

Technology Fund Update #2/2020

Good morning!

We are pleased to present the latest edition of our Technology Fund Update, with a compact summary of relevant news and recent developments. When we sent you our last newsletter, we still had no idea how the situation would evolve. Some have come to terms with the initial shock, while others are thriving – and most of us still have challenges to face and overcome.

It's therefore not surprising that the Technology Fund has seen a record number of applications for loan guarantees in recent months. The Technology Fund team has so far been able to review 378 loan guarantee applications and give guarantees totaling CHF 145 million to 97 companies where innovative products contribute to a sustainable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

The Technology Fund's clearly defined eligibility criteria again means that some of the many new applicants will not receive guarantees. A large number of these relate to innovations that are still at an early stage, where market opportunities and creditworthiness are not yet available.

Nevertheless, it is pleasing to see that many Swiss companies and entrepreneurs are working harder than ever to create fantastic solutions and technologies that will help to sustainably reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This underlines both the relevance and the potential of climate technology companies in Switzerland – even in these difficult times.

Online is currently the preferred channel, including at the Technology Fund. Our next Technology Fund webinar will take place on July 9, 2020. Following this, we hope to see you 'offline' again after the summer holidays at one of the many events that make networking and exchanging ideas so much more enjoyable.

Best regards,

Simone Riedel Riley
Head of Technology Fund Management Agency

The Technology Fund's portfolio now comprises 97 innovative companies that have received loan guarantees totaling more than CHF 145 million.

The guarantee committee has approved further new guarantees over the past few weeks. We are pleased to announce the following new additions to our portfolio:

[Celeroton AG](#), [MIRO Analytical Technologies GmbH](#), [Oxygen at work AG](#), [qiio AG](#), [Scientific Visual SA](#), [Sensoryx AG](#), [Zaphiro Technologies SA](#). [View current Technology Fund portfolio...](#)

Several awards for companies in the Technology Fund portfolio

Congratulations to the various portfolio companies that have been recognized in recent weeks for their successful projects and outstanding achievements:

- [Zaphiro Technologies SA](#) was chosen as one of the 'World's Top 36 Energy Startups' by Free Electrons
- Seven entrepreneurs from the Technology Fund's portfolio have been included in the [Top 100 Successful Swiss People Under 40](#) (Handelszeitung): Andreas Brenner | [Avrios International AG](#), Raphael Gindrat | [Bestmile SA](#), Patrick Thevoz | [Flyability SA](#), Felix Adamczyk | [qiio AG](#), Richard Ettl | [SkyCell AG](#), Claudio Sedivy | [Wildbiene + Partner AG](#) and Basil Weibel | [Wingtra AG](#)

Business Sustainability Today – current topics

The digital information and discussion platform is dedicated to the topic of corporate sustainability and sustainable development goals (SDGs). Informative video portraits provide insights into various businesses, including our three portfolio companies [FluidSolids AG](#), [Joulia SA](#) and [SwissShrimp AG](#).

'Umweltpreis der Wirtschaft' environmental award

The '[Umweltpreis der Wirtschaft](#)' award recognizes Swiss companies that combine environmental innovations with economic success. It will be presented at [CE² Day](#) on September 17, 2020. We're extremely delighted to see our portfolio company [Bcomp](#) on this year's shortlist!

Zürcher Kantonalbank and Technopark Zurich Pionierpreis

The annual Pionierpreis recognizes the commitment and boldness of innovative startups, honoring the most exciting and promising tech project of the year. The award carries a prize of CHF 98,696.04. This year's [winner will be decided on September 28, 2020](#), and the awards ceremony will take place on May 11, 2021.

Overview of political initiatives relevant to startups (and SMEs)

The federal councils have been discussing various political initiatives relevant to startups and SMEs. [Startupticker.ch](#) has joined up with the [Swiss Entrepreneurs Foundation](#) and the [Swiss Entrepreneurs & Startup Association \(SWESA\)](#) to compile a list of these [initiatives](#).

Coronavirus-related cantonal support programs

Startups and SMEs in need of support due to the coronavirus pandemic can get help at cantonal level in addition to the federal measures. Startupticker.ch has created an overview grouped according to canton ([German-speaking Switzerland](#) / [French-speaking Switzerland](#)).

Find out more about the Technology Fund in our webinar

The next Technology Fund information event will take the form of an online webinar on Thursday, July 9, 2020 (11:00 am – 11:45 am). We will briefly introduce the Technology Fund and then answer questions from participants in an open Q&A session (in English). [Register today!](#)

Is the Technology Fund right for your project?

With our [five-minute online check](#), you can find out whether your company and innovation project meet the Technology Fund's criteria. Alternatively, watch our [three-minute explainer video](#) for a presentation of the most important information.

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