



EVENT

AGENDA

MAIN STAGE

10:00	Official Welcome	Thomas Ohr - Founder & CEO, EU-Startups
10:15	Opening Keynote	Robert Abela - Prime Minister of Malta
10:30	How the European Commission is Supporting Startup Ecosystems Across Europe	Ekaterina Zaharieva - European Commissioner for Startups, Research & Innovation
10:55	Aerial Revolution: How Drones Are Used for Good	Ansgar Kadura - Co-Founder & CSO, Wingcopter Bobby Healy - Founder & CEO, Manna Richard Parker - Founder & CEO, Altitude Angel
11:30	Stoicism and What Entrepreneurs Can Learn from Ancient Philosophers	Alexander Limpert - Co-Founder & CEO, GuestReady
11:40	Autonomous Retail: Transforming the Shopping Experience with AI & Real-Time Computer Vision	Vasco Portugal - CEO, Sensei
11:55	AI Disrupting Work & Life: How Emerging Technologies Are Reshaping Our Future	Nuno Brás - Co-Founder & CEO, DareData Rafie Faruq - Co-Founder & CEO, Genie AI Tanya Parfenyuk - Co-Founder & CEO, Zing Coach
12:30	LUNCH BREAK	
14:00	The Current State & Future of Venture Capital in Europe	Charles Letourneur - Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Alven Conor Scanlan - Partner, Nauta Capital Isabella Yamamoto - Principal, Visionaries Club Talía Rafaeli - Partner, KOMPAS VC
14:35	From Silicon Valley to Sustainability Scale-Up: Scaling Impact Through an Unconventional Approach	Lora Jakobsen - Chief Sustainability Officer, ZeroNorth
14:50	Embedding Lasting Change: Solving the Business Problem of Mental Health	Amir Kaplan - Founder & CEO, ifeel
15:05	Cybersecurity: Unmasking Threats in the Virtual World	Madeline Lawrence - CBO, Aikido Security Michal Tresner - Founder & CEO, ThreatMark Samuel Hassine - Co-Founder & CEO, Filigran
15:40	Entrepreneurial Insights from Startup Founder to Scale-Up CEO	Hristo Borisov - Co-Founder & CEO, Payhawk
15:55	Fundraising Tips for Future Unicorns	Tamara Orlova - CFO, Flo Health
16:10	Investors on Stage	Featuring 15 of Europe's Leading Investors, Presenting their VC Firm & Investment Focus
16:40	How to Successfully Launch & Scale in Malta	George Gregory - CEO, Malta Enterprise JJ Miceli Demajo - CEO, M. Demajo Group Keith M. Azzopardi - Co-Founder & CEO, Smart Materials Mark Bajada - Chairman, Bajada Group
17:10	Insights from Scaling a Unicorn & Navigating Multiple Exits	Pep Gomez - Founder, Fever and Reby

STEPUP STARTUPS STAGE

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11:00	Stage Openning	Thomas Ohr - Founder & CEO, EU-Startups
11:10	How to Craft & Deliver a Successful Pitch	Beth Susanne - Global Pitch Coach
11:35	The Importance of Student/Academic Entrepreneurship & University Spin-outs	Donnie Sc Lygonis - Innovation Strategist, KTH Innovation Dr. Marcus Haberstroh - Managing Director, SpinLab Elsa Callini - Innovation & Startup Advisor, University of Bern Sai Shivareddy - Founder & CEO, Nyobolt
12:15	Equity Crowdfunding: Dos & Don'ts	Grégoire Touazi - Legal Counsel, Crowdcube Europe Mindaugas Valiulis - Policy Officer, European Commission Nora Szeles - CEO, Tókeportál Randal MacDonald - Managing Director, Republic Europe
12:55	Startup Accelerators in Europe	Charlotte Bruce - General Manager EMEA & APAC, Techstars Giovanni Vaccari - Managing Director, Startupbootcamp Marcos Martin Larrañaga - Founder & CEO, Decelera Quinten Selhorst - Partner, EWOR
13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
15:00	Growing Startup Ecosystems Across Europe	Alejandro Fernández - Head of Public Sector, Barrabés.biz Arthur Jordão - Executive Director, ESNA Sissel Hansen - Founder & CEO, Startup Guide Thomas Kösters - Managing Director, Deep Ecosystems
15:30	Public Grants vs. VC Funding	David Seoane - Head of Digital Business Development, FundingBox Dimitar Vassilev - Board Member, EIC & SMEs Executive Agency
16:00	Blue Economy: Ocean-Focused Innovation Making Big Waves	Audrey Caruana - Head Startup Support, Malta Enterprise David H. Røisland - CCDO & Co-founder, Smart Ocean Saloua Sadok - Professor & General Management, INSTM - Institute for Marine Science and Technology
16:25	10 AI-Focused, EIC-Backed Startups Will Take the Stage to Showcase Their Business	Ekke Van Vliet - Investment Coordinator, EIC Fund

18:00 - 22:00 Networking Drinks @ Grand Harbour Terrace

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10:00	Welcome to Day 2	Arianne Alcorta - Journalist & MC
10:05	<div>KEYNOTE</div> <div><u>International Expansion & Scaling Across Europe via Organic Growth and M&A</u></div>	Aron Gelbard - Co-Founder & CEO, Bloom & Wild
10:15	<div>FIRESIDE</div> <div><u>Insights from the Entrepreneurial Journey & Brainly's Transition from a Community Platform to a Full-Scale AI Learning Companion</u></div>	Michał Borkowski - Co-Founder & CEO, Brainly
10:35	<div>KEYNOTE</div> <div><u>From Aeronautical Engineer to Ireland's First Astronaut: A Journey to the Stars</u></div>	Norah Patten - Astronaut
10:50	<div>PITCH</div> <div>Investors on Stage</div>	Featuring 15 of Europe's Leading Investors, Presenting their VC Firm & Investment Focus
11:20	<div>PANEL</div> <div><u>The Startup Media Landscape, PR Tips & Tricks</u></div>	Akansha Dimri - Founder & EiC, Tech Funding News Mike Butcher - Editor-at-Large, TechCrunch Thomas Ohr - Founder & CEO, EU-Startups
11:55	<div>FIRESIDE</div> <div><u>From Bootstrap to Billion: The Signavio Success Story</u></div>	Gero Decker - General Manager, SAP Signavio
12:20	<div>PITCH</div> <div>Pitch Competition: First batch - 9 finalists</div>	Angelo Burgarello - Managing Partner, Look AI Ventures Charlotte Bruce - General Manager EMEA & APAC, Techstars Isabella Yamamoto - Principal, Visionaries Club Thijs Povel - General Partner, Ventures.eu
13:00	LUNCH BREAK	
14:20	<div>PITCH</div> <div>Pitch Competition: Second batch - 6 finalists</div>	Angelo Burgarello - Managing Partner, Look AI Ventures Charlotte Bruce - General Manager EMEA & APAC, Techstars Isabella Yamamoto - Principal, Visionaries Club Thijs Povel - General Partner, Ventures.eu
14:50	<div>PANEL</div> <div>Current State & Future of AI</div>	Raffaello D'Andrea - Founder, Verity Rodrigo Hernandez - Global Director, Multiverse Computing
15:30	<div>KEYNOTE</div> <div><u>Learnings from Early Failures that Shaped Picnic's Success & Tips on How to Scale</u></div>	Daniel Gebler - Founder & CTO, Picnic
15:45	<div>PANEL</div> <div><u>Transforming Women's Health – The Evolution of Femtech</u></div>	Helen O'Neill - Founder & CEO, Hertility Ida Tin - Co-Founder, Clue Valentina Milanova - Founder & CEO/CPO, DAYE
16:20	<div>FIRESIDE</div> <div><u>Insights from Building a Global Platform, that Empowers Smarter Shopping Decisions</u></div>	Gerhard Trautmann - Co-Founder & CEO, Atolls
16:50	Closing remarks & Pitch Competition winner announcement	

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11:00	Welcome to Day 2	Oisín Lunny - Co-Founder, Galaxy of OM
11:05	<div>PANEL</div> <div><u>How to Master Sales as a Startup or Scale-Up</u></div>	Iryna Krepchuk - Investment Associate, Trind Ventures Kai Brandt - CEO, Genesys Sean Evers - VP of Sales & Partner, Pipedrive Zoltan Vardy - Founder & B2B Sales Expert, The Launch Code
11:40	<div>KEYNOTE</div> <div>Unlocking EU Startup Opportunities: Insights from the EUxVC Report & Innovation Radar</div>	Orla Browne - Head of Insights, Dealroom
11:55	<div>PANEL</div> <div>How to Get Investment-Ready & Find Investors that Match Your Needs</div>	Igor Ryabenkiy - Managing Partner, AltalR Capital Nina Dremelj - Managing Partner, Vesna VC Thomas Bigagli - Partner, EMEA Ventures, Plug and Play
12:30	<div>PANEL</div> <div>CVC & Corporate Innovation vs. Startup Collaboration With Corporates</div>	Manuel Mendigutía - Sr. Strategy Adviser & Programme Coordinator, EIC Victoria Hernandez Valcarcel - High Tech & Banking, Non-Exec. Director
12:55	<div>PANEL</div> <div>Seamless Scaling: How Global-First Startups Are Using Fintech to Expand at Speed</div>	Ben Hornby - Director of SME & Growth, EMEA, Airwallex Fritz Trott - Founder & CEO, Zenjob Tomasz Pawliszyn - CEO, AirHelp
13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
15:00	<div>PANEL</div> <div>Pivot and Persist: Resilience Lessons for Startups</div>	Jonathan Bernwieser - Co-Founder & CEO, Everleaf (formerly Agrando)
15:30	<div>PANEL</div> <div>How Startups Can Ensure to Comply With Regulations Like GDPR, the EUAI Act, and Certification Standards Without Hassle</div>	Alpa Jotangia - Head of Regulatory Compliance, Ecommpay Martin van Oyen - Head of Legal & Compliance, FINOM Meiran Galis - Founder & CEO, Scytale
16:00	<div>PANEL</div> <div>AI Regulation: Opportunities & Challenges for AI Innovation in Europe</div>	Christian Rebernik - Co-Founder & CEO, Tomorrow University Eoghan O'Neil - Senior Policy Officer, EC

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