

NORDIC SINGAPORE INNOVATION DAYS

2026 Delegation Presentation

Meet Nordic startups solving real industry challenges

📅 October 2026 📍 Singapore

In October, a Nordic delegation will travel to Singapore to take part in Nordic Singapore Innovation Days 2026. The delegation will include founders, investors, family offices, incubators, and public innovation agencies from across the Nordic countries, all with a strong focus on climate impact, deep tech, and cross-border collaboration.

Over several days, participants will gain first-hand insights into Singapore's dynamic innovation ecosystem. The program includes visits to key actors, opportunities to share knowledge with peers, and activities designed to strengthen long-term ties between the Nordic and Singaporean innovation landscapes.

Central to the agenda are thematic events, networking sessions, and matchmaking activities that connect startups, corporates, and investors. These interactions aim to create concrete opportunities for collaboration, while also providing a deeper understanding of how innovation is driven in both regions.

Nordic Singapore Innovation Days serves as a platform where Nordic and Singaporean actors meet to exchange perspectives and lay the groundwork for future partnerships in green and sustainable innovation.



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Startup Estonia

Startup Estonia is a governmental initiative aimed at developing Estonia's startup ecosystem and positioning it as one of the most vibrant in Europe. The initiative supports founders by strengthening the local environment, providing access to resources, and fostering connections between startups, investors, and international partners. Startup Estonia's mission is to make Estonia the best place to launch, grow, and scale innovative companies.

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Innovation Agency Lithuania

Innovation Agency Lithuania is the national agency for innovation, supervised by the Ministry of Economy and Innovation. The agency supports businesses in developing and commercialising innovations, strengthens startup ecosystems, promotes green and digital transitions, and fosters international collaboration in research and innovation.

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Nordic Innovation

Nordic Innovation is an institution under the Nordic Council of Ministers that works to promote cross-border innovation and sustainable growth across the Nordic region. Nordic Innovation supports entrepreneurship, facilitates joint Nordic innovation initiatives, and strengthens Nordic competitiveness in global markets.

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Enterprise Singapore

Enterprise Singapore is the government agency championing enterprise development. It also supports the growth of Singapore as a hub for global trading and startups.

With Enterprise Singapore's global network in over 35 locations spanning many developed and emerging markets, it connects businesses with relevant Singapore companies for their business expansion.

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SGInnovate

SGInnovate is a Deep Tech ecosystem builder and investor, backed by the Singapore Government. Their expertise and approach combines investments, talent development and community-building to catalyse the translation of emerging technologies into tomorrow's opportunities.

Through their flagship Deep Tech Central platform, SGInnovate connect individuals, founders and companies to specialised resources and opportunities across all technological domains and stages of growth. Their investment portfolio of emerging tech startups comprises some of the most promising companies leading the commercialisation of research developed from Singapore's RIE ecosystem.

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EDB

The Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) is a government agency under the Ministry of Trade and Industry, responsible for driving Singapore's sustainable economic growth. EDB partners with global companies, investors, and innovators to create new business opportunities and strengthen Singapore's position as a leading hub for investment and innovation. Its mission is to foster a vibrant economy that creates good jobs and enhances Singapore's global competitiveness.

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The Embassy of Sweden in Singapore promotes bilateral relations, trade, and cultural exchange between Sweden and Singapore, supporting Swedish businesses and citizens abroad.

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Embassy of Denmark in Singapore

The Embassy of Denmark in Singapore works to promote Danish interests, trade, and innovation partnerships, while also assisting Danish citizens in the region.

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Embassy of Estonia in Singapore

The Embassy of Estonia in Singapore strengthens diplomatic, economic, and innovation ties, helping Estonian companies and fostering collaboration across Southeast Asia.

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Embassy of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Singapore

The mission of the Embassy of Lithuania in Singapore is to foster diplomatic, economic, and cultural relations between Lithuania and Singapore, as well as other countries in Southeast Asia.

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Embassy of Finland in Singapore

The Embassy of Finland in Singapore advances Finland's economic, political, and cultural cooperation with Singapore and the wider region, supporting companies and citizens.

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Royal Norwegian Embassy in Singapore

Embassy serves Norwegian citizens and works to secure and enhance Norwegian political and business relations in Singapore.

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SwedCham

SwedCham is a non-profit, membership-funded organization representing the Swedish business community in Singapore. For over 40 years, we have worked alongside our strong fleet of Swedish multinational companies, SMEs, and start-ups to build connections and drive progress. Our focus areas include innovation, technology, sustainability, entrepreneurship, and diversity - values that are embedded in everything we do. With over 50 events annually, SwedCham is one of the most active international chambers in Singapore. We are especially recognised for our innovative local outreach initiatives where we provide a platform for our member companies to connect with and contribute to the broader Singaporean society.

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Business Sweden

Business Sweden is commissioned by the Government and the Swedish industry to help Swedish companies grow global sales and international companies to invest, expand and collaborate in Sweden. With networks at all levels, it offers strategic advice, information and hands-on support in more than 40 of the world's most attractive markets. Business Sweden, the Swedish Trade and Invest Council, is jointly owned by the Swedish government and the Swedish industry.

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ACE.SG – Action Community for Entrepreneurship

The Action Community for Entrepreneurship (ACE.SG) is Singapore's national trade association for startups. It is private sector-led and non-profit. It works with government and industry partners to drive entrepreneurship, create growth opportunities and help startups scale globally. ACE.SG manages Stage One, an initiative by Enterprise Singapore and the Economic Development Board, supported by JTC. Stage One is a central meeting point for local and international startups at LaunchPad @ one-north. ACE.SG also supports international startups and ecosystem partners that want to land and grow in Singapore or build a regional presence in Southeast Asia.

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Participating Startups

Adam Karnama, Spritju

CEO – Sweden

Dr. Adam Karnama is Founder and CEO of Spritju, a platform enabling hourly verification of renewable electricity and traceable Energy Attribute Certificates, including for the Singapore market. An impact entrepreneur, executive and investor with a PhD in Energy Systems, he has held leadership roles across technology and energy and supported cleantech growth as an investor. Through Spritju, he is focused on scalable solutions that strengthen transparency and accelerate the global transition to renewable energy.

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CEO – Estonia

Ahmet Köse is CEO of R8 Technologies, an Estonian technology company developing AI-powered solutions for smarter and more energy-efficient buildings. Its R8 Digital Operator connects to existing building management systems and autonomously optimises heating, cooling and ventilation based on factors such as weather, occupancy and energy prices – reducing energy consumption, costs and CO₂ emissions without major investments in new hardware. R8 Technologies serves around 180 customers, including Swissôtel, Marriott, Radisson and Swedbank. Ahmet is joining NSID to explore partnerships and international expansion, particularly with property owners, real estate companies and technology partners interested in smart buildings, AI and sustainable real estate.

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Anders Eriksson, Swegreen AB

CEO – Sweden

Anders Eriksson is CEO of Swegreen, a Swedish company that enables food retailers and restaurants to grow their own leafy greens in store. Its complete platform, spanning hardware, software, cloud monitoring and service, delivers hyper-local produce without pesticides or long supply chains. Swegreen already serves around 20 customers. At NSID, Anders is looking to engage with Singaporean food retailers and public bodies responsible for food catering, such as schools and elderly care, as well as potential local business and joint-venture partners.

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Andreas Andersson, Cetasol

CFO & Founder – Sweden

Andreas Andersson is CFO of Cetasol, a VC-backed maritime AI company whose iHelm platform helps shipping operators reduce fuel consumption and emissions through AI-powered decision support. He leads Finance, HR and Legal, focusing on scalable operations, SaaS metrics and capital efficiency to support international growth. At NSID, he is looking to meet shipowners, operators and technology partners, as well as investors following maritime, AI and industrial technology, to discuss business models, partnerships and growth financing.

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Andreas Vallgren, ignitia

Chief Science Officer & Co-founder – Sweden

Dr. Andreas Vallgren is Chief Science Officer and Co-founder of ignitia, where he has helped build the company's AI-driven weather forecast models. A self-proclaimed weather nerd, he holds a PhD in Atmospheric Dynamics from KTH, MSc degrees in Space Engineering and Meteorology, and a graduate degree from the International Space University. His work focuses on high-impact weather in the tropics, with experience from northern Australia and Central and West Africa. In 2025, ignitia's virtual radar was named one of the winners of the UN Early Warnings for All AI innovation challenge. At NSID, he is looking for partners and clients exposed to extreme weather, including in agriculture, ports and logistics, insurance, finance, offshore and government.

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Auste Pranckute – Stuart Energy

CEO – Lithuania

Stuart Energy develops intelligent energy management, AI-powered infrastructure monitoring, and cybersecurity solutions for renewable energy and battery storage. By joining NSID, the company aims to build partnerships between the Nordic and Singaporean innovation ecosystems, explore opportunities in smart energy infrastructure and digital resilience, and contribute to the development of secure, scalable solutions for the energy transition. Auste is passionate about scaling clean technologies through collaboration and knowledge exchange.

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Bjørn Ihler, Revontulet

CEO & Founder - Norway

Bjørn Ihler is Founder & CEO of Revontulet, a Norwegian threat-intelligence company developing Cortexia, a platform connecting intelligence data across actors, companies, vessels, accounts and events. He previously chaired the Independent Advisory Committee of the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism and co-founded the Khalifa Ihler Institute, and currently contributes to European policy and regulatory work on online harms and radicalisation. Revontulet is looking to Singapore as a regional hub for expanding its work into Asia-Pacific, with particular interest in maritime, ports, energy and critical infrastructure, as well as trust & safety. Through NSID, Bjørn is seeking connections with operators, regulators, technology companies and regional security and risk partners.

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Caroline Bondier, Skanio Oy

CCO – Finland

Caroline Bondier is Chief Commercial Officer of Skanio, which digitalises elevators and escalators through 3D reality capture. Using LiDAR-powered digital twins, Skanio's method reduces site visits, eliminates survey errors and accelerates modernisation planning. A French national with 20 years of experience in Finland, Caroline focuses on helping Skanio's customer organisations perform at their best and achieve their strategic objectives. At NSID, she aims to develop Skanio's presence in Asian markets and connect with elevator and escalator OEMs, building owners, building consultants and facility managers.

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Christofer Friberg, MontLibre Group

Founder & CEO – Sweden



Christofer Friberg, Founder and CEO of MontLibre Group, the Swedish pioneering impact innovation-, R&D- and development-company. Presenting its innovative numerous internationally awarded portfolio of impact innovations, solutions and services for emerging smart viable cities, industries and societies. Ranging from “xGeo” the revolutionary digital AI- science, solution and service to more efficiently detect, analyze and 3D-visualize critical geological resources. “NxGeo” clean baseload energy geothermal systems based and “David SMR” based on industrialized modular nuclear systems, “EiQ LEGOx” next-generation industrialized modular construction systems for establishments of all types of viable buildings, “CC-Technology” industrial scale systems for emission free, energy efficient, recycling and upcycling of all forms of society-, commercial-, agriculture-, forestry- and industrial-waste and rest-materials of organic origin, to clean synthetic fuels and synthetic industry raw materials, “EsaPac” next generation smart recyclable single-use package solutions for all liquid and viscous products. All, combined with the innovative “NxCity Techin” global resources in modern more efficient engineering, construction and design of smart viable cities, industries and related. Together, the MontLibre Group portfolio solves the critical challenges across energy, urbanism, construction, critical resources, security, AI, engineering in the development and operations of sustainable viable cities, industries and societies. The awarded entrepreneurship focus on science, progress, partnerships and solutions for planetary stewardship. Recently awarded the title “Digital Bridge Builder 2026” by Dagens Industri and Accenture. Joining NSID to connect MontLibre’s cross-sector innovation capabilities and solutions with industry-, government-, authority-, academy-, commercial- and investors in the related opportunities for Singapore and other progressive nations and regions.

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Dave Vasquez, Rollyy

CEO & Founder – Finland

Technology entrepreneur and innovation executive with 15+ years of experience building digital products and scaling ventures across AI, fintech, mobility and emerging technologies. As Founder & CEO of Rollyy, Dave is developing AI-powered autonomous EV charging robots and smart mobility platforms combining robotics, geospatial technology and 5G connectivity. Through NSID, he is looking to explore Singapore and Southeast Asia as a market for Rollyy's solutions and connect with smart-city stakeholders, mobility operators, urban innovation agencies, infrastructure and telecom partners, and deeptech investors.

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David Jirout, Illuminum AB

CEO – Sweden

David Jirout is CEO of Illuminum, a Swedish climate-tech company making sustainability analytics more accessible, data-driven and actionable. Its platform integrates Building Information Modelling (BIM) with emission factors to automate asset-level CO₂ calculations and visualise carbon and cost intensity down to individual building components. Illuminum works with building and industrial asset owners, with customers including Vasakronan, Jernhusen and Axfast. David is joining NSID to expand Illuminum's precision BIM-based carbon and cost modelling into Asia, connect with relevant asset owners and partners, and explore opportunities to bring its approach to the Singaporean and wider Asian market.

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Fanny Törnell, Adsorbi

Business Development Manager – Sweden

Fanny Törnell is Business Development Manager at Adsorbi, where she bridges technical development with commercial and market execution. She holds a BSc in Chemical Engineering with Physics and an MSc in Sustainable Energy Systems from Chalmers University of Technology. Before joining Adsorbi, she spent more than five years in cleantech management consulting, working on development and industrialisation projects ranging from early-stage technologies to large-scale investments.

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Igor Bogdanov – VARCUS Solutions OÜ

Head of Maritime Division – Estonia

Igor is Head of the Maritime Division at Varcus Solutions, with a background in marketing, XR/VR simulation, and game development. Since 2020, he has led the maritime R&D team, delivering certified XR simulators and AR navigation assistants for leading maritime academies worldwide.

Motivation: Igor and Varcus Solutions are eager to share their green-policy oriented products, stay updated on the latest technologies, and use NSID to connect with partners and potential investors in the maritime industry.

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Ievgen Reus, DoksOps

Founder & CEO – Estonia

Ievgen Reus is Founder and CEO of DoksOps, which keeps cloud infrastructure documentation and compliance evidence up to date automatically, straight from a company's AWS account. He started DoksOps after years of building and securing cloud systems at companies including Ubisoft and Capgemini, and holds an MSc from Odesa National Polytechnic University. DoksOps maps evidence to SOC 2, ISO 27001 and Singapore's MAS Notice on Cyber Hygiene, and its core technology is patent-pending. He is joining NSID to meet banks, fintechs, investors and partners as DoksOps expands into Southeast Asia.

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Jasmina Pless, Acodyne

Co-founder & CCO – Denmark

Jasmina Pless is Co-founder and CCO of Acodyne, developing heavy-weight, high-speed VTOL cargo drones for civil industry and defence. She leads commercial partnerships, investor relations and communications, drawing on previous experience in economic diplomacy in Silicon Valley, technology policy and financial regulation. She holds an MSc from Copenhagen Business School and is joining NSID to identify partners for Acodyne's expansion into Southeast Asia and build relationships with potential investors ahead of its next funding round.

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Kris Weylo, SemantiSys AS

CEO – Norway

Kris Weylo is Founder and CEO of SemantiSys, developing AI solutions for regulated aviation maintenance environments. With an MSc in Technical Communication and experience leading aircraft maintenance digitisation projects, he focuses on helping technicians navigate complex controlled documentation with verified and traceable answers. SemantiSys has received Innovation Norway funding and was named Best Startup in the Gründer Academy programme in Norway in 2025.

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Luis Aguilera, Energy Node AB

CEO – Sweden

Dr. Luis Aguilera is CEO and Co-founder of Energy Node, a Swedish climate tech company developing advanced materials for thermal management. With a PhD in materials science and experience spanning batteries, automotive engineering and aerospace electrification, he has worked in contexts connected to Volvo Cars and Heart Aerospace. Energy Node develops material solutions designed to make batteries, power electronics and energy systems safer, more efficient and sustainable.

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Mart Espenberg, JuttAI OÜ

CEO – Estonia

Mart Espenberg is a technology entrepreneur and engineering leader with more than 10 years of experience building technology teams and products, including at Insly and Telema. He is CEO of JuttAI OÜ and co-founded Type4Work after identifying a need for more efficient recruitment processes. The company uses technology to help recruiters save time and focus on candidates who are genuinely interested in an opportunity.

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Martin Voss, Mycro3D ApS

CEO & Co-Founder – Denmark

Martin Voss is CEO and Co-Founder of Mycro3D, a Danish deep-tech company developing high-precision microscale 3D printing. An engineer with a Master's in Nanotechnology from DTU, he has worked with the technology since its early research stage and co-founded Mycro3D to bring it to market. At NSID, he is looking for customers, investors and partners in areas such as MedTech, electronics and advanced manufacturing, while exploring expansion into Singapore and Asia.

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Martin Mascella, MASE HOME AS

CTO & Founder – Norway

Martin Mascella is CTO and Co-founder of MASE Home, an Oslo-based company building motorised, space-saving furniture that lets one room serve as bedroom, office and living space. Together with co-founder Susanne Sekkesæter, he has taken MASE from idea to products installed in homes and hotels in two and a half years, with partners including OBOS, A-Lab, Bane NOR, SPG and Ydalir Hotel, around 400 homes under contract, and the launch of its first consumer product, The Box. He has spoken at MIPIM, Arendalsuka and several Nordic conferences. At NSID, he is looking to connect with property developers, hospitality groups, smart-home and IoT players, and investors focused on the built environment, as MASE tests its fit in one of the world's most space-constrained housing markets.

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CEO – Finland

Digital transformation entrepreneur with an MA and MBA and experience in the field since 1995. As CEO of Citynomadi, Merja works with multimodal wayfinding and situational mapping solutions for complex urban, real-estate and industrial environments, helping organisations improve efficiency and safety while reducing emissions and generating valuable mobility data. She sees Singapore's dense urban environment, concentration of regional headquarters and connectivity to Southeast Asia as a strong opportunity for Citynomadi, and is particularly interested in strategic partnerships with real-estate owners and operators, event venues and industrial players.

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Michael Williams, Skanio Oy

COO - Finland

Michael Williams is Chief Operating Officer of Skanio, a Finnish company that has digitised the end-to-end survey of elevators and escalators, using LiDAR and AI to create as-built digital twins of existing equipment and buildings. Its patented technology and collaboration platform improve safety, quality and data accuracy while reducing site visits and equipment downtime. Michael brings more than 30 years of executive leadership experience across the UK, Europe and Asia-Pacific, including 15 years in UK board positions, and has lived and worked in the UK, Hong Kong, Finland, Belgium, Singapore and Australia. At NSID, he is looking to meet building owners, construction companies, facility managers, architects, consultants and elevator companies as Skanio expands into Singapore and Southeast Asia.

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CEO BlueRedGold, Co-Founder RadCap – Sweden

Nastaran Baleng-Soultani is CEO of BlueRedGold, revolutionizing sustainable saffron production through AI robotics and automation – delivering consistent high quality saffron year-round using no pesticides for nutraceutical, cosmetic and skin care industries. She is also Co-Founder of RadCap, Sweden's first investment company backed by 81 female investors focusing on female-founded companies. Named Top 50 Most Influential People in Tech in Sweden and Top 100 Impact Investor. Motivated to find investors and collaboration for BlueRedGold in Asia's alternative medicine market.

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Omar Khorshid, Aeronis AB

CEO – Sweden

Omar Khorshid is Founder and CEO of Aeronis, a Swedish deeptech company focused on AI edge computing, non-terrestrial networks and distributed autonomous systems. His background spans satellite communications, wireless technologies and international business development across Europe and the Middle East. His work focuses on translating advanced technology into applications across defence, energy, infrastructure and sustainability.

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Sampath Bommakanti, Kscale Robotics

CEO & Founder – Sweden

Sampath Bommakanti is CEO and Founder of Kscale Robotics, bringing 20 years of experience from the electronics industry, including roles at STMicroelectronics, Sony and Nilfisk. His background spans product management, technology development and bringing advanced solutions closer to market. Through Kscale Robotics, he is focused on applying robotics and automation to real-world industrial challenges and is joining NSID to explore partnerships and opportunities for international growth.

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Sarunas Stanaitis, Inion software

CEO – Lithuania

Dr. Šarūnas Stanaitis is CEO of Inion Software, an AI driven energy management company optimizing battery storage and renewable energy assets. With a PhD and more than 15 years of experience in energy, automation, and industrial scaling, he has led the company to manage over 800 MW across 1,000 renewable energy plants globally. He is joining NSID to expand into Singapore and Southeast Asia, build strategic partnerships with investors and energy stakeholders, and support the region's green transition through AI powered grid optimization and cybersecurity.

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Sayan Kundu, Bluehills OÜ

CEO – Estonia

Sayan Kundu is CEO of Bluehills, an AI-powered operations and automation company helping businesses improve efficiency and scale through intelligent workflows. With experience from the University of Tartu and eToro, he works at the intersection of technology, operations and business processes. His focus is on making AI and automation practical and accessible for organisations seeking sustainable growth.

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Tatjana Paulauskiene, INOBIOSTAR

CEO & Founder- Lithuania

Professor and Chief Researcher at Klaipeda University and Founder & CEO of INOBIOSTAR, a deep tech company developing sustainable bio-based solutions for environmental protection. With expertise in chemical and environmental engineering, she leads the commercialization of the patented InnoAerogel® technology for oil spill remediation, supported by a €2.3 million EIC Accelerator grant. Recognized through Women TechEU and the Baltic Sustainability Awards, she is joining NSID to establish strategic partnerships, raise investment, and expand into Singapore's maritime and sustainability ecosystem.

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Tien-Jen Chang, Mycro3D ApS

COO & Co-Founder – Denmark

Dr. Tien-Jen Chang is Co-founder and COO of Mycro3D, specialising in high-precision 3D printing for advanced applications in medical devices, electronics and mechanical components. He holds a PhD in Health Technology from DTU, where he co-invented an advanced microscale 3D printing technology, and brings interdisciplinary experience from academia, R&D, semiconductor manufacturing and technical sales. Mycro3D sees a strong fit with Singapore's advanced manufacturing ecosystem and its role as a gateway to Asian and global markets. Through NSID, Tien-Jen is looking to connect with industry partners, potential customers and strategic investors as the company expands and raises capital.

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Windi Muziasari, Resistomap Oy

Founder & CEO – Finland

Dr. Windi Muziasari is Founder and CEO of Resistomap, developing a water biosecurity platform for antimicrobial resistance monitoring. She holds a PhD in Microbial Biotechnology from the University of Helsinki and has more than 15 years of experience in environmental AMR and bacterial pathogen monitoring. Resistomap provides data-driven solutions supporting governments, utilities, food producers and industries in safeguarding water quality, public health and biosafety.

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Investors



Andrus Oks, Tera Ventures

Founding Partner – Estonia

Founding Partner at Tera Ventures, with more than 15 years of venture capital experience across three funds, 45 portfolio companies, and nine successful exits, including GrabCAD. A former tech entrepreneur, he takes a hands on approach to supporting founders and currently manages investments in leading European startups. He is joining NSID to strengthen relationships with Singaporean investors, explore investment opportunities for Tera Ventures and its portfolio companies, and expand the firm's network in Southeast Asia.

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Anna Blomdell, RadCap

Partner – Sweden

Anna Blomdell is Partner at RadCap, a network of 80 female angel investors backing female-founded startups at pre-seed. Through her consultancy, she supports early-stage tech companies in product, commercial and AI matters. She holds an MSc in Engineering from Lund Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Architecture from KTH. Notable achievements include CMO of the Year in Travel by Resumé and shipping full-stack applications with AI tools. Believes in democratizing the art of building and bringing more diversity into tech, AI, and venture capital.

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Aurore Belfrage, Sustechable

Partner & Moderator – Sweden

Aurore Belfrage is a tech investor, geopolitical risk advisor, and sustainability strategist working at the intersection of technology, the energy transition, and international affairs. She is co-founder of the green tech think tank SusTechable, co-author of books on climate and emerging technologies, and an active investor in renewable energy and energy efficiency. She is joining NSID to identify promising clean tech innovations, connect with founders, and build partnerships with investors for co-investment opportunities in the energy transition.

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Elin Myrström, Myrström Capital

Founder, mentor and investor – Sweden

Elin Myrström is the founder of Myrström Capital, where she invests in and mentors early-stage founders. She is also a co-founder of The Atelier, a Nordic-Baltic venture studio accelerating high-potential startups through mentorship, networks, and capital. Her experience spans entrepreneurship, sales leadership, angel investing, and board work. She connects founders and investors across the Nordics, the UAE, and beyond, and joins NSID to meet forward-thinking entrepreneurs, build partnerships with investors and ecosystem leaders in Singapore, and create international growth opportunities for Nordic-Baltic founders.

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Juha Rantala, Pibond

Founder – Finland

Dr. Juha Rantala is a serial entrepreneur and early-stage investor with a 25-year track record of taking frontier materials science from the lab into the world's most demanding industrial supply chains. A pioneer in materials for semiconductors and photonics, he has built and scaled multiple companies, including one of the few independent suppliers of inorganic EUV lithography materials at the most advanced chip manufacturing nodes. Beyond his own ventures, he has backed and helped build companies across photonics technology, plant photobiology, photodynamic oral health, and rapid diagnostics.

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Mart Maasik, Nordic Science Investments

Partner – Estonia

Mart Maasik is Partner at Nordic Science Investments, a venture capital investor and innovation ecosystem leader. With a strong background in empowering science-driven startups, he brings experience in bridging academia, entrepreneurship, and capital to accelerate deeptech growth.

Motivation: Mart participates in NSID to strengthen cross-border investment opportunities and to support Nordic and Baltic science-based startups in scaling globally.

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May Hald, Investigate VC



Global Head of IR – Norway

Norwegian Singaporean strategy advisor and innovation ecosystem builder with more than 12 years of experience supporting startups, research organizations, and public sector actors. She has helped secure over NOK 100 million in funding, build innovation districts, and guide startups on international growth. She is joining NSID to expand APAC investor relationships for a Nordic VC, connect portfolio companies with capital and corporate partners in Singapore, and strengthen long term collaboration between the Nordic and Singaporean innovation ecosystems.

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Morten Kroslid, SIRPUTIS UAB

CEO & Co-Founder – Lithuania

Morten Kroslid is a Norwegian entrepreneur and investor with more than 20 years of experience building international businesses. He has founded or co-founded over 20 companies, completed four exits and raised €25 million from investors and grants. Through Kroslid Invest, he backs technology and industrial innovation across defence, ocean technology and sustainable materials, including Sirputis and SargasFoam, which turn seaweed into bio-based products such as protective packaging. At NSID, he is seeking co-investment opportunities and partners for local production and market development in Southeast Asia.

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Merilyn Kesküla, 5F Capital

Founder, Advisor & Ecosystem Builder - Estonia

Merilyn Kesküla is an Estonian business leader, advisor and ecosystem builder with experience spanning corporate innovation, venture building, fundraising and international impact. She is the co-founder of The Atelier - an impact venture studio for high-potential Nordic-Baltic founders that focuses on strategic mentorship, access to global networks and aligned capital. With experience in building cross-border, cross-vertical partnerships, she has established relationships within Singapore's sustainability and ESG ecosystem and joining NSID to strengthen ties between the Nordic-Baltic and Southeast Asian innovation communities. She is particularly looking to connect with investors, family offices and ecosystem builders to create international growth opportunities for Nordic-Baltic impact, climate and deeptech ventures.

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My Ewrelius Ryde, Scania Venture Capital

Investor, Venture Capital – Sweden

My Ewrelius Ryde invests at Scania Venture Capital in startups across energy, circularity, autonomy and deep tech. With a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Strategic Management, she previously worked in strategy consulting and co-ran the Global Change Award startup accelerator supporting early-stage innovations in scaling. Motivated to connect with regional startups and investors, explore how Scania's portfolio could benefit from Singapore and APAC partners, and scale presence in the region while creating synergies with Scania Group.

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Peter Risborg, FFFFFFFH HOLDING ApS

Investor - Denmark

Peter Risborg is a Copenhagen-based investor and startup advisor with a background in digital entrepreneurship. He founded and scaled UX consultancy Sorthvid before merging it with global digital agency Dept, where he served as Managing Director. At NSID, he is looking to connect with the Asian startup and investment ecosystem and explore early-stage investment and co-investment opportunities, particularly in digital technology and sustainable innovation.

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Ragne Maasel, Oyster Bay Venture Capital

Head of Impact / Impact Investor – Estonia

Ragne Maasel leads Impact and Sustainability at Oyster Bay Venture Capital, a food and agriculture-focused VC fund investing out of a €110M fund (Fund II). With around 10 years of sustainability experience across finance and investment – including ESG, impact strategy, and organisational development – she focuses on connecting capital with exceptional founders building solutions that strengthen food systems, climate resilience, and sustainable supply chains. Her aim is to help the fund break beyond geographical blind spots, explore Nordic food and ag tech and Asian markets, and build strategic partnerships for portfolio companies.

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Participating Ecosystem



Alexander Myers, LUT University

Grant Writer – Finland

Alexander Myers works at LUT University at the intersection of deeptech commercialisation, entrepreneurial education and ecosystem development. After experience with grant-funded cleantech startups and research-to-business projects, his work evolved into doctoral research on deeptech commercialisation strategies. He teaches science-based venture creation and is developing the BRIDGE initiative, a Finnish deeptech ecosystem built around entrepreneurial training for scientists and engineers. He is joining NSID to benchmark international models, develop partnerships and strengthen connections between Finnish and Singaporean research-commercialisation ecosystems.

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Anders G Nilsson, Ideon Science Park

CEO – Sweden

Anders G Nilsson is CEO of Ideon Science Park in Lund, one of Europe's leading tech and deep-tech innovation environments. With a background in entrepreneurship, business development and international innovation, he works to connect research, industry, investors and startups. At NSID, he is looking to build partnerships between Singapore and southern Sweden, particularly in semiconductors, defence and dual-use, space, energy and research commercialisation.

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Andzs Melderis, Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA)

Project Coordinator - Latvia

Andzs Melderis is Senior Expert and Project Coordinator at the Investment and Development Agency of Latvia (LIAA), where he works with innovation policy, internationalisation and EU-funded programmes supporting Latvia's Smart Specialisation Strategy. With a background spanning the energy sector, public administration and EU project development, he also represents LIAA in TAFTIE, the European network of innovation agencies.

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Anu Puusaag, Tallinn Science & Business Park Tehnopol

Head of Deep Tech and Digital Technologies – Estonia

Anu Puusaag is an innovation strategist and ecosystem leader at Tehnopol Science and Business Park, one of the leading innovation hubs in the Baltic region. She specialises in connecting startups, corporations, public sector organisations, and research institutions to accelerate the adoption of emerging technologies. She has been instrumental in building the Deep Tech Startup Network in Estonia and has led international projects to create opportunities for Estonian startups abroad.

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Christina E. Wanscher, University of Southern Denmark

Innovation & Commercialisation Manager / Board Member — Denmark

A business developer at the University of Southern Denmark (SDU), working with researchers to turn innovative ideas into solutions with value and impact, with a strong focus on deep tech, technology transfer, commercialization, and spinout creation. A Registered Technology Transfer Professional (RTTP), she serves on the boards of SDU spin-out Airband Solutions and regional energy company Energi Fyn. She is passionate about connecting research, business, and society through mission-driven innovation.

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CEO & Board Member – Estonia

Eve Peeterson is CEO and Board Member of Tallinn Business Incubator, where she is leading its transformation from a creative industries incubator into a broader platform for scalable entrepreneurship and cross-industry collaboration. She has extensive leadership experience and has spent the past five years strengthening Estonia's startup ecosystem through Startup Estonia and Enterprise Estonia. A recent Humphrey Fellow at Vanderbilt University, she is joining NSID to exchange practices with other ecosystem leaders and explore models for entrepreneurship infrastructure and international collaboration.

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20+ years' experience in technology, business development, and international relations. Worked in Sweden, Norway, and Africa. At Nordic Innovation, focuses on internationalization and capital attraction.

Motivation: Strengthen Nordic presence in Singapore, connect with innovation partners, attract investments.

Networks: Nordic Innovation House, Nordic cooperation platforms.

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Ingi Jonasson, Science Park Skövde

CEO – Sweden

Ingi Jonasson is CEO of Science Park Skövde with a background in computer science, academia, and nearly two decades in fintech software development. He leads one of Sweden's leading innovation ecosystems, with strengths in smart industry, digitalisation, sustainability, and game development through Sweden Game Arena. He is joining NSID to build long-term partnerships, explore opportunities for sustainable industrial transformation, and connect Nordic startups and innovation ecosystems with Singaporean corporates, investors, and public sector partners.

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Jari Rask, Lahti Region Development LADEC Ltd

Head of Business Development - Finland

Head of Business Development, Sport & Wellbeing at LADEC, a non-profit vitality and business development company in the Lahti Region, Finland. LADEC supports entrepreneurs and companies with starting up, growth, development, and internationalization — serving around 1,200 companies and helping establish over 250 new businesses last year. His focus is Smart Venues (stadiums and arenas), and he leads the Lahti Sports Hub cluster, northern Europe's leading sport and wellbeing business network.

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Joakim Skog, Vinnova Silicon Valley

Head of Operations & Strategy - Sweden / Silicon Valley

Strategic Foresight Lead at Vinnova's Silicon Valley office, where he explores emerging technologies and future trends to inform innovation strategy. With a background in computer science, neurology, and cognitive psychology, he has led teams focused on strategic foresight and early stage technology funding, and previously served as Head of Innovation at Bisnode. He is joining NSID as a speaker, moderator, and bridge builder, strengthening connections between the Nordic and Singaporean innovation ecosystems.

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Johan Lilliecreutz, Linköping University Holding

CEO – Sweden

Johan Lilliecreutz is CEO of Linköping University Holding, with more than 25 years of experience across venture creation, business development, scale-up and academic innovation. He holds a PhD in Industrial Marketing from Linköping University and completed postdoctoral work at MIT. His work connects academia, industry, entrepreneurs and venture capital, with particular experience in university spin-offs. At NSID, he is interested in creating pathways to Asia for research-based startups and exploring models for pre-seed financing, scaling and deeptech commercialisation.

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Jonas Michanek, SISP / MINC

VP Incubation / Chairman – Sweden

Jonas Michanek is VP Incubation at SISP (Swedish Incubators & Science Parks), Sweden's national association for incubators and science parks, and Chairman of the Board at Minc. A serial entrepreneur and author on creativity and innovation, he works to strengthen Sweden's innovation ecosystem by supporting the creation, funding and scaling of innovative companies. He is particularly focused on increasing collaboration between the innovation ecosystems of Sweden, Singapore and Asia.

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Karin Nilsson, Innovatum Science Park

Strategic Head of Space & Defence - Sweden

An internationally recognized innovation leader, entrepreneur, and board director with 20+ years driving innovation across space, defence, AI, edge computing, satellite communications, advanced manufacturing, and dual-use technologies. Currently Strategic Head of Defence & Space at Innovatum Science Park, she earlier founded and led Spaceport Sweden, one of Europe's pioneering New Space initiatives. She holds an Executive MBA from Henley Business School and executive training from Singularity University, and has been named Tech Woman of the Year (Sweden) and among Singapore's Top 100 Women in Tech.

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Karin Rydén, Vinnova

Head of Department – Sweden

Karin Rydén studied urban and regional planning at Stockholm University and has more than 20 years of experience from different governmental agencies focusing on international cooperation, business development, and innovation. As Head of Department for International Cooperation at Vinnova, Sweden's Innovation Agency, she is responsible for bilateral global cooperation to establish and develop more international cooperation within research and innovation in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. Professional experience from cooperation with Canada, Brazil, India, and EU.

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Karin Vangstad, Karlstad Innovation Park

CEO – Sweden

Karin Vangstad is CEO of Karlstad Innovation Park, developing what she calls an innovation destination to attract investments, collaborations, and showcase innovation. With a background in business administration and extensive leadership experience, she is a strategic ecosystem builder with a particular focus on bioeconomy, climate benefits, and women's entrepreneurship. Karlstad Innovation Park is on a journey from physical hub to international platform for green transition and deep tech, aligned with Sweden's Innovation Parliament 2027. Motivated to build long-term Nordic-Asian partnerships and attract investment back to Sweden.

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Katrin Kepp, Estonian University of Life Sciences

Head of the Department of Innovation and Knowledge Transfer – Estonia

Katrin Kepp leads the Department of Innovation and Knowledge Transfer at the Estonian University of Life Sciences. She holds a PhD in Genetics and a cum laude Master's in Environmental Management and Policy. Throughout her career she has worked at the intersection of science, innovation, and research management, supporting knowledge transfer, commercialisation of research, and academic spin-offs. She has led national and international initiatives in bioeconomy, sustainability, and innovation ecosystems.

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Laima Balčiūnė, Sunrise Tech Park

CEO - Lithuania

Dr. Laima Balčiūnė is CEO of Sunrise Tech Park and founder of the Cleantech Lithuania cluster. With a PhD in Informatics Engineering and more than a decade of experience in innovation management, she has helped build Lithuania's cleantech and digital innovation ecosystems, connecting startups, researchers, businesses and policymakers. She has served on the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) and advised Lithuania's Ministry of Economy and Innovation. She is active in networks including the Lithuanian Business Angels Network, the DeepTech Alliance and Cleantech for Baltics. At NSID, she aims to connect Baltic, Nordic and Singaporean ecosystems around cleantech, climate tech and industrial decarbonisation.

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Mattias Wiggberg, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Associate Professor (docent), AI & Digital Transformation – Sweden

Mattias Wiggberg is Associate Professor (docent) in the Management of Digital Transformation and AI at KTH Royal Institute of Technology. His research focuses on AI deployment, governance and the institutional capabilities required to translate AI into economic and societal value. He leads major research and policy initiatives on AI transformation, skills and regulatory experimentation, working across government, industry and academia. Wiggberg has built an extensive Sweden–Singapore network across government, academia and the innovation ecosystem, which he is now developing into a platform for joint research, AI deployment and policy experimentation.

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Merle Antson, sTARUp Day

CEO - Estonia

CEO of sTARtUp Day, one of the leading startup and innovation platforms in the Baltic region, connecting founders, researchers, investors, corporations, and policymakers. Before sTARtUp Day she spent 5.5 years at Wise, building and scaling the outsourcing function across international teams. She now leads the platform's evolution from a flagship annual event (3,000+ participants) into a year-round platform focused on science-powered entrepreneurship, deep tech, and cross-border collaboration between the Baltic, Nordic, and global ecosystems.

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Nils Arne Haagensen, Nordic Innovation

Senior Communication Adviser - Norway

Nils Arne Haagenzen is Senior Communication Adviser at Nordic Innovation. He has more than 20 years of experience in web, content and communications across the private sector and has spent the past four years working with Nordic cooperation and initiatives that promote entrepreneurship, innovation and sustainable growth across the region. He holds a Master's degree in Mass Communication from Bond University in Australia.

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Richard Hellborg, Vinnova

Head of Unit - Sweden

Head of Unit for Societal Development at Vinnova, Sweden's innovation agency, leading the strategic area Futureproof Society. He works at the intersection of policy, innovation, and execution – mobilising public, private, and academic actors to move from strategy to measurable impact. His focus spans resilient urban systems, sustainable mobility, and the transformation of health and food systems. Most recently he initiated and leads a national innovation programme for civil defence together with the Swedish Civil Defence and Resilience Agency (MCF), strengthening societal resilience through innovation and collaboration.

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Roberts Alhimionoks, Latvian Startup Association

CEO - Latvia

CEO of the Latvian Startup Association (Startin.LV), with experience across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Educated at Queen Mary University of London and University College London (UCL), she also serves on the boards of Transparency International Latvia's affiliate Delna and the Latvian Civic Alliance. She is joining NSID as Latvia's official observer to explore future participation and strengthen collaboration between the Latvian and Singaporean innovation ecosystems.

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Sóley Heradóttir Hammer, Hugskotið

Director – Faroe Islands

Sóley Heradóttir Hammer is Director of Hugskotið, Tórshavn's innovation hub, and founder of Tonik, the international tech and arts conference in the Faroe Islands. She holds an MA in Law and a BA in Political Science, working at the intersection of entrepreneurship, innovation, and ecosystem building. She serves as council member of the Faroe Islands' Council of Research, Development and Innovation, and is a Substitute board member of Nordic Innovation under the Nordic Council of Ministers. Motivated to strengthen cross-border collaboration and bring concrete partnerships for Faroe Islands startups.

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Súsanna Laursen, Hugskotið / TONIK

Project Manager / Advisor / Founder – Faroe Islands

Súsanna Laursen holds a Master's degree in Urban Planning and Business Studies and a Bachelor's in Political Science. She works at the intersection of entrepreneurship, innovation, and ecosystem building, supporting founders from early ideas to international growth. She runs a business angel network and is part of a Nordic/Arctic business angel network. Active in networks in the Faroe Islands, contributing to creating environments where early-stage ventures can thrive and scale. Motivated to explore Singapore as a new market and make connections for a potential future delegation.

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Tobias Studer Andersson, Nordic Innovation

Senior Ecosystem Innovation Advisor – Sweden

Tobias Studer Andersson is Senior Ecosystem Innovation Advisor at Nordic Innovation. After almost 20 years in business, including serving as Group Innovation Director at Sopra Steria, he joined Nordic Innovation in August 2026. His work focuses on strengthening the Nordics' position as one of the world's most relevant regions for innovation, green solutions and capital, connecting innovation capabilities across countries and helping build the conditions for Nordic companies and ecosystems to compete globally.

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Veronika Papko, Cleantech Lithuania (Sunrise Tech Park)

Project Manager – Lithuania

Veronika Papko is Project Manager at Sunrise Tech Park, where she coordinates the Cleantech Lithuania cluster and supports the growth and internationalisation of Lithuania's cleantech ecosystem. She builds partnerships, organises international business missions and connects startups and companies with partners and markets, and is active in networks such as Cleantech for Baltics, ECCP and BioBoosters. At NSID, she aims to connect the Lithuanian cleantech ecosystem with investors, corporates and innovation agencies in Singapore.

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Viktor Olsson, KTH Royal Institute of Technology

Internationalisation Lead – Sweden

Viktor Olsson is Internationalisation Lead at KTH Innovation, part of KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm. He works at the intersection of deep tech commercialisation and international partnership development, connecting universities, startups, and innovation ecosystems across Europe, Asia and beyond. Viktor drives KTH Innovation's international strategy and partnerships, and leads workshops using the KTH IRL framework for early-stage innovation development and ecosystem activation, helping startups and research-based ventures accelerate their path to market.

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Anneli Arm, Estonian Innovation and Business Agency

Project Executive – Estonia

Anneli Arm is Project Executive at the Estonian Innovation and Business Agency and an experienced global event and internationalisation professional with more than 15 years of experience across international markets. She supports Estonian companies on their global growth journey by creating international platforms, events and partnerships. Her work brings together companies, embassies, industry stakeholders and business networks to showcase Estonian innovation, strengthen international cooperation and contribute to export growth.

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Annette Østergaard Jørgensen, Embassy of Denmark in Singapore

Head of Public Diplomacy & Partnerships – Denmark

Annette Østergaard Jørgensen is Head of Public Diplomacy & Partnerships at the Embassy of Denmark in Singapore, responsible for public diplomacy activities and communication, as well as partnerships between government entities, research institutions, and other organizations in Singapore and Denmark. She joined the Embassy in 2021 after a long career at the Danish Business Authority, where she worked from 2007 as section leader, team leader and most recently Chief Advisor, covering EU affairs, international affairs and trade policy. Her experience spans international trade, EU affairs, digital and business policy. She holds a degree in Political Science from the University of Copenhagen and has lived and studied in the US, Australia, Bangladesh and the Netherlands.

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Arunas Karlonas, Embassy of Lithuania

Trade Counsellor – Lithuania

Arunas Karlonas is Lithuania's Commercial Attaché in Singapore, with a background spanning business administration, technology transfer, innovation management and diplomacy. Before entering the diplomatic service, he served as Director General of Lithuania's Innovation Agency, leading initiatives to strengthen technological innovation nationally. In Singapore, he works to advance international trade and innovation collaboration, combining extensive experience from both innovation policy and diplomacy to connect Lithuanian companies and institutions with opportunities in the region.

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Elijah Aldana Silverman, Ignite Nordic

Head of International Projects – Sweden

Elijah Aldana Silverman is Head of International Projects at Ignite Nordic, a non-profit organization focused on connecting innovative startups to corporates and the public sector to solve some of the world's greatest challenges. He brings a background in international business development, working for a San Francisco based corporate and a Singaporean startup before joining Ignite. Having missions and clients in countries across the Americas, APAC, and EMEA, he participates to expand Ignite's international collaborations and connect Nordic startups with global corporates in Singapore.

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Cozette Wachtmeister-Zeito, Ignite Nordic

Key Partner Manager and Project Manager– Sweden

Cozette Wachtmeister-Zeito is Key Partner Manager and Project Manager at Ignite Nordic. A Swedish entrepreneur with more than 15 years of experience starting, running and scaling companies, she has also worked as a sustainability management consultant. Today she serves as an advisor, board member and business coach across a portfolio of Nordic startups, helping founders commercialise and grow their businesses. With an extensive network across the Nordic startup ecosystem, she is joining NSID to support the participating startups and help them make the most of their connections in Singapore.

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Elina Puskarzewicz, Business Finland

Head of Decarbonized Cities Program - Finland



Elina Puskarzewicz is an expert in internationalization and sustainable business, currently leading the Decarbonized Cities Program at Business Finland, the Finnish innovation funding and trade promotion organization. The program aims to enhance Finland's competitiveness and boost exports by developing solutions for global carbon-neutrality challenges. Elina's work focuses on establishing long-term partnerships with cities like Singapore, Los Angeles, and Madrid to address issues related to the mobility, built environment, and energy. A key goal is to activate Finnish companies for global growth and innovation while fostering cross-industrial networks.

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Goda Kacileviciute, Innovation Agency Lithuania

ManuFuture Lab Coordinator – Lithuania

Goda Kacileviciute works at Innovation Agency Lithuania as ManuFuture Lab Coordinator, facilitating collaboration across Lithuania's innovation ecosystem with a particular interest in circular economy and sustainable innovation. With a background in politics and experience spanning culture, entrepreneurship and innovation, she has worked on initiatives ranging from a European Capital of Culture project to building a university startup hub. Her work focuses on connecting people, ideas and opportunities and strengthening collaboration across the innovation ecosystem.

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Joanna Boquist, Vinnova / Embassy of Sweden

Innovation Counsellor – Sweden

Joanna Boquist is Innovation Counsellor at the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore. Her mission is to connect the Swedish and Singaporean innovation ecosystems to create more innovation collaborations and enhance innovation capabilities for a green, resilient and digital future. With 15+ years of experience promoting international collaborations with Sweden, she holds an Engineering Degree in Physics from Lund University and an MBA from Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Professional experience from Israel, Poland, India, China and Hong Kong.

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Johanna-Riinu Annuk, Estonian Embassy in Singapore

Chief Innovation & Tech Advisor – Estonia

Johanna-Riinu Annuk serves as Chief Innovation & Tech Advisor at the Estonian Embassy in Singapore, strengthening diplomatic, economic, and innovation ties between Estonia and Southeast Asia and supporting Estonian companies on their journey into regional markets.

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Joona Selin, Embassy of Finland in Singapore

Trade & Innovation Counsellor – Finland

Joona Selin is Trade & Innovation Counsellor at the Embassy of Finland in Singapore, where he develops trade and innovation partnerships between Finland, the Nordics, Singapore and ASEAN. With a background in economics, sustainable business and international collaboration, he has lived and worked across several regions and focuses particularly on partnerships addressing sustainability and climate challenges. He is joining NSID to deepen connections between Finnish and Singaporean startup and investor ecosystems and build cross-border public-private collaboration.

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Katarina Bennich, SISP

Project Manager – Sweden

Katarina Bennich is Project Manager at SISP and leads Nordic Singapore Innovation Days. With a background in communications, partnerships, and international projects, she has worked across Sweden, Silicon Valley, and Europe to build innovation ecosystems and support startups and scaleups. She participates to strengthen Nordic-Singapore ties and to ensure that NSID creates lasting opportunities for startups, investors, and ecosystems.

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Karolina Urbonaitė, Startup Lithuania | Innovation Agency Lithuania

Head of Startup Lithuania – Lithuania

Karolina Urbonaitė is Head of Startup Lithuania at Innovation Agency Lithuania, where she works to strengthen the country's startup ecosystem through founder support, investor readiness and international growth. She brings a global perspective from Plug and Play Tech Center in Silicon Valley, where she supported early-stage startups and worked with corporates such as Nike, Colgate and IGT. Her focus is on making Lithuanian startups more competitive, building international partnerships and positioning Lithuania as the fastest-growing startup ecosystem in Central and Eastern Europe. At NSID, she aims to connect Lithuanian, Nordic and Singaporean innovation communities and engage with VCs, corporate innovation leaders and government agencies.

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Ragnar Thorvardarson, Embassy of Iceland

Deputy Head of Mission – Iceland

Ragnar Thorvardarson is Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Iceland in Tokyo, also accredited to Singapore. Since joining Iceland's diplomatic service in 2016, he has worked across trade and investment promotion, Arctic affairs, public diplomacy and multilateral cooperation, including postings to the UN in New York and UNESCO in Paris. He holds an MA from SOAS University of London and a BSc from Copenhagen Business School.

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Sasan Shaba, SISP

VP Philanthropy & International Cooperation – Sweden

Sasan Shaba is VP Philanthropy & International Cooperation at Swedish Incubators & Science Parks (SISP). With 15 years of experience in the Swedish Innovation Ecosystem, he has a global outlook, having worked in Silicon Valley and key markets like Germany, France, Brazil, and India. Previously as Senior Portfolio Manager at the Swedish Energy Agency, he supported over 250 Swedish Cleantech and Energy startups. Dedicated to making significant impact on climate and people through pioneering and improving services and products.

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Vaido Mikheim, Startup Estonia

Head of Startup Estonia – Estonia

Vaido Mikheim took over as Head of Startup Estonia in late 2024 and brings 15 years of ecosystem experience. Before that, he was DeepTech Sector Project Lead at Startup Estonia, and he has previously worked at Tartu Science Park, sTARTUp Day and Tartu Demo Centre. His background spans sales, manufacturing, strategy and startups, as well as roles in science parks and public speaking. He argues that the next chapter for Estonia will depend on turning research into companies, scaling deep tech and thinking beyond national borders, and he is joining NSID to strengthen ties between the Estonian and Singaporean startup ecosystems.

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