

Program

21 May 2026 | Kursaal, Bern

- Peer-to-Peer Exchange
- Founder's Knowhow
- Unlock Switzerland
- Collective
- Newcomers



08:45 – 08:50
Welcome to the startup days 2026 - Arianne Alcorte & Dominik Isler | Arena

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Opening Keynote: Julian Teicke | Arena

ROOMS
Panorama 1 **Panorama 2** **Panorama 3** **Panorama 4** **Panorama 6** **Panorama 7** **UNPLUGGED STAGE Arena**

09:45 – 10:30
PMF for Politics: From Idea to Impact

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Fundraising Negotiations in Challenging Times

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Strategic Investments: Everything you need to know

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Innovative Charging Technology for Cleaner Cities

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Smart money in action - how investors add value

09:45 – 10:30
Bringing AI to the Bedside

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Entrepreneurial Talk with Killian Wagner (VIU)

10:30 – 11:15
Break / Coffee / Marketplace

11:15 – 12:00
Investing at the Forefront of Science

11:15 – 12:00
The ultimate quiz on Intellectual property

11:15 – 12:00
Not Medtech Nor Bio-tech: Making Sense of Biotools

11:15 – 12:00
12 Startup Traps You Face After the Honeymoon

11:15 – 12:00
10 golden rules for pitching

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Angel or not? When is a Business Angel right for your startup.

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Entrepreneurial Talk with Christian Fischer (Bcomp)

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Scaling as a Swiss (and European) Startup - how to overcome the death valley? | Hany Rashwan & Ophelia Snyder | Arena

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Project Switzerland - Scale the next Global Market Leaders | Arena

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Turning a Proof-of-Concept into Real Market Traction

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Corporate x Startup - Reality Check: What Really Works?

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Going Global: Real Stories from Swiss Startups

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AI First or AI-Washed?

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Product-Market-Fit: Framework and Founder Story

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Entrepreneurial Talk with Sebastian Beer-schen (RealWear)

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Bioconvergence as a Driver of New Business

15:30 – 16:15
The art of pivoting: transforming with purpose

15:30 – 16:15
Employee Participation Schemes for Start-ups

15:30 – 16:15
Learning to Launch on the INSEL CAMPUS BERN

15:30 – 16:15
Where Algorithms Meet Reality - AI & DeepTech

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Geopolitics of Innovation - Are we at the beginning of a major crisis?

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Reverse Pitching #1

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Newcomers Pitching - first seen at SUD: Batch #1

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VC Financing Rounds: A Founder's Playbook

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An IP-first mindset that enabled a business pivot

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Matchmaking #1

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Building Europe's Next Scaleups

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Reverse Pitching #2

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Newcomers Pitching - first seen at SUD: Batch #2

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Two Startup Journeys - An Angel's View

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Impact Catalyst - Turn capital into change

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Matchmaking #2

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Open Source AI as a Strategic Advantage

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Better Together: Startup-SME Success by Design

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Newcomers Pitching - first seen at SUD: Batch #3

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Killing the Playbook: Real Talk on PMF, Un-scalable Pivots, and Building Together

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How to get EU funding for your deep tech start-up?

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Matchmaking #3

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From Research to Market Reality: Making AI Create

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Break / Coffee / Marketplace

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What Really Changes When You Scale?

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How can academic founders fundraise effectively?

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Matchmaking #4

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Funding the Future of AI

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