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Press release

Partnership Announcement StartupCon and leAD Sports Accelerator

Berlin and Cologne, Germany – On October 11, 2017 [StartupCon](#) is opening its doors for their fourth edition of their largest founder fair and conference taking place in Cologne. [leAD Sports Accelerator](#), the program focused on funding and supporting innovative early-stage startups from the broad commercial universe of sports, and StartupCon today announced their commercial partnership. At this year's StartupCon the 15 startups that will be chosen at leAD's Selection Days in July 2017 will not only get the chance to pitch in front of a top-level audience but also to present their business at their own exhibition booth. The decision which 10 startups will continue their journey in the leAD accelerator program until December 2017 and will get a 25.000 Euro investment will depend on their so far achievements and engagement as well as on their performance at the conference itself.

Timeline leAD Sports Accelerator:

The leAD process is different to that of other accelerator programmes: leAD is set up like a sports tournament with different phases leading up to the finale. On the "Selection Days", known as "quarter-finals" at leAD, 15 start-ups will be chosen for the programme from a total of 30. And out of these, around five teams will be eliminated on 12th October in the semi-final. The remaining ten start-ups will each receive financial support of 25.000 Euro. The "Demo Day" is called the "finale" at leAD. While all ten teams will be leaving the playing field as winners with follow-up funding, there will be another top prize awaiting the winner in the finale.

About StartupCon:

StartupCon is one of the leading conferences and fairs in Germany focussing on all aspects of entrepreneurship and recent economical startup trends. Professionals as well as new talents gather here. Nearly 800 pitches, 300 investors and 200 speakers will elaborate their ideas and about 50 content rich workshops will take place. Furthermore, 500 startups will present their ideas, technology and innovations to a broad audience of investors and other interested parties at the Expo and thousands of founders at the entire event.

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