

Press release of 12 May 2025

## **Tech4Eva enters its fifth round with another record number of applications**

**Tech4Eva, Switzerland's first start-up accelerator in the field of women's health, is entering its fifth round. This year's edition has once again seen a record number of applications, with 195 start-ups from 42 countries. Among the 16 selected companies, four start-ups are from Switzerland.**

The FemTech sector continues to grow: according to the latest figures, it will reach USD 60 billion in revenue this year and is expected to double in the next eight years. This momentum can also be seen in the number of applications for participation in Switzerland's only FemTech accelerator, Tech4Eva. Founded by Groupe Mutuel and EPFL Innovation Park, the programme has received a record number of applications for the fifth year in a row: 195 start-ups from 42 countries wanted to participate in the six-month program this year to further develop their innovative solutions for women's health. 87% of the companies are led by women. The start-ups are in various stages of development, from idea or pre-product to the growth phase or already generating revenue.

*"We are delighted with Tech4Eva's growing visibility and influence. This year, we have selected more science-driven start-ups that focus on women-specific cancers and other health issues. It is important for us to promote applied research within the FemTech sector, in order to bridge the gap between scientific innovation and market implementation",* said Lan Zuo Gillet, Director of Tech4Eva, EPFL Innovation Park.

### **16 start-ups will be supported**

16 start-ups from 11 countries were selected from the applications and will begin this year's six-month program starting with today's opening ceremony in Lausanne. Among them are four start-ups from Switzerland: Menoqueens from Bern, Molesense from Neuchâtel, Powerly from Zurich, and Xemperia from Fribourg.

The selected companies offer solutions for reproductive health, maternal childbirth, oncology and women's health, as well as healthy aging and menopause.

*"The gender data gap in medicine is receiving increasing attention, but the potential for innovation remains enormous. By supporting start-ups through Tech4Eva, we are doing our part to advance women's health. These companies stand out for their agility, and this enables them to respond quickly to new discoveries or trends and offer solutions",* said Mariana Atilano Meriñan, Head of Strategy, Innovation and Data at Groupe Mutuel.

### **Breast cancer prevention takes center stage at the opening conference**

The 16 start-ups will be introduced today at the opening ceremony at the Rolex Forum in Lausanne, which will focus on breast cancer prevention. Along with other experts in this field, Prof. Cathrin Brisken from the Institute of Cancer Research in London and the EPFL will speak in her keynote speech about the role of hormones in fighting breast cancer.

*“The goal of my research is to understand how repeated exposure to endogenous and exogenous hormones contributes to the development of breast cancer, in order to better prevent and treat the disease”, explained Prof. Cathrin Brisken.*

The opening ceremony will take place on 12 May 2025 at 3pm at the Rolex Forum in Lausanne. You can watch a live stream of the event [here](#).

#### The 16 selected start-ups:

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| GIC Space                     | <a href="http://www.gictelemed.org">www.gictelemed.org</a>                   |
| LAYCO                         | <a href="http://www.laycomedical.com">www.laycomedical.com</a>               |
| MED SOL AI SOLUTIONS          | <a href="http://www.medsol.ai">www.medsol.ai</a>                             |
| Menoqueens                    | <a href="http://www.menoqueens.com">www.menoqueens.com</a>                   |
| MoleSense                     | <a href="http://www.molesense.ch">www.molesense.ch</a>                       |
| oasicare                      | <a href="http://www.oasi.care">www.oasi.care</a>                             |
| Powerly                       | <a href="http://powerlyapp.wixsite.com/home">powerlyapp.wixsite.com/home</a> |
| Predica Diagnostics BV        | <a href="http://www.predica-diagnostics.com">www.predica-diagnostics.com</a> |
| Rephimmune Biotechnology Inc. | <a href="http://www.rephimmune.com">www.rephimmune.com</a>                   |
| Salva Health                  | <a href="http://www.salvahealth.co">www.salvahealth.co</a>                   |
| Silatha                       | <a href="http://www.silatha.com">www.silatha.com</a>                         |
| Smartweave                    | <a href="http://www.smartweave.xyz">www.smartweave.xyz</a>                   |
| TIMSER                        | <a href="http://www.preventix.global">www.preventix.global</a>               |
| Woost Ltd                     | <a href="http://www.woost.me">www.woost.me</a>                               |
| Xemperia                      | <a href="http://xemperia.com">xemperia.com</a>                               |
| Xena                          | <a href="http://www.xenadx.com">www.xenadx.com</a>                           |



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#### About Groupe Mutuel

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#### About EPFL Innovation Park

The EPFL Innovation Park is positioned as the main innovation and entrepreneurship centre in Western Switzerland. It supports disruptive innovation and technology transfer from EPFL and other regional academic partners. It is a dynamic workplace that hosts 500 high-tech start-ups, SMEs and R&D centres of large companies and their 2800 employees. Over the years, the EPFL Innovation Park has developed a series of unique start-up training, incubation and acceleration programmes in collaboration with a dynamic community of industry experts, investors, venture capitalists and government agencies. It also offers training and networking workshops for start-up managers and founders to develop innovation initiatives.