

TOP 20 VIRTUAL STARTUP & TECH EVENTS

IN TIMES OF COVID-19 CRISIS

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With in-person events cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future across Europe and across the world, Europe's startups are looking for other ways to connect, promote their business and learn from experts.

We recently asked [30 of Europe's leading startup and technology events what they expect](#) for the event scene in Europe. Around 70% said they are not expecting in-person events to be on again until Q4 of 2020 or later. It's safe to say we all expect to be confined to online events for the time being.

But it's not all doom and gloom. Although online events don't offer the traditional opportunities for on-the-spot networking, they do have other benefits. Saving money from travel and accommodation, the ability to hop in and out of a session easily without physically walking long distances between rooms, jumping in during your normal working day to listen to a unique session, having recorded materials to listen to again when you want, and, if you are really pushed for time, it's even possible to watch 2 sessions at once!

With this in mind, we've come up with a list of 20 cool online events aimed at startups happening over the next few months. Some are big events that have gone online, and others have sprung up recently as a way to help people network and connect at this time.

We're also releasing some related content if you're thinking of holding your own online event: [10 digital tools to help you host your next online event](#) and [Tips on how to plan a successful online event](#).

So, we hope you find this list useful and are looking forward to seeing you next year for our in person EU-Startups Summit on April 29-30. Until then, grab your headphones, a cup of coffee or tea (your choice!) and dive into these online events.

Greetings to you from sunny Barcelona,
The EU-Startups team



Name	Date	Description
<p><u>Adobe Summit</u></p> 	<p>Available online now</p>	<p>This was the first online version of Adobe's Summit, and is useful for designers and creatives in startup teams. Each speaker's talk been cut into a bitesize 'breakout' that you can watch for free. Learn about the future of customer experience across 6 tracks and discover new product innovations from the team that created Adobe.</p>
<p><u>Virtual South Summit</u></p> 	<p>April 28 - June 2 Time: TBA</p>	<p>South Summit usually takes place each year in Madrid, Valencia and Mexico City, and is a meeting place for both Spanish-speaking and global startup players. The Virtual South Summit is a joint digital initiative with IE University and is divided into 6 tracks (Health & Wellbeing, Connectivity, Mobility & Logistics, Education, Sustainability, Fintech), each on a different day and with a final pitch competition.</p>
<p><u>Online Business Summit</u></p> 	<p>May 1 10:00 - 17:00 CEST</p>	<p>The Dorset Growth Hub offers online events, courses and workshops for small businesses, and this is their first online summit. If you're a founder looking for inspiration and guidance then this event is for you. The Online Business Summit will be covering a range of exciting topics including digital, business growth and sustainability, podcasting, marketing, branding, recruitment, HR and wellness.</p>
<p><u>The Global Boardroom</u></p> 	<p>May 12-14 13:00 - 19:00 CEST</p>	<p>In this event the Financial Times, in partnership with TNW, will gather the most senior global decision makers and leading minds in policy, business, tech and finance for 3 days of online conversations with top FT journalists. Join them to analyse the impact of the pandemic across global economies, industries and markets, and outline what is required to recovery.</p>
<p><u>EdTechX Summit Online</u></p> 	<p>May 12-13 Time: TBA</p>	<p>EdTechX is a global organisation aiming to help transform the future of learning at work. They usually organise Summits for Europe, Asia and Africa, but this year they have an online version. Signing up will give you instant access on 12 May to an on-demand online content library with 60+ sessions featuring 70+ speakers, across 5 different tracks.</p>
<p><u>Podim Digital Experience</u></p> 	<p>May 18-20 Time: TBA</p>	<p>Usually held in Slovenia, Podim's event is known as one of the most influential tech and startup events in the CEE region. Having not got too big yet, this medium-sized event is all about sharing experience: hear from the most innovative individuals from across different industries, get to know the secret ingredients for success, and learn from others' failures so you can avoid your own.</p>

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<p>Impact Summit Online</p> 	<p>May 20 10:00 - 18:00 CEST</p>	<p>Impact Summit is the UK's leading celebration of purpose-led business, bringing together some of the most innovative minds of our time. Even during this time of crisis when it's not possible to meet in person, the organisers aim to bring innovators together to find sustainable, value-led solutions especially during this period of need.</p>
<p>Startup Village</p> 	<p>May 21-22 Time: TBA</p>	<p>The Startup Village Livestream will be a free tech event for anyone to join. Thanks to new technologies, all participants will be able to not only select and view the most interesting lectures and sessions, and meet with mentors and investors online, but also communicate with speakers and with each other from anywhere in the world in real time.</p>
<p>GoInvest Summit</p> 	<p>May 22-23 11:30 - 18:30 CEST</p>	<p>GoInvest Summit will present all aspects of investment for private investors, whether you are a newbie or someone who wants to diversify your investment portfolio. Learn how to create cash flow, wealth, and gain financial freedom with diversified investment. Over 40+ speakers will share more than 50+ investment strategies, both classic and creative.</p>
<p>The Europas</p> 	<p>May 26 - June 25 15:00 - 16:00 CEST</p>	<p>This virtual event will include a 'State of the Nation' event series looking at different industries, including workshops, networking via a special app, and a pitch event. For the competition there will online public voting to create a shortlist between 4 -17 May, at which point finalists will be announced to pitch, and winners will be awarded at a virtual awards ceremony.</p>
<p>Automation & Robotics Summit</p> 	<p>June 2 11:00 – 17:00 CEST</p>	<p>The Automation and Robotics Summit is the leading online event dedicated to automation and robotics in the UK and Ireland. Join 1000 + UK, Ireland and global executives from sectors such as food, pharmacy, construction, healthcare, logistics, transport etc. that have an interest in transforming their operations through robotics and automation.</p>
<p>EMERGE Conference</p> 	<p>June 1-3 Time: TBA</p>	<p>Streamed live from Minsk, this online tech product conference is made for makers and doers in tech. Each day includes cool activities like morning meditations, a Women in Tech breakfast, workshops and roundtables. There is even an remote after-party scheduled.</p>
<p>VR/AR Global Summit Online</p>  <p>VR/AR Global Summit</p>	<p>June 1-3 Time: TBA</p>	<p>The VR/AR Global Summit Online is an online conference, brought to you by the VR/AR Association. If your startup works in the virtual reality sphere, this is the right place to connect you with relevant enterprise and media entertainment companies. The 3-day event promises 100+ speakers, 10K+ attendees and 80+ virtual booths to get involved in.</p>

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NDC Oslo NDC { Oslo }	June 8-12 09:00 - 19:00 CEST	NDC is a specialised event usually held in Oslo Spektrum, Norway. Given the circumstances they have switched online, keeping all content. This 5-day online conference for software developers will bring 193 speakers, 181 talks, 18 workshops, and 45 innovative technologies to your laptop screen.
Tech Conference Europe 	June 9 08:30 - 18:00 CEST	Tech Conference Europe was set up a few weeks ago by PICANTE Today, a Romanian tech news source, to try and discuss vital topics for tech companies today. It aims to bring together startups, developers, marketing managers, CEOs and policymakers, for a full day of talks that inspire tech companies to stay on top the current situation.
SaaSStock Remote 	June 10-11 16:00 - 00:00 CEST	SaaSStock Remote will bring together the brightest minds in SaaS for a fully-virtual conference in June. Join for collaborative problem-solving and practical content to help you scale your startup, delivered by SaaSStock experts. There will be 60+ hours of content, a virtual exhibition floor and 150+ speakers, over 2 days.
Women Tech Global Conference 	June 10-12 10:00 CEST	If you're a female founder, female investor or want to support female-led innovation, this is your event. This virtual conference will connect 100,000 women, minorities and their allies in tech through an interactive platform. Attendees can look forward to keynotes, engaging panels, technical workshops, and a tech job fair with networking sessions.
The Open Source Infrastructure Conference  stackconf	June 16-18 Time: TBA	stackconf is an online event all about open source infrastructure solutions in the spectrum of continuous integration, container, hybrid and cloud technologies. Join their online event to hear ideas for bridging the gap between development, testing and operations, and learn all about innovative technology mixes and future-oriented design of large infrastructures.
Future Port Portugal 	Sep 10-11 Time: TBA	Future Port Prague is a visionary event like no other, aiming to support the next generation of change makers. As digital innovations delve deeper into our lives, we need to rethink and rewire our education systems, business models, and most importantly our own mindsets. Future Port can help. Join them for an intense day of futuristic inspiration, education and fun.
Bits & Pretzels Founders festival 	Sept 27 - Oct 2 Time: TBA	Bitz & Pretzels is usually held in Munich, but this year it's going online for a whole week and connecting with global locations like San Francisco and Shanghai. For 6 days the virtual conference will host inspiring speeches, world-class workshops, masterclasses, breakout sessions, pitches and networking events, including the Bits & Pretzels famous Table Captain concept.



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