

ViennaUP 2024

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ViennaUP 2024 is a decentralized, community-driven festival, calling all innovators and visionaries to the heart of Europe. A wild, city-wide adventure, ViennaUP was initiated by the Vienna Business Agency and returns year after year with opportunities for founders, investors, tech enthusiasts, and creatives to connect, share insights, and grow together. Participants will open their minds to new inventions, debate the hottest topics, and network with like-minded individuals, all against the backdrop of the extraordinarily diverse and constantly surprising Viennese startup scene.

*****Please note that this section will be updated after the programme is online in March 2024*****

Last year at a glance

Uniting trailblazers from around the world, ViennaUP has become a fixture of the international startup community, proven by last year's resounding success.

- 14,000 participants from 96 countries
- 50+ events
- 35 local and international program partners
- 27 locations in 12 Viennese districts
- 98% attendee customer satisfaction

What to expect in 2024

A unique, interconnected experience, starting in person and expanding digitally, ViennaUP 2024 focuses on six programme tracks, each thoughtfully designed to provide participants with exciting opportunities to develop, network, pitch, and invest.

Find Investors

Pitch your big idea, network with investors and hear from entrepreneurs and experts from super-successful enterprises.

Impact The Future

This is all about people, planet and profit. Meet and exchange with other purpose-driven startups and investors.

Discover New Tech

If tech gets you fired up, consider these events and explore what local and international innovators have been up to within the last year.

Skill Up & Scale Up

Workshops and coachings for founders and innovators who want to learn in order to grow.

Experience Culture & Technology

Dive into events and workshops that are all about the interplay of arts, digital tech, and business.

Invest Brilliantly

Events for those looking for brilliant startup ideas, valuable personal connections, incredible teams and promising opportunities.

Not only will ViennaUP meet participants with a seven-day programme of workshops, conferences, pitch sessions, and networking opportunities – this year's festival will be complemented by a series of exciting side events produced by trusted collaborators.

A festival to make your own

ViennaUP has something for all those interested in making the right connections and learning more about the startup ecosystem here in the Austrian capital. A core principle from its earliest days, the festival's boutique approach ensures that participants can shape their festival experience to perfectly fit their interests. By picking and choosing the most relevant events, they get to maximize their learnings and build connections that are sure to take them to the next level. What's more, ViennaUP's decentralized model enables participants to truly get to know Vienna by taking them all around the city.

The **ViennaUP Homebase** at Karlsplatz will remain the central meeting point for all festival participants, providing a space for all to meet, sample local food and drinks, and generally bask in summery Vienna vibes. While the Homebase is open to all festival goers every afternoon and evening of the festival, special events, tours and opportunities will round out the experience. Stay tuned to viennaup.com or sign up for the newsletter to learn more.

Like last year, participants will also be welcomed in the **ViennaUP Café Spaces**. These are traditional and contemporary cafes in Vienna (*tba*) where those with festival wristbands can enjoy a free coffee, tea or soft drink. Festival goers can use this opportunity to meet up with others, get some work done or just soak up Viennese vibes.

The **ViennaUP Coffee House Sessions** are returning in 2024 as a decentralized event. Participants can apply to participate in small-group meetings with top investors, experts and ecosystem enablers which will take place at select cafes (*tba*). More information about these sessions and the table hosts will be available in the programme in March 2024.

In Vienna, women spark the innovation boom

A hot-spot for female-lead businesses, Vienna truly walks the walk when it comes to inclusion and gender equality. Featuring an ever-expanding service offer designed specifically for women, the city provides countless networking, coaching, and funding opportunities. This year, ViennaUP aims to create more space for female entrepreneurs, as well as those interested in supporting and investing in their ventures, to connect, exchange ideas, and do business. A notable highlight, the **Lead Today. Shape Tomorrow.** conference will bring together female founders across industries for a day filled with learnings.

A greener future, the Viennese way

Well on its way to becoming climate-neutral by 2040, Vienna's approach to environmental responsibility is a special one – by focusing on social equity, active participation, and creativity, it aims to build a greener future, for everyone. Joining the **Impact The Future** programme track will allow this year's ViennaUP participants to explore latest innovations in sustainability, get answers for burning questions from leading experts, and learn all about the intersection between impact and profit. The **Impact Days**, the **Smart City Summit**, and the **INSIDEOUT Summit** are just a few of the highlights no-one should miss.

How to attend

ViennaUP is created by the community, for the community – beyond the exciting diversity this brings to the festival, it also means that there is no golden ticket that gives you access to all events – each one of them is ticketed separately. Join the fun by checking out the programme page for all relevant information, and registering for the events and workshops that spark your interest. Signing up for the majority of festival happenings is free, while others may require a paid registration or application. In both cases, tickets go quickly!

ViennaUP 2023 through the eyes of...

Gabriele Tazberger | Head of Startup Services, Vienna Business Agency
With its vibrant and inclusive atmosphere, its strong community focus, and excitement for impactful ideas & founders, ViennaUP showcases Vienna's appeal to the international startup community. We couldn't be happier that innovation

enthusiasts choose to come back year after year—for the valuable insights, for the meaningful connections, and to experience the business location first-hand.

Hee Yung Ryoo, founder of Croft.ai | South Korea

Participating in ViennaUP'23 was an incredibly rewarding experience for my startup. The organisers of the event offered me dedicated support, allowed me to network with industry professionals, gain valuable advice and make new connections. Additionally, I had the opportunity to deepen my understanding of the EU market through engaging discussions with local experts, shaping my business strategy and paving the way for expansion.

More information about the festival is available at www.viennaup.com.

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