

# **#Start up Location Austria:**

Where innovation moves mountains

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# What you know about Austria.



And what may surprise you.



#### **Sacher Torte**

360,000 cakes are made by Hotel Sacher each year.

#### **Red Bull**

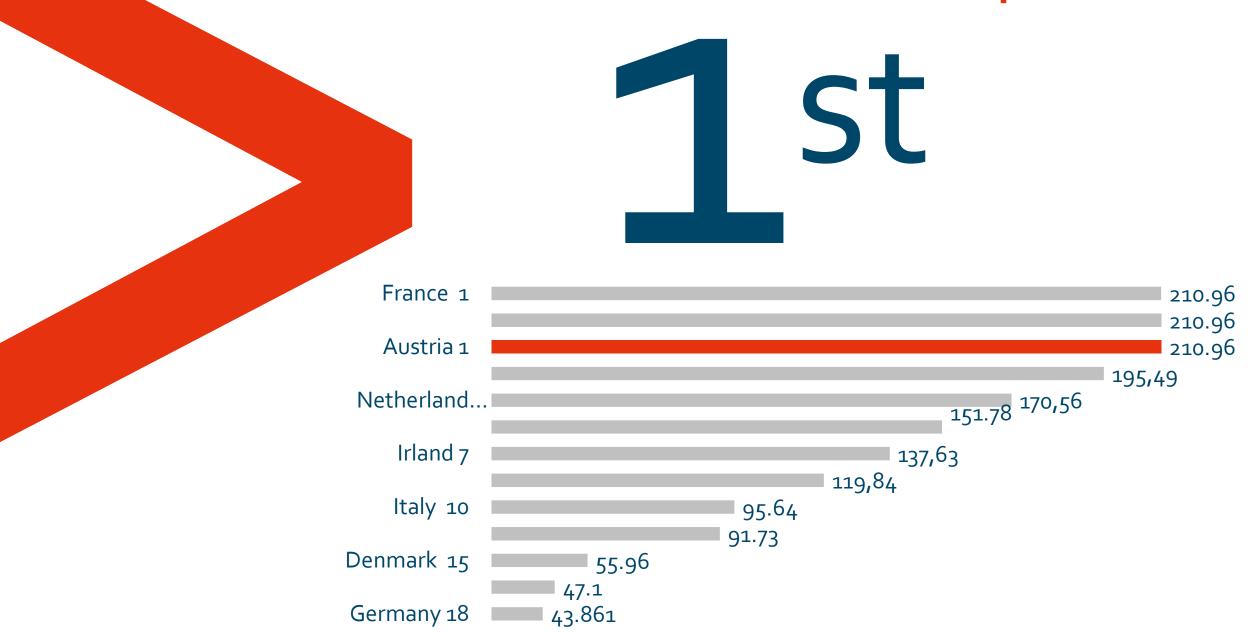
Headquarters in Fuschl am See with 1,477 inhabitants.

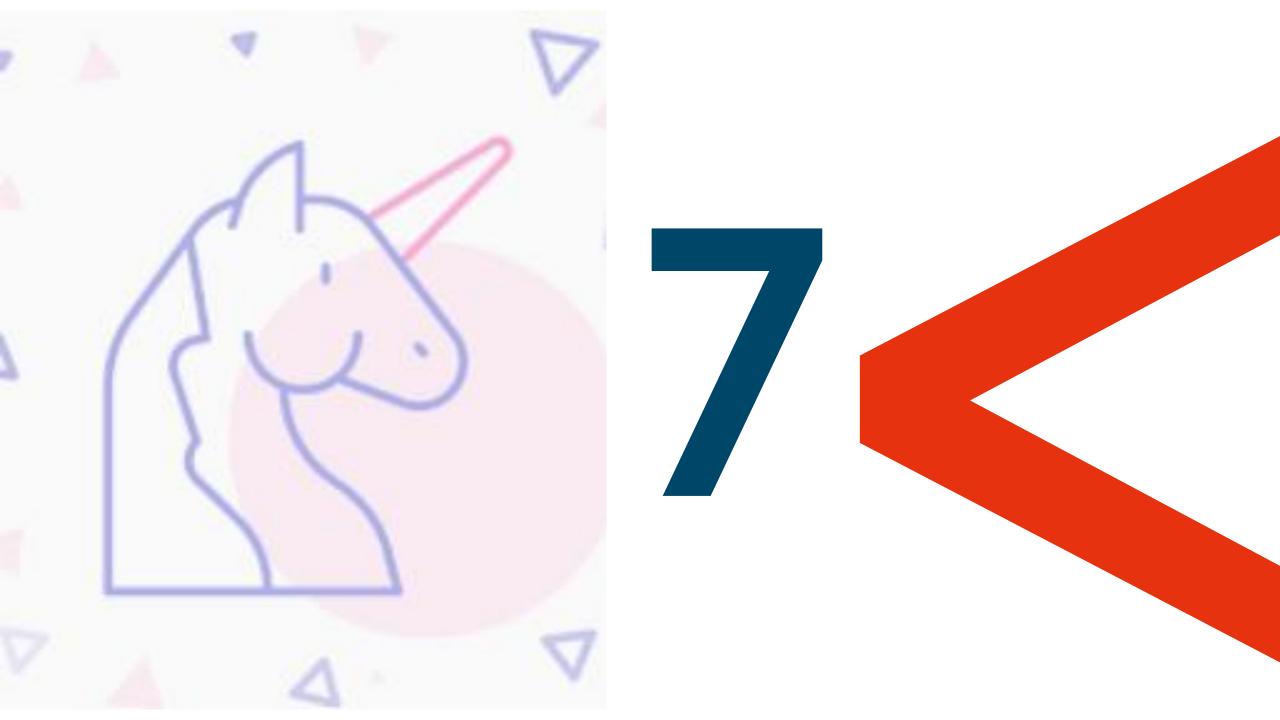




# Hidden Champions

## Direct & indirect R&D incentives for companies





# No 1

# student community in the DACH area







Vienna 10%



# Migration background of startup founders



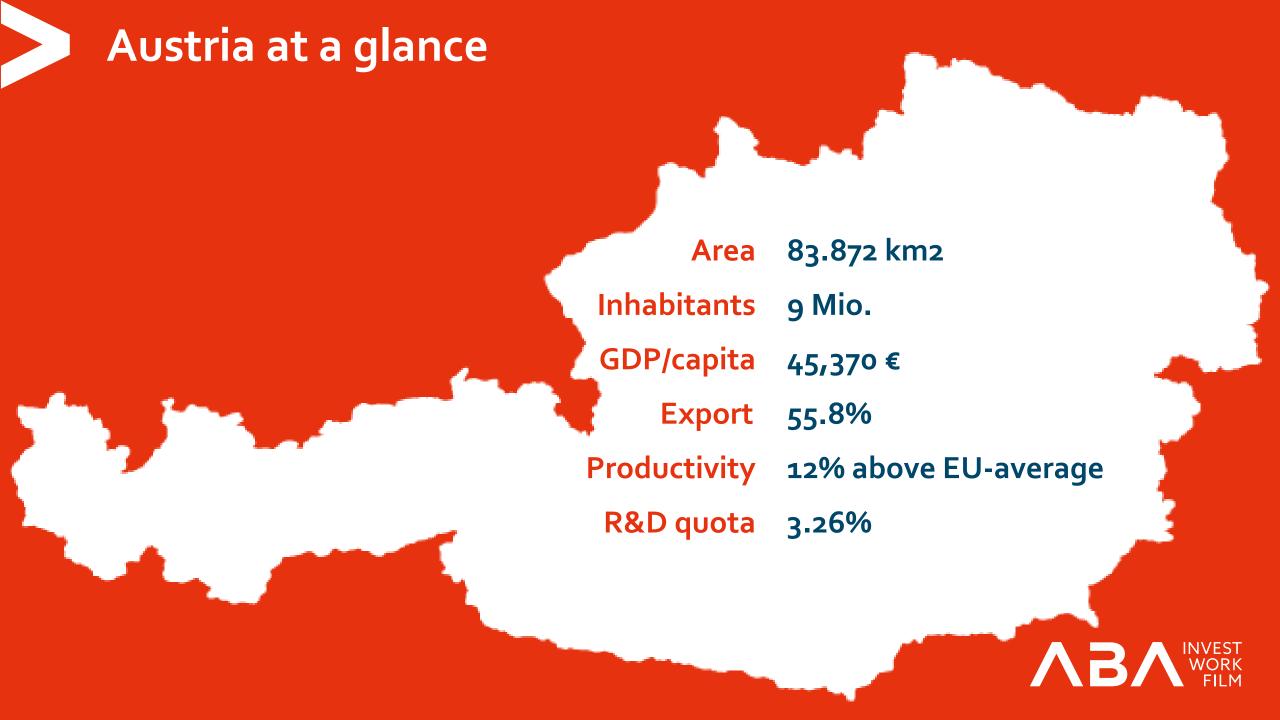
22%

of startup founders are international founders

14%

of startups have at least one founding person moving to Austria to found the startup





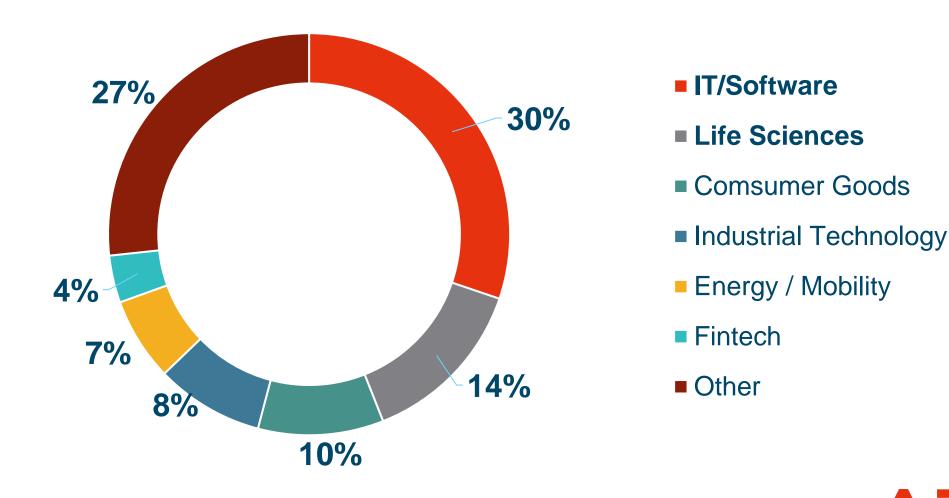


# **Dynamic Development**

1,008 billion	in fresh capital raised by Austrian startups
184	funding rounds have been concluded successfully
41%	of Austrian startups are profitable
36%	of Austrian startups have mixed founder teams
51,8%	of Austrian startups have received federal subsidies
4	Transactions with investements over € 50 million



# Most startups come from the ICT and Life Sciences sectors



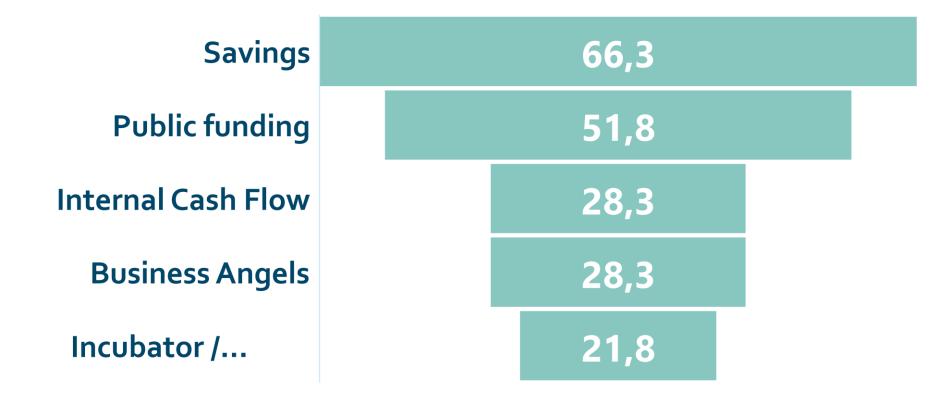


# It's all about the impact...

17% 15% 18% 50% Other Social Green/ Green impact startups impact social startups impact startups startups



# But also about the money...





#### Innovation trends over time

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (including bots, conversational UI, natural language processing etc.)

+16 %

**RENEWABLE ENERGY** (including production, storage, grid technology etc.)

35%

**ENERGY STORAGE** (including batteries, thermal energy storage, machinal, hydropower etc.)

32% -3%

AUTOMATIZATION (including hyper automatization), INDUSTRY 4.0

29% +6%

**BIG DATA** 

26%

CYBER SECURITY

25% 1-2%

**RECYCLING AND WASTE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGIES** (including secondary raw materials, industrial and household waste, wastewater etc.)



# Innovation-driving framework

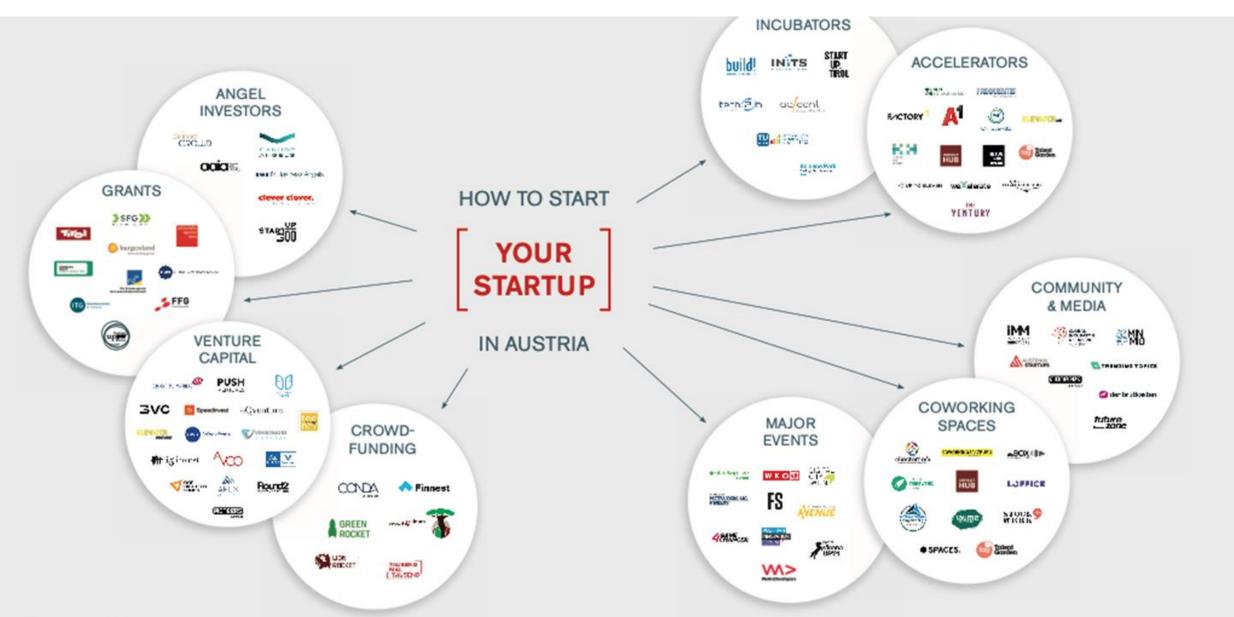
# The Flexible Company

- reduction of share capital
- > reduction of formal requirements
- > facilitation of employee participation
- > flexible capital measures





# Vibrant Austrian startup ecosystem



# ViennaUP

The Startup Festival.

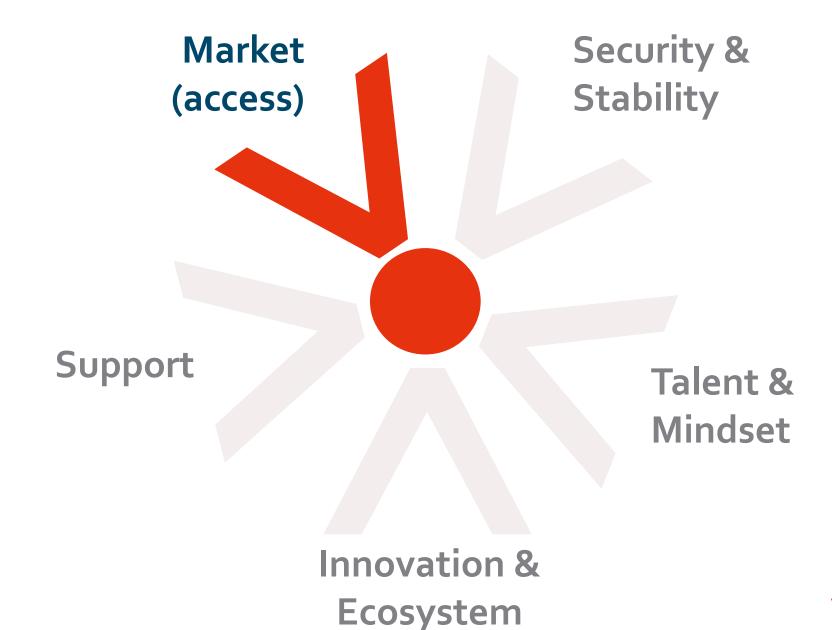
A decentralized community-driven festival in the heart of Europe

Over **7 days**, the Vienna**UP** community delivers a unique interconnected experience for **startups**, **investors**, **tech enthusiasts**, **creatives** and **visionaries**.





# Why Austria?





# Ideal access to all European markets



# Why Austria?



Innovation & Ecosystem



### What about strikes?

Europe

21,5

**Austria** 

2

Average days of strike per 1.000 employees





# Why Austria?





#### **Got Talent? Yessss!!**



Productivity 12% above EU average

Motivation rank 5 in the EU

Education apprenticeship, dual education

Schools vocational schools unique to Austria

(HAK, HTL)

Universities broad network, 16 private 22 public and 21

universities of applied sciences

Labour law modern and flexible



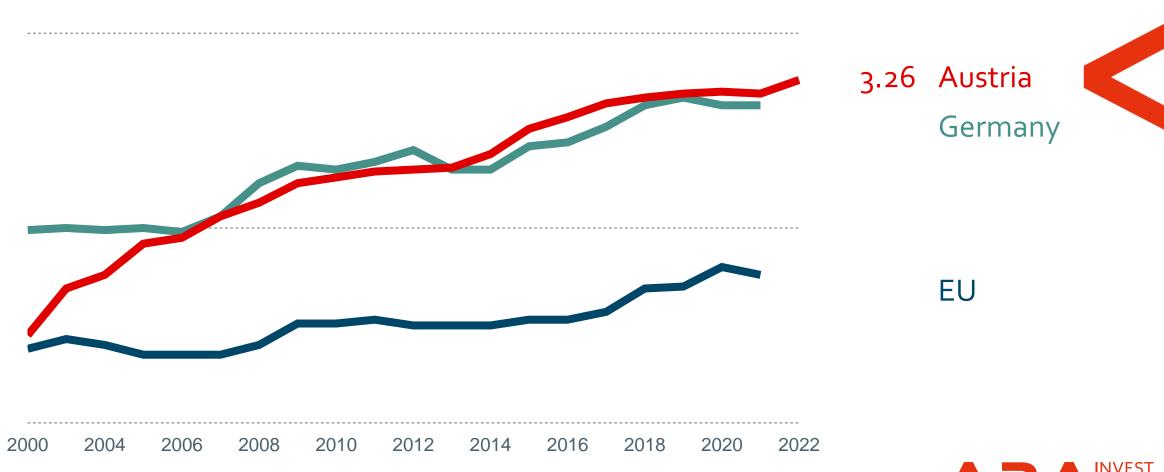
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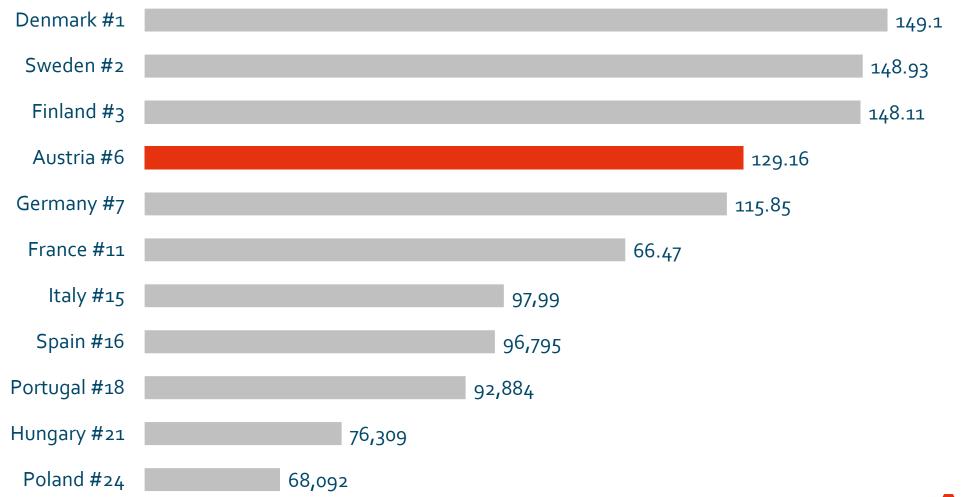


# **R&D Expenditures Grow Above Average**

As a percentage of GDP

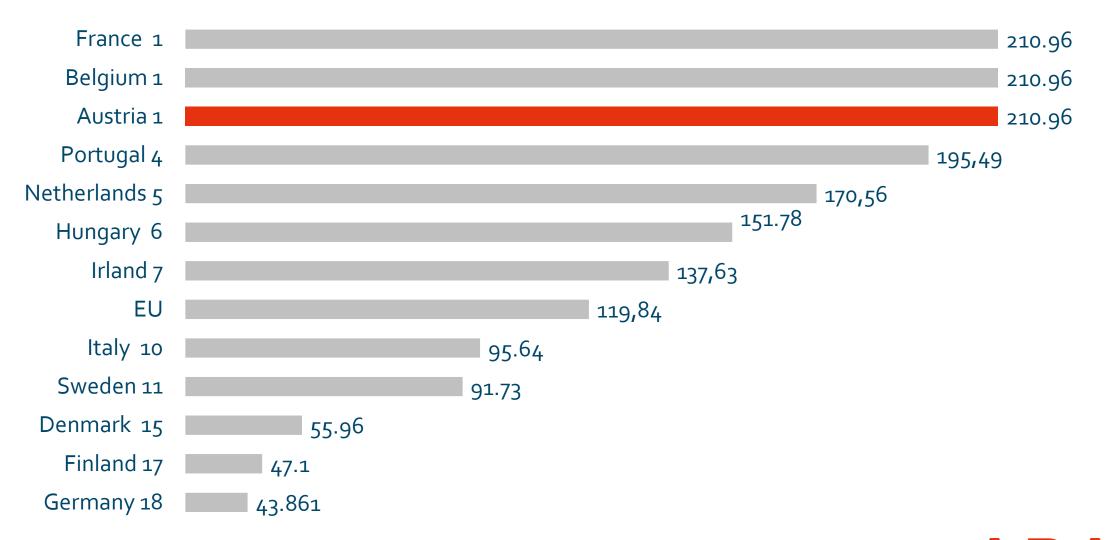


# Strong innovator – #6 in the EU





# Direct & indirect R&D incentives for companies





# Investor-friendly tax system



Corporate tax rate: 24%

(Gradual reduction to 23% by 2024)

Modern group taxation

Tax premium for R&D: 14%

No trade tax

No net worth tax

No wealth tax

No inheritance/gift tax

Double taxation treaties



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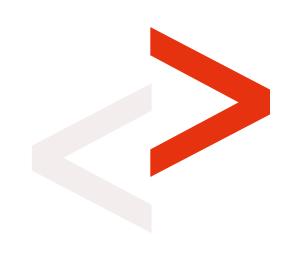


# **Dual system for supporting R&D**

#### **Direct incentives**

Federal agency (FFG)

Mix of cash grant and subsidized low interest rate loans



#### Indirect incentive

Cash tax grant: 14 %

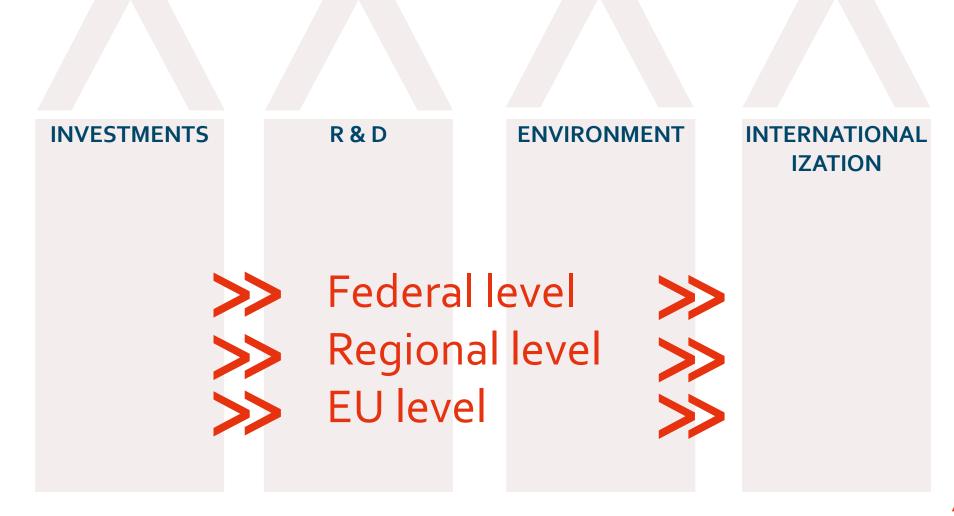
- Costs of staff and material
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party research up to 1 Mio. €

#### Requirements:

Expert opinion by FFG



# Four main funding lines





### Comprehensive funding system

Climate &
Transformation
Package - € 600
Mio.

Green
Frontrunner
– € 20 Mio.

E-Mobility - €120 Mio.

Al Mission Austria - € 22 Mio.







#### Proud Home to...















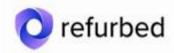














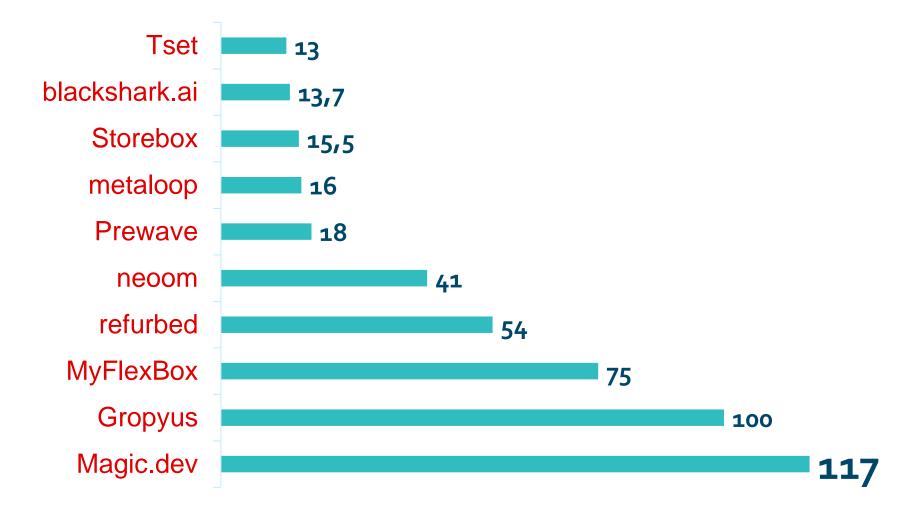






# The largest startup/scaleup investments in Austria

Total investment in million euro:





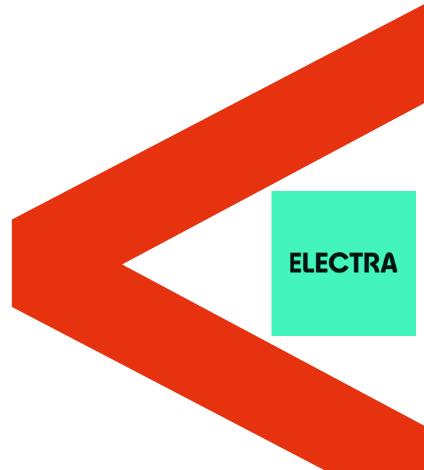


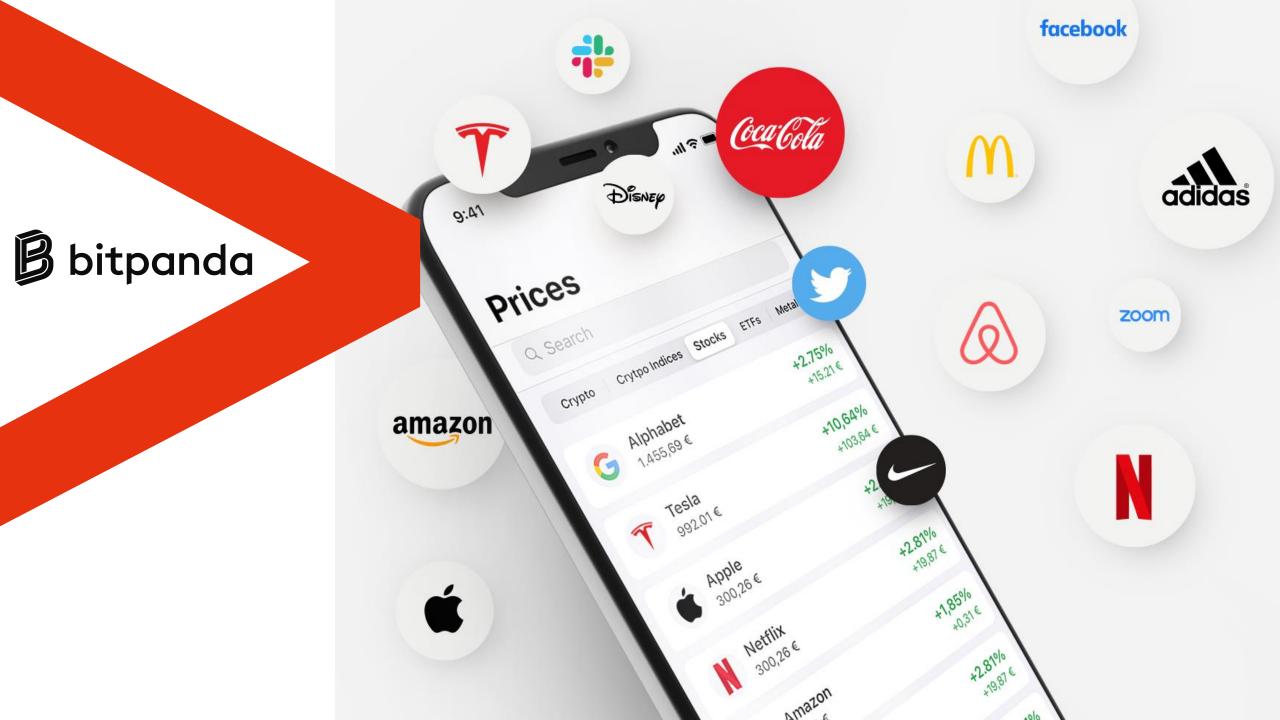
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### Who we are?







INVEST in AUSTRIA

WORK in AUSTRIA

FILM in AUSTRIA



# Adding value to the Business Location

Promote Austria as Business Location internationally

Accompany international companies in investment process

Support international companies expanding in Austria



### Thank You



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