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Discover Vienna: Zero Barriers

Explore Vienna and its impact-driven startup community!

Are you a visionary startup dedicated to creating a world without barriers? Do you have groundbreaking solutions that empower individuals with disabilities and promote inclusivity?

If so, Vienna, a city renowned for its rich history, culture, but also as a hub of innovation, is calling you to join a unique and transformative experience – the **Discover Vienna programme in collaboration with the [Zero Project](#)**.

The Discover Vienna programme is an **immersive journey tailored for international startups committed to diminishing barriers and reshaping the future**. Discover Vienna provides the perfect opportunity to explore, connect, and grow your business.

We are actively looking for international startups/companies that create competitive and innovative business models focusing on creating a barrier-free world on the focal topic of employment with the power of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT, such as Gaming Solutions, Translation/Conversational Tools, Mobile Services, Internet of Things, 3D Printing, Robotics & Automated Machinery, AI, Big Data & Machine Learning, ...).

What's in for you?

- **Matchmaking:** Get access to and connect with the Viennese impact-driven ecosystem
- **Info sessions & Networking:** Get to know the local ecosystem and learn more about the opportunities Vienna has in place for you
- **Dedicated support** from the team of the [Essl Foundation](#) and the Vienna Business Agency

Following costs are covered:

- Accommodation for one person/startup from March 2nd to 7th 2025.
- Access to events organized by the Vienna Business Agency
- Access to the [Zero Project Conference 2025](#) (March 5th to 7th) on Employment and ICT

Applications are open until November 17, 2024, 11:59 p.m. [here](#).

Conditions of participation

The programme is designed for international companies and startups that are **not older than 8 years**, are **beyond the idea/prototype stage** and have already **successfully launched in their domestic market**.

Please note that the program **provides only the costs of accommodation in Vienna from March 2nd to 7th 2025 for one person per startup**. Travel expenses and other costs linked to your time in Vienna are not included. Eligible startups are all companies, that are not based or founded in Austria.

Criteria and application process:

All applications will be evaluated after the application deadline.

Selection criteria are based on the achieved traction, motivation and fit of the startup to the topics and programme.

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

Please use the following information and mandatory template to create your pitch-presentation.

- https://zeroproject.org/fileadmin/root_zeroproject/Downloads/ZeroCon25/ZeroCon25_Instructions_for_your_barrier_free_presentation_final.pdf
- https://zeroproject.org/fileadmin/root_zeroproject/Downloads/ZeroCon25/ZeroCon25_Presentation_Template.pptx

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