

GI Startup Platform – Community Get Together

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Abstract: The GI Startup Platform is a GI Junior Fellow initiative that addresses founders and startups in the field of computer science and pursues two specific goals. First, we would like to develop a central point of contact for information on all phases of a company's lifecycle, from founding over capital search & funding to exit & sale. Secondly, we want to connect stakeholders from all areas and bring founders together with other founders, mentors, investors, potential customers, and students looking for a job or internship. In our first Community Get Together, we invite everybody interested in startups to share their story, look for potential partners, engage in discussions, or simply enjoy the free snacks and listen. Beyond a brief introductory presentation, we will have several invited talks from community members with generous networking breaks in between to spark dialogue among the participants beyond the standard after-talk Q&A.

Additional info available at: <https://startup.gi.de>

1 GI Startup Platform: Mission Statement & Workshop Goal

In Germany, despite a rapidly growing tech startup scene, founding companies out of universities is still uncommon. Especially in the computer science departments of universities, the much-needed talent for founding future high-tech firms does exist, but at the same time there is enormous uncertainty among these potential founders about the right approach as well as a lack of network and business know-how.

Our initiative „GI Startup Platform“ is aimed at people interested in founding, founders and startups in the field of computer science and pursues two specific goals. Firstly, we would like to develop a central point of contact for information on all entrepreneurial phases from founding to capital search & funding to exit & sale. The information offered includes helpful web portals and online courses as well as book recommendations, templates for contracts and field reports. Secondly, we want to connect stakeholders from all areas and bring together founders with other founders, mentors, investors, potential customers, and students looking for a job or internship.

With our first workshop, we aim to connect practitioners as well as researchers within and beyond the German Informatics Society (Gesellschaft für Informatik, GI).

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