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Apply by May 27th to LAUNCH AND GROW YOUR BUSINESS IN FRANCE
Leverage transatlantic resources and partnerships!

The Young Enterprise “Start in France” initiative is an accelerator program designed to help entrepreneurs start and grow their business in France and Europe. Winners of the program will benefit from a one-week immersion in France, allowing laureates to benefit from an extensive customized business network and connections to some of the best resources in Europe.

Say "OUI" to France

A fiercely competitive global technology market is a challenge to any entrepreneur. The key to success is being able to internationalize your vision and activities at an early stage. The YEi Start in France program can
help you achieve your goal through a free, personalized, one-stop program in France.

France offers significant advantages to innovators and entrepreneurs:

- World renowned R&D centers; business hubs eager to partner with technology ventures
- Highly skilled workforce - labor costs 20%-50% lower than in the US
- Fertile, productive business environment - advantages and benefits for startups
- Access to European markets, stable R&D tax credits, access to funding
- And so much more!

What do we offer?

All US-based entrepreneurs selected to participate in the YEi Start in France 2015 will benefit from mentoring and networking programs in the U.S., to help them study the feasibility of setting up their venture in France, the gateway to Europe.

And for the overall winners

The high point of YEi Start in France 2015 is a one-week immersion stay in France including training, personalized connections, and mentoring. This immersion week will be split between the Paris area and one other French region whose innovative ecosystem best fits the needs of each laureate. The French week includes:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE MAY 27

Entrepreneurship & Innovation

- MIT Breakthrough Technologies 2015
  _As every year, MIT has established a list of ten innovative technologies to monitor in 2015. Read More_

- AXA launched a €200 Million fund dedicated to customer experience
  _AXA is launching AXA Strategic Ventures, a €200 Million investment fund dedicated to customer experience, the company announced today. AXA has already made a slew of investments – some of which we reported, like Flyr – some of which we haven’t – such as Fundshop, Particeep, Widmee, & Climate Secure. Investments will be made in San Francisco, New York, London, Paris, Zurich and Berlin, which plans to launch in Asia in the near future. Read More_

- SIGFOX raises €100 Million from Telefonica, GDF Suez, NTT Docomo & more
  _French Internet of Things network operator SIGFOX has raised a €100 Million Series C from a wide range of investors, including industrial players (GDF Suez, Air Liquide), Telecom companies (Telefonica, SK Telekom, NTT Docomo) & Hedge Funds (Elliott Management). The fundraising comes just months after CEO & Co-Founder Ludovic Le Moan announced the round publicly, and will allow the company to expand its telecom network, which currently covers France, Spain, the Netherlands & parts of the UK, to 60 countries in the_
- EyeBrain raises €1.3 million, leveraging eye-tracking technology to diagnose patients

_EyeBrain, a specialist in creating medical research and diagnostic tools based on eye movement, just closed a $1.3 million round, largely led by crowd-funding. Investors include previous backers, the Fonds Régional de Co-Investissement d’Ile-de-France (FRCI) and the Anaxago crowd-funding platform which brought just over €1 million of the total amount raised. Read More

- Criteo acquires data specialist DataPop, market cap passes $2.5 Billion

_Criteo releases its Q4 2014 results, and Wall Street is happy. Fourth quarter revenue is up 69% compared to 2013 at €233 Million, and the company is up to 7,000 clients & 9,000 publishers. The company also announced the acquisition of Los Angeles-based DataPop, a 40-employee start-up which specializes in connecting the products of a retailer’s catalog to user shopping agenda. Read More

- ADVANCITY, Cap Digital and Systematic Paris-Region join forces to launch an initiative dedicated to the digital city

_This collaboration will drive innovation in the service of the digital transformation of the Parisian territory Read More

- Two french start-ups in the top ten of 2014 European investments

_Clipperton conducts a study every 6 months resuming the activity of financing innovation at the European level. Almost 500 operations have been integrated in this study - 100 more compared to the year 2013 - to establish the ranking of the largest fundraisers at the European level.

France is represented in this ranking 2014 through BlaBlaCar member Join (8th place) and Sarenza (9th place) who have raised $ 100 million and $ 98 million respectively Read More

Science & Research

- European Patent Office 2014 rankings : 1st in Europe for patent applications in biomedical research

_Inserm, with the help of its subsidiary Inserm Transfert, continues to rise in the 2014 rankings of French patent applications issued by the European Patent Office (EPO). Inserm is ranked 6th in France (among applicants in all organisations and sectors combined), 4th in Europe in the “Biotechnology” sector, and 5th in Europe for the “Pharmaceuticals” sector[1]. Read More

Call for projects 2015: "LIFE SCIENCES: inventing – creating – having fun"

The Office for Science & Technology (section of Los Angeles) of the French Embassy in the United States of
America will financially support participation in scientific competitions, contests, and games specializing in the Life Sciences.

The Office for Science & Technology hopes this program will encourage students and researchers to participate in exchanges with the United States and France, initiate collaborations between French and American scientists, and promote scientific research and practice.

**HOW TO SUBMIT A PROJECT**
The electronic application (pdf) should be no more than 4 pages in length:

**Page 1**
- Title of project, name/address of team leader
- Presentation of the competition (1/2 page maximum)
- List of team members, including affiliations (1/2 page maximum)

**Page 2**
- Description of the project (1 page maximum)

**Page 3**
- Budget (1 page maximum)

**Page 4**
- Any other relevant information : implications for future research, potential for fostering long-term relationships between researchers, past findings… (1 page maximum)

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE**
Competitions organized in the USA: at least half of the team members must be French.
Competitions organized in France: at least half of the team members must be American.
Participants competing individually are also eligible. For teams, affiliations of the members must be clearly mentioned.
Grants may be used to cover registration fees and other expenses. Only one grant will be awarded per team (or individual) per project.

**COMPETITIONS**
Participants are eligible to compete in any competition specializing in Life Sciences provided that they must be affiliated, at least partially, to the United States or France (organization, award ceremony, etc.).
Examples of competitions in the USA: iGEM, World Cell Race, Google Science Fair, XPRIZE, BioGENEius Challenge, NanoArt Imagery Contest, Challenge.gov, …
Examples of competitions in France: iG4M4ER, Innovation Prize Universal Biotech, EUCYS, …

**EVALUATION**
Applications will be evaluated by the Office for Science & Technology of the French Embassy in the United States. Between four and eight applicants will be selected to receive a grant for an amount ranging from 1,000 to 2,500 Euros. The results will be announced approximately one month after the application deadline.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS : APRIL 19, 2015**


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