



**STARTUP
FOUNDATION**

Support for the
Next Generation of
Entrepreneurship

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What we do_

The Foundation provides coordination and support for the growth and renewal of the Finnish and Nordic startup ecosystem.

- 1** **The Foundation is gardening the growth of the startup ecosystem** through **own operations & projects** as well as supporting financially new startup initiatives through **grants**.
- 2** **The Foundation is the keeper of the startup culture** by bringing the community together and voicing of important topics as well as active storytelling about the startup ecosystem and its possibilities for Finland.

Who we are_

The Foundation is the **non-profit owner** of Slush, Junction, The Shortcut, Wave Ventures and a co-owner of the Maria 01 startup hub.

The Foundation was founded in 2012 by 57 passionate friends and supporters of entrepreneurship with the purpose to enable the creation, growth and internationalization of Finnish startups.

Our aim is to provide **incubation and seed funding** to ambitious new initiatives.

The logo for Slush, featuring the word "SLUSH" in a bold, black, sans-serif font with a white outline, set against a black rectangular background.The logo for The Shortcut, consisting of a stylized icon of a right-angled triangle with a diagonal line through it, followed by the text "the shortcut" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.The logo for Junction, featuring the word "JUNCTION" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.The logo for Wave Ventures, with the word "wave" in a red, lowercase, sans-serif font above the word "ventures" in a black, lowercase, sans-serif font.The logo for Maria 01, featuring the text "maria 01" in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

Towards a more diverse, purposeful and science-driven ecosystem_

New projects

- Nordic ScaleUp Academy
- Space for Humanity impact bootcamp
- **Startup Data Service** up-to-date statistics and key ecosystem data

2021 grants to high impact grassroots initiatives

Series — a global purpose-driven ecosystem

MIMIR Fellows – reimagining technology transfer

SILTA - bridging the Finnish talent with Silicon Valley

Startup Refugees Fund

Foundation grants 2021

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