

Discover Vienna: Future Forward 24.-27.11.2026

You are a startup in the field of **physical & agentic AI**, looking to discover new opportunities?

Vienna is the place to be. Apply by **October 26th, 2026**, 12 p.m. to join Discover Vienna, a programme by the **Vienna Business Agency** in partnership with **WeXelerate**.

Explore Vienna's business landscape, connect with key players and grow your professional network. The programme is targeted at international startups* and scaleups which

- are not older than 5 years old,
- are beyond prototype stage,
- work on impactful solutions in the fields of physical and agentic AI

The programme provides you with:

- a travel grant of 500€ (lump-sum)
- intro to the Viennese innovation ecosystem
- access to [Future Forward](#) on 26.11.2026
- relevant site visits
- networking opportunities with local startups and international peers

Final dates and sessions will be announced following confirmation of participation.

About Future Forward

Future Forward is Vienna's premier innovation conference — a full-day event bringing together startup founders, investors, corporates, and innovators from around the world. Now in its 4th edition, it is the gathering point for Central Europe's innovation ecosystem. See homepage for more information: www.futureforward.at

Apply now until 26.10.2026 12am [here](#).

*international startups are all companies not founded or based in Austria

Criteria and application process:

All applications will be evaluated after the application deadline.

Selection criteria are based on the achieved traction, grade of innovation and fit of the startup to the topics of Future Forward, especially physical & agentic AI.

Vienna Business Agency believes that diversity drives innovation, and we're committed to supporting startups that reflect a wide range of perspectives. Furthermore, we aim for an inclusive and barrier-free experience for everyone. If you need any special assistance, please share your needs with us in the application form.

Coverage and Disclaimer

Please note that the programme provides reimbursements up to 500€ for the **costs of accommodation in Vienna, travel costs** any days between **November 24th and 27th 2026** and **additional services mentioned in the programme for one person per startup**.

It is not possible to grant upfront payment. The reimbursement will be processed after successful participation at Future Forward.

Vienna Business Agency does not cover any costs related to cancellations occurring from the startups own scheduling. Other costs linked to your time in Vienna (e.g. local transport, provisions) are not included.

Only international startups based outside of Austria and established within the past five years are eligible for support.

Changes to the programme are possible until programme starts.

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