

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship (SCE)

As the entrepreneurship center of HM Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences, the Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship (SCE) fosters innovation and entrepreneurship through interactive educational programs, start-up support, and networking activities. Our goal is to motivate and empower individuals to think and act entrepreneurially, thereby contributing to a sustainable and livable future.

Across our wide range of educational formats and diverse entrepreneurship events, we focus on practice-oriented, team-based, and interdisciplinary project work. In doing so, we bring together entrepreneurial students, founders, and intrapreneurs with our inspiring network of researchers and international experts, successful entrepreneurs, cross-industry corporate partners, and investors.

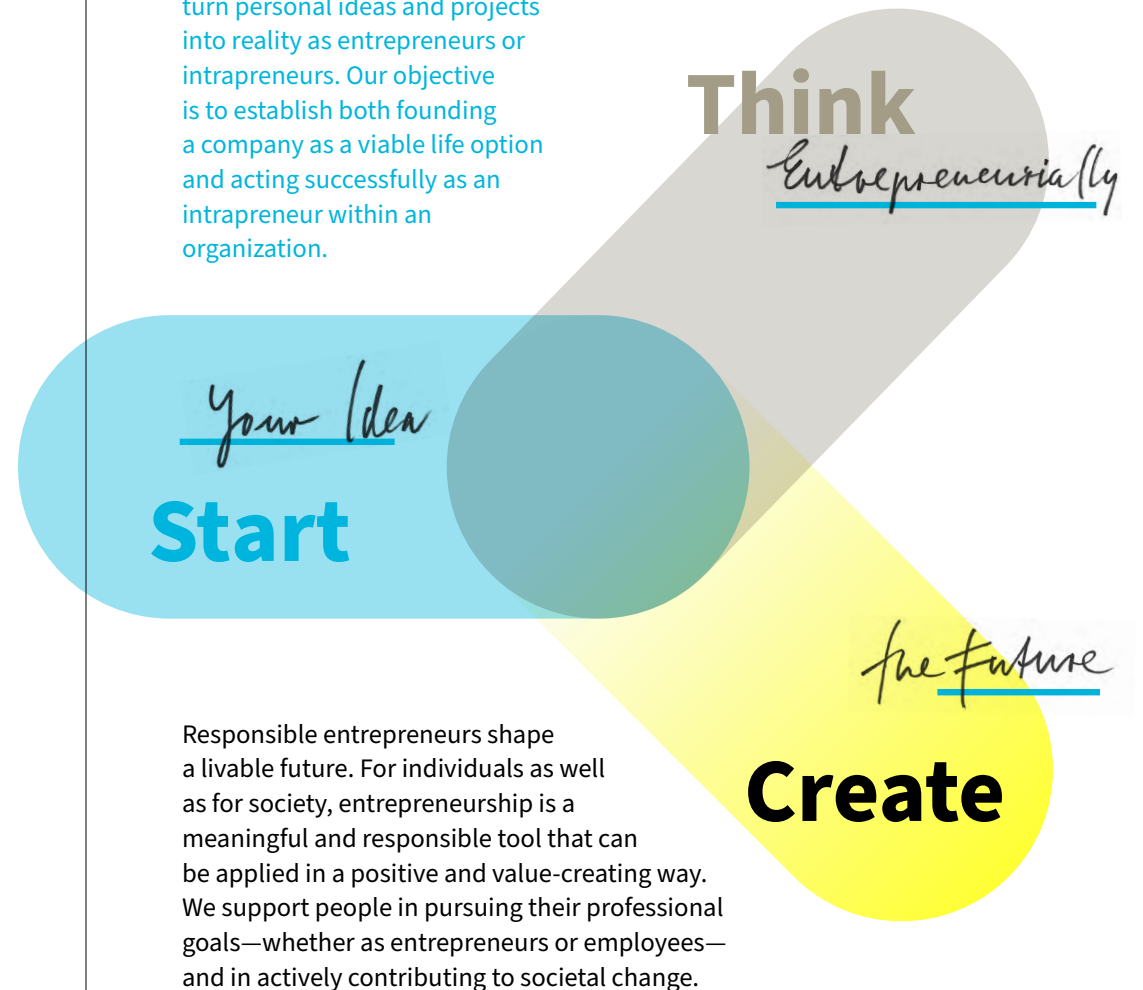
We stand for a vibrant culture of innovation and support start-ups through our funding and acceleration programs. In addition to providing high-quality advisory services, we offer our start-ups, students, and partners innovative and creative working spaces as well as a physical incubator. Furthermore, we develop innovation workshops and entrepreneurship training programs for companies and executives, working collaboratively to create solutions for the future of business.

We continuously develop our educational approaches and our understanding of entrepreneurship. To this end, we are actively involved in key regional, national, and international institutions that help shape a European perspective on entrepreneurship. We combine the best of different worlds: as a scientific institute within a major German university, as an innovation lab and research institution, as a think tank and start-up incubator, and as part of a cross-sector learning community.

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We aim to provide individuals with the tools they need to take initiative, to build and leverage their own resources, and to turn personal ideas and projects into reality as entrepreneurs or intrapreneurs. Our objective is to establish both founding a company as a viable life option and acting successfully as an intrapreneur within an organization.

The development of an entrepreneurial mindset is paramount. We encourage entrepreneurial thinking and the willingness to take responsibility. We foster the ability to deal with uncertainty, as well as leadership skills and the capacity to work effectively in teams. We support individuals in looking beyond the boundaries of their discipline and in developing their own vision.



Shaping the Future Together

We would like to thank our partners:



With sincere thanks to our foundation

We thank Falk F. and Renate Strascheg and Hochschule München University of Applied Sciences for their outstanding support and collaboration.



Prof. Dr. h.c. Falk Strascheg
Founder of the SCE



President Prof. Dr. Martin Leitner
HM Hochschule München
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The Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship (SCE) was founded in 2002 by the Falk F. Strascheg Foundation at Hochschule München. Falk F. Strascheg is one of the most successful venture capitalists in Germany and Europe and a founding partner of the venture capital firm EXTOREL Private Equity Advisers. Over the course of his professional life, Falk F. Strascheg has taken on many roles: engineer, founder, entrepreneur, venture capitalist, supervisory board member, industry association leader, and, last but not least, founder and patron. His wife, Renate Strascheg, is also closely connected to the SCE. Since 2014, the Renate and Falk Strascheg Foundation has endowed the Strascheg Award, which is presented for innovations at Hochschule München.

With approximately 18,800 students enrolled in 100 bachelor's and master's degree programs across 14 faculties and two additional academic divisions, HM is one of the largest universities of applied sciences in Germany. It stands for excellent practice-oriented teaching and research, a strong culture of innovation, and an open and collaborative academic environment. This culture enables interdisciplinary education with a strong focus on personal development. In addition to solid specialist knowledge and practical relevance, HM alumni are distinguished by international experience, intercultural competence, and sustainable as well as entrepreneurial thinking and action. As a result, they are well prepared to assume responsibility in their professional careers and in society.

JAN

Start for Future (SFF): New Momentum for Intelligent Connectivity

With an AI-powered matchmaking campaign, Start for Future (SFF) is exploring new approaches to intelligent networking. The pilot demonstrates how relevant stakeholders can be brought together in an even more targeted manner. The platform supports start-ups, companies, and innovation partners in identifying suitable collaborations and efficiently launching joint projects—another step toward strengthening European innovation ecosystems. [Learn more →](#)



WORKERHERO



€4.6 million investment for WorkerHero

SCE alumni start-up WorkerHero secures a funding round of €4.6 million. With its digital platform, the company supports industrial and manufacturing businesses in efficiently upskilling employees and actively addressing the shortage of skilled workers. [Learn more →](#)



FEB

SCE among Europe's Top 15

The Strascheg Center for Entrepreneurship ranks 12th in the renowned Financial Times ranking of Europe's leading start-up hubs. The recognition underscores the high quality of its start-up support, the strength of its network, and the sustainable impact of the SCE far beyond Munich. [Learn more →](#)

Kick-off CoCreate2Innovate: New EU Program for Collaborative Innovation

CoCreate2Innovate marks the launch of a new program funded by EIT Urban Mobility. Together with partners from Italy and Bulgaria, the SCE is strengthening co-creation capabilities in the field of smart mobility. The aim is to build an international network of co-creation champions and implement practice-oriented pilot projects. [Learn more →](#)



€65 million growth capital for FTAPI

€65 million in growth capital to further expand across Europe. As one of the leading providers of secure data exchange solutions, the company powerfully demonstrates how sustainably scalable business models emerge from the SCE ecosystem. [Learn more →](#)



MAR

Start-up Radar 2025: HM & SCE ranked No. 1 once again

Hochschule München and the SCE once again achieve first place in the Gründungsradar 2025 published by the Stifterverband, in the category “Large Universities.” With 58.8 out of 60 points, they received the highest score among all participating universities. Key factors included the strong institutional anchoring of entrepreneurship education, sustainable start-up support, and a high-performing network. The award confirms the long-term strategy of HM and the SCE in academic entrepreneurship promotion. [Learn more →](#)

SYSTEMEU: European Innovation Network Launched

SYSTEMEU marks the start of a large-scale European innovation project involving five partner regions. In 2025, the first regional workshops and ecosystem meetings were held in all regions, alongside international online formats. The goal is to connect regional ecosystems systemically and advance sustainable innovation across Europe. [Learn more →](#)



Multi-million EIC funding for Holloid



DICA start-up Holloid receives multi-million-euro funding from the EIC Accelerator. With its technology for data-driven process optimization in industry, Holloid is setting new standards for efficiency and sustainability—an important success for the DICA ecosystem. [Learn more →](#)

APR

exist Women: Welcome Batch #2 at HM

With the launch of Batch #2, the SCE continues the exist Women program successfully. Female founders receive targeted support in personal development, idea validation, and networking. The aim is to sustainably attract more women to entrepreneurial careers. [Learn more →](#)





3E Conference 2025: Rethinking Entrepreneurship Education

The 3E Conference 2025 brought international experts to Munich. Under the guiding theme “Responsible, Systemic, Democratic,” researchers, educators, and practitioners discussed new approaches to

entrepreneurship education. Keynotes, panels, and workshops provided strong impulses for the future of teaching. [Learn more →](#)

MAY



Unternehmer:innen Live: Bonita Grupp & Christoph Schramm



The event series “Unternehmer:innen Live” offered special insights in 2025: Bonita Grupp (TRIGEMA) and Christoph Schramm (Gustavo Gusto) shared their experiences on leadership, growth, and entrepreneurship. Two sold-out events delivered authentic, practice-based perspectives. [Learn more →](#)

JUN

New Teaching Format for Practice-Oriented Start-up Skills



With the “Advanced Real Project,” an innovative teaching format was launched at HM. Students work on real start-up projects, supported by coaches and industry partners. The format combines academic learning with entrepreneurial implementation and strengthens sustainable start-up competencies. [Learn more →](#)



Munich Startup Festival 2025

SCE was part of the scene’s central summer highlight. Panels, pitches, and networking sessions brought together start-ups, investors, and innovation stakeholders, showcasing the diversity and dynamism of Munich’s ecosystem. [Learn more →](#)

JUL

Rethinking Education: The Social X-Factor 2025

AUG

In 2025, the Social X-Factor focused on the question of how education can actively shape societal change. In interactive formats, students developed new perspectives on impact, social innovation, and responsible entrepreneurship within just one week. [Learn more →](#)



SEP

DICA @ drinktec 2025: Innovation Meets Industry



At drinktec 2025, the Dynamic Innovation Campus Drinks & Food Tech (DICA) was responsible for the concept and implementation of the Startup Zone. As a central platform for exchange and visibility, DICA brought together innovative start-ups, industry partners, and experts, demonstrating how targeted co-creation can generate new momentum for the beverage industry. [Learn more →](#)



TANGANY

€10 million investment for Tangany

The fintech start-up Tangany secures an investment of €10 million. With its infrastructure for digital assets, the company supports banks and financial service providers in secure custody and management. The funding strengthens Tangany's position in the European financial system and supports its next phase of growth. [Learn more →](#)



SCE establishes a supporters' network



With SCE Friends & Fellows, a new supporters' network was established in 2025. It brings together expertise from business, academia, and the start-up ecosystem to foster exchange, co-creation, and mutual learning. Initial events have already generated strong momentum and laid the foundation for a curated network of committed thought leaders and decision-makers. [Learn more →](#)

Strasczeg Award 2025



The Strasczeg Award 2025 once again honored outstanding business ideas from academia, research, and practice. The winners impressed with their innovative strength, sustainability, and implementation capabilities. The award remains one of the most important platforms for early-stage start-up ideas in southern Germany. [Learn more →](#)



SCE Incubation: Launch of Batches #13 and #14



In 2025, two new cohorts—Batch #13 and #14—entered the SCE Incubation, bringing a total of 50 start-up teams into the program. As the heart of start-up support at the SCE, the incubation program accompanies teams over 24 weeks with coaching, infrastructure, workshops, prototyping budgets, and access to the SCE network. [Learn more →](#)

Triple Helix Journal

Research at the SCE: Triple Helix & Responsible Entrepreneurship

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The SCE is strengthening its research activities with a focus on entrepreneurial ecosystems and responsible entrepreneurship. A special-issue publication in the Triple Helix Journal highlights the role of universities as key actors in innovation ecosystems. [Learn more →](#)

DEC

Precelerator 2025: Looking back on five years of ideas

With the end of its funding period, the SCE Precelerator looks back on five creative years. Formats such as the “Clash of Trash” robot competition and the Spyra-Lympics demonstrate how low-threshold programs can inspire young talents for innovation and entrepreneurship. [Learn more →](#)



PRECELERATOR



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ACCELERATOR

10 Years of the Bavaria Israel Partnership Accelerator (BIPA)

In 2025, BIPA celebrates its tenth anniversary. After the kick-off in Munich and a virtual phase, the 14th edition concluded in Israel. Since 2015, BIPA has connected talents from Bavaria and Israel and fostered sustainable collaborations—most recently with solutions for disaster response in Bavaria. [Learn more →](#)

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