rental solution, which includes resale, repair services, summer rental and B2B circular solutions, and could expand into other alpine markets.**

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**MoreThanDigital**

**MORETHANDIGITAL GMBH**

**A digital ecosystem**

**and community for the business world, to support companies and individuals in the areas of digitization, innovation, social change and digital transformation.**

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**SWIJIN AG**

**A women-owned company developing technical, comfortable solutions for performance sportswear, enabling athletes to move between land and water sports without changing clothes.**

*hello@swijin.com*



**VYN GMBH**

**A new Swiss sneaker brand that challenges the existing footwear landscape with the world's**

**first self-renewable shoe.**

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**YZER**

**A free educational mobile app to learn about Bitcoin, finance and blockchain that introduces these topics to learners in a fun and gamified way.**

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**ZIZANIA SA**

**By using upcycled organic ingredients and reducing the amount of waste in production and creating new products, ZIZANIA revolutionizes the cosmetic world.**

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# 2023 >> VENTURE >> NPO FINALISTS

## NOT-FOR-PROFIT TRACK



### **BITMARK ASSOCIATION**

The world's only open-source content-first data standard for creating interactive digital learning content.

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### **DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SWITZERLAND**

Housing for All is a social initiative to provide access to housing to the urban poor in Namibia who would otherwise end up in slums and informal settlements.

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### **EUROTUBE FOUNDATION**

A nonprofit research organization working to accelerate the development of hyperloop as a

sustainable high-speed transport technology.

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### **EXPEDITION FUTURE**

A think and do tank for political innovation that brings together politics, administration, business, science, and society to address current issues.

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### **GIRLSCODETOO**

Empowering girls of all ages to discover their passion for technology through creative coding workshops.

[info@girlscodetoo.ch](mailto:info@girlscodetoo.ch)



### **LEVO**

Giving startups and SMEs the tools to easily assess,

monitor, and continuously improve their sustainability and impact and grow into responsible businesses.

[hello@levoframework.com](mailto:hello@levoframework.com)



### **LIVING MUSEUM FOUNDATION**

To promote the creation of art asylums for people with mental illnesses, turning a vulnerability into an inclusive force for good.

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### **PROJECT CANOPY**

A remote sensing platform to help local forest communities in the Congo Basin prevent deforestation and manage their lands more effectively.

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# 2023 AUDIENCE AWARD NOMINEES

The nominees for the 2023 >>venture>> Audience Award were selected out of the 61 >>venture>> Finalists by RTS and >>venture>> based on the appeal of their ideas on everyday life. This selection procedure is separate from our jury process.

After watching a behind-the-scenes pitch training session with startup coach, Nanci Govinder, on RTS, the Swiss audience voted online for their favorite startup.

You can still vote for your favorite here.



The winners will be announced during the course of this evening.

## BUSINESS TRACK



### BIOSIMO AG

Low-cost, bio-based, green chemicals, which reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and lead the transition to a fossil-free chemical industry. A “drop-in” solution to existing processes, which immediately reduces the carbon footprint of everyday products.

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### DIATHERIS

Better therapeutic solutions to improve management of type 1 diabetes, providing an alternative to insulin therapy for patients.

*info@diatheris.com*



### MAVUNO TECHNOLOGIES GMBH

An Agri & FinTech startup empowering African smallholder farmers

with satellite imagery and machine learning to drastically increase harvest yields.

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### STREAM OCEAN AG

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# MENTORS AND JURORS 2023

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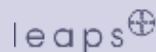
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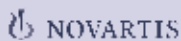
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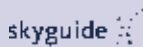
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