

International Startup Opportunities Worth Over €1m Opening...and Closing!

Vienna, June 13th, 2018 - Several opportunities for startups around the world, with prizes totalling over a million Euros, are currently on offer via our consultancy arm Pioneers Discover. New open calls we can announce today include exciting global projects with Visa and Wien Energie, while applications are still open for the chance to work with Airbus and Raiffeisen Bank International. Deadlines are approaching for all of the above, but the most pressing of all is that for the EIT Digital Challenge, for which all startup submissions need to be in tomorrow!

The latest major international company to begin working with Pioneers Discover is Visa. We're scouting startups for the first **Visa Everywhere Initiative**, to be focused on the German-speaking DACH region, during which startups can look forward to support from Visa and its partners as they pilot new solutions. There's also a prize fund of €50,000 to be shared amongst deserving young companies.

While applications for the Visa Everywhere Initiative are open until August 20th, founders do not have so much time for the rest of our startup opportunities! Applications for the **EIT Digital Challenge** close tomorrow, in which prizes totalling €750,000 can be won by growth-stage startups with products in the fields of *Digital Industry*, *Digital Cities*, *Digital Wellbeing*, *Digital Infrastructure* and *Digital Finance*. The winners in each of these categories will receive a prize package worth €100,000 and 12 months in the EIT Digital Accelerator.

Returning to the Visa Everywhere Initiative, startups who feel able to solve Innovation for a Cashless World challenges in the German-speaking market are encouraged to submit their ideas. The two challenges are to find new solutions for daily customer payments experience and a future ecosystem for payments.

European startups are also invited to apply to take part in its Innovation Challenge 2018 with **Wien Energie**, the major power supplier in Vienna. Pioneers Discover is scouting the external startups who will pitch and demonstrate concepts at a Demo Day in December, and will also support in the execution of the program itself, including a Bootcamp in September. We're looking for startups with smart energy solutions in the following main areas until July 15th: *infrastructure*, *e-mobility*, *Work 4.0*, *PV systems* and *innovative customer services*.

Additionally, we're once again scouting for the **Raiffeisen Bank International Elevator Lab**. International startups with proven and innovative technologies in *Advanced Analytics*, *RegTech*, *Corporate Banking*, *Investing & TradingTech*, *New Branch Experience* and *Open Banking* are invited to apply for the 2018/19 accelerator program before June 24th.

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The same deadline applies to the **Airbus BizLab** program, in which startups can win equity-free funding of up to €50,000 and the chance to collaborate closely with the French aviation giant. While we've written previously about the program's unique hybrid concept and how it runs across both Europe and Asia, we're happy to add that the Chief Procurement Officer, Chief Technology Officer and Digital Transformation Officer from Airbus will all sit on the jury, ensuring that amazing connections are simply waiting to be made.

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