

Technology Fund Update #3/2020

Good morning!

We are pleased to present the latest edition of our Technology Fund Update, with a compact summary of relevant news and recent developments. The Technology Fund team has so far been able to review 389 loan guarantee applications and issue guarantees totaling over CHF 165 million (first and second guarantees) to 104 (*with success and loss events but without assurances*) companies whose innovative products contribute to a sustainable reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

It is pleasing to see that many Swiss companies and entrepreneurs are working harder than ever to create fantastic solutions and technologies that will help to sustainably reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This underlines both the relevance and the potential of climate tech companies in Switzerland – even in these challenging times.

Our next Technology Fund webinar will take place on Thursday, September 24, 2020. It is a format that is enjoying increasing popularity: the Technology Fund is presented in a concise and understandable way, before participants get the opportunity to discuss their questions with the Technology Fund experts.

We look forward to seeing you – whether virtually, at an event, or – in keeping with the buzzword of the moment – ‘phygitality’!

Best regards,

Simone Riedel Riley
Head of Technology Fund Management Agency

The Technology Fund portfolio currently includes 94 innovative companies with a loan guarantee volume of CHF 154 million

The guarantee committee has approved several new guarantees over the past few weeks. We are pleased to announce the following new additions to our portfolio: 3Brain AG, Adaptricity AG, Juice Technology AG, L.E.S.S. SA, Sulzer & Schmid Laboratories AG, the GO AG (EGO Movement), WinJi AG. [View the current Technology Fund portfolio...](#)

Success stories from a range of companies in the Technology Fund portfolio

Perspective Robotics has made a strong impression in the US market with Fotokite, its drone for aerial photography. And thanks to an additional strategic partnership, German fire brigades can now also utilize Fotokite technology to gain safety-critical situational awareness at the push of a button.

Thanks to a new partnership with Daimler Trucks AG, Designwerk AG is expanding its product portfolio with a low-entry electric vehicle based on the Mercedes Econic. The vehicle offers particular advantages for the municipal sector and inner-city transport.

When it comes to sustainability in the automotive industry, Bcomp Ltd. is currently attracting a lot of attention. Bcomp Ltd. is supporting Volta Trucks in becoming the most sustainable commercial vehicle manufacturer in the world – and with the McLaren Racing team, the lightweighting specialists are working on developing the first natural fiber composite racing seat in Formula 1.

And finally: the impressive new [Fagus Suisse SA](#) site in Les Breuleux is fully geared towards its innovative procedure, developed in-house: it uses cutting-edge technologies to process local beech wood (still often rejected as unmanageable) into high-quality glued laminated timber for use in demanding timber constructions.

SWISS Pavilion: benefits for start-ups and spin-offs

For start-ups and spin-offs, appearing at a SWISS Pavilion run by [Swissenviro](#) is an easy and optimal way to meet distributors and potential customers in export markets and develop a local network, with a great cost-benefit ratio. [Read more about the preferential conditions and opportunities...](#)

Funding by Swiss foundations

The [online database](#) maintained by the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN) provides an overview of more than 650 foundations active in Switzerland in the fields of environment and energy, as well as education, research and innovation. It is intended to help project developers find suitable sources of financing. The web application makes it possible to search using a range of parameters such as field of activity, level of education, phase of innovation, recipient, type of funding, etc. [Start the search...](#)

Find out more about the Technology Fund in the Technology Fund webinar

The next Technology Fund information event will take the form of a webinar on Thursday, September 24, 2020, from 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm. We will briefly introduce the Technology Fund and then answer questions from participants in an open Q&A session (in English). [Register today!](#)

Is the Technology Fund right for your project?

With our [five-minute online check](#), you can find out whether your company and innovation project meet the Technology Fund's criteria. Alternatively, watch our [three-minute explainer video](#) for a presentation of the most important information.

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