Press release

Bosch: 100 million euros for German startups
Spark Fund strengthens the innovation ecosystem

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- Bosch Ventures is stepping up its dedicated commitment to startups in Germany.
- Investment focus are deep-tech startups in the seed and early stages.
- Co-innovation and partnerships drive innovation and growth.
- More than €1 billion committed across funds since inception.
- Dr. Christian Fischer: “Our Spark fund provides financing for startups while also reinforcing our growth strategy.”

Stuttgart, Germany – The Bosch Group is providing 100 million euros in fresh capital to startups in Germany. Through the Spark fund, the supplier of technology and services – itself an established venture capital investor – aims to significantly expand its involvement in the German startup scene. The goal is to foster technological advancement in the country and generate further growth momentum for Bosch. “Germany’s startup landscape is not only attractive from a technological standpoint, but it also holds great potential for our growth areas,” says Christian Fischer, chairman of the board of management of Robert Bosch GmbH. “Through financing, collaborations, and partnerships, we want to gain greater access to new business models and disruptive technologies that have the potential to transform entire markets. At the same time, our Spark fund also strengthens the German innovation ecosystem.”

Germany: A startup landscape of rich technological diversity

In Bosch’s view, Germany as a business location now boasts a startup scene that has matured over the years, an innovation landscape with a broad spectrum of technologies, and exceptionally strong industrial and scientific roots. According to Fischer, this innovation ecosystem provides favorable conditions for making more targeted investments in German startups, even in the current challenging environment. Bosch is now one of Europe’s largest corporate investors and its funds have provided a total of more than 1 billion euros in venture capital to date. Most recently, the venture capital subsidiary Bosch Ventures launched its sixth fund in 2025.

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Spark: Funding opportunities for startups in Germany

Bosch Ventures is launching its Spark venture capital fund on January 1, 2027. This program is aimed at deep-tech startups in Germany at all stages of development, with particular emphasis on seed and early-stage investments as well as supporting successful portfolio companies in later financing rounds. Investments will be made throughout Germany, but will also target startups in the state of Baden-Württemberg. “The new Spark fund complements Bosch Ventures’ global investment platforms by offering a standalone financing offering for startups in Germany,” explains Dr. Ingo Ramesohl, managing director of Robert Bosch Venture Capital GmbH (Bosch Ventures).

Invented for life: Investments from automation to medical technology

As a provider of venture capital, Bosch Ventures supports startups around the world whose technologies have the potential to improve people’s quality of life. Accordingly, its investment priorities currently lie in areas such as automation, electrification, artificial intelligence, and medical technology. Since it was created in 2007, Bosch Ventures has invested in well over 100 startups worldwide and currently holds approximately 70 active investments in its portfolio. These already include numerous German startups such as Ferroelectric Memory (memory solutions, Dresden), Qdrant (vector database, Berlin), and 4screen (digital mobility solutions, Munich).

Open Bosch: Partnerships with startups boost innovation efficiency

“When startups and established companies pool their strengths, solutions are developed more quickly, thus increasing the efficiency of innovation,” Ramesohl says. “Our Spark fund is designed to promote this sort of collaboration so that promising technologies from German startups can keep pace with the rest of the world.” In addition to providing venture capital, Bosch Ventures has run the Open Bosch program since 2018. This brings startups together with Bosch’s operating units at an early stage, giving the startups a quick and easy opportunity to become a supplier, customer, or technology partner of Bosch, as well as gain access to its broad industry expertise. Bosch has already established several hundred partnerships with startups through this program, more than one quarter of which are located in Germany. In addition, Bosch is a corporate venture builder, and as such also develops new business ideas beyond its current core business into in-house startups. The aim is to systematically bring these to market readiness and also to develop new, pioneering business models for Bosch.

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About Bosch Ventures

Robert Bosch Venture Capital GmbH (Bosch Ventures) is the corporate venture capital company of the Bosch Group, a leading global supplier of technology and services. Bosch Ventures invests worldwide in innovative start-up companies at all stages of their development. Its investment activities focus on technology companies working in areas of business of current and future relevance for Bosch, above all, automation and electrification, climate technologies, enabling technologies, and healthcare systems. Bosch Ventures also invests in services and business models that are relevant to the above-mentioned areas of business. Furthermore, Bosch Ventures enables co-innovation between Bosch and startups through the Open Bosch Program.

Additional information is available online at: www.bosch.ventures

The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 413,000 associates worldwide (as of December 31, 2025). The company generated sales of 91 billion euros in 2025. Its operations are divided into four business sectors: Mobility, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. With its business activities, the company aims to use technology to help shape universal trends such as automation, digitalization, electrification, and artificial intelligence. In this context, Bosch's broad diversification across regions and industries strengthens its innovativeness and robustness. Bosch uses its proven expertise in hardware, software, and services to offer customers cross-domain solutions from a single source. It also applies its expertise in connectivity and artificial intelligence in order to develop and manufacture intelligent and user-friendly products. With technology that is "Invented for life," Bosch wants to help improve quality of life. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 500 subsidiary and regional companies in over 60 countries. Including sales and service partners, Bosch's global manufacturing, engineering, and sales network covers nearly every country in the world. Bosch's innovative strength is key to the company's further development. Bosch employs some 82,000 associates in research and development.

The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering." The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant upfront investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-four percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a limited liability company with a charitable purpose. The remaining shares are held by Robert Bosch GmbH and by a company owned by the Bosch family. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG. It is entrusted with the task of safeguarding the company's long-term existence and in particular its financial independence – in line with the mission handed down in the will of the company's founder, Robert Bosch.

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