

The EY Startup Academy is a 6-week program in which selected startups are given the unique opportunity to improve their business models and its main building blocks through structured help and advice from EY experts.

The program runs for six weeks from end of September until mid-November 2024. It is free of charge and aimed at Tech or FinTech startups that have completed the Pre-Seed phase, already have a minimum viable product or a proof of concept and are seeking funding within the next 12-18 months. The EY Startup Academy consists of a series of more than 25 workshops and training events offered by EY. In addition, the program offers access to an exclusive partner network, networking events and plenty of support to overcome difficulties in questions related to tax, financing, business plans and many more.

# What is the EY Startup Academy?

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> for financing within the next 12 months. In this year's batch, we will have four

focus areas, which are

- ▶ 1. Artificial Intelligence
- 2. AML/FinCrime
- ▶ 3. ESG

▶ 4. Open Finance & Embedded Finance Ca. 20 participants will be selected to participate in this year's academy batch and

invited to join us for a mixture of on-sight and virtual workshops.



The EY Startup Academy represents our commitment to support the ecosystem and especially founders in their journey "from idea to exit". During the program, we help founders to assess their business idea, their strategy, scalability of their organization and IT, as well as legal, finance,

tax and regulatory frameworks so that startups can focus on their core business activities and achieve investor readiness as quickly as possible. We thereby contribute to the sustainable growth of the ecosystem for startups - our interpretation of building a better working world.



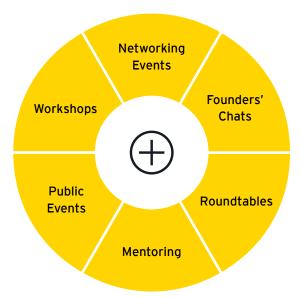
The win of the EY Startup Academy is a testament and proof of quality of our work and continues to impress both customers and investors.

### **Christopher Ripp**

CEO and Co-Founder I3DEnergy GmbH (Winner of the EY Startup Academy Award in 2023)

## What's in it for startups?

In more than 25 workshops, about 50 experts are involved in preparing the selected startups for their upcoming financing round and support them in further developing their business model.



# The EY Startup Academy offers access to the entire startup ecosystem

## Our partners

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What are the additional benefits of participating in the EY Startup Academy?

- Long-term support by EY in strategic and operational issues, also in some later stages of corporate development
- Access to the EY ecosystem for startups: Academy Alumni Club, access to EY global and regional events and much more
- Numerous opportunities for networking with investors, corporates, successful founders and other startups
- Prize money and the EY Startup Academy Brand, which you can use to advertise for your company

# What to expect from the EY Startup Academy 2024

## Apply now!

#### 3 June

Application phase starts

Applications (powered by EY Cognistreamer) can be uploaded on the EY Startup Academy website until

1 September 2024:



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### 1 September

Application closes

#### 26 September

Exclusive Event in Frankfurt with Startups and Partners Kick-off Event

In early September, after having selected the participants for this year's academy, we will invite the startups to take part in our kick-off event. On September 26, the selected startups and selected partners will get to know the Startup Academy team and our partners for an initial meet and greet and to officially kick-off the Startup Academy.

Each participant has the opportunity to work with a mentor from the EY Startup Academy's partner network for the duration of the program, tailored to its specific industry and business needs.

#### 7 November

Public Event in Frankfurt Pitching & Awards

On November 7th, the EY Startup Academy will close with a final public pitch and award ceremony. At the end of the EY Startup Academy, one startup will receive the EY Academy Award from our expert jury. In addition to the prize money, the startup receives a free consulting contingent. The event will be open to the public and located in the heart of Frankfurt. Information on the jury members, the selection criteria and the prize money can be found here: <a href="https://startup.ey.com/">https://startup.ey.com/</a> en/academy/how-far-can-you-go-2

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