

# Nordic Singapore Innovation Days

October 28–October 30, 2024

# Startups Fostering Sustainable Innovation

In October, a Nordic delegation will travel to Singapore for Nordic Singapore Innovation Days 2024. A group of founders, investors, family offices, and incubators with strong focus on climate impact and commitment to green innovations between the Nordic countries and Singapore.

As part of the delegation, we will host three events. The Nordic Singapore Innovation Days Conference, Win the Future Conference, and an in person matchmaking with startups, providing participating corporates and investors the opportunity to meet Nordic startups, as well as connect with other companies from the delegation in tailored one-on-one meetings.

Sweden Singapore Innovation Days is organized by Vinnova, SISP, Ignite Sweden, Business Sweden, Nordic Innovation House, Business Finland, SG Innovate and Enterprise Singapore.

## EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: October 28-29

LOCATION: Singapore

Held at

**SWITCH**  
SINGAPORE WEEK OF  
INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY



# Organisers

## Vinnova

Vinnova is Sweden's innovation agency. For us, innovation is about bold thinking and doing things differently to improve people's lives and our planet. We believe innovation is needed everywhere in society. This will make Sweden competitive and our world a different place. Vinnova is a government agency under the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, and the national contact authority for the EU framework programme for research and innovation. We're also the Swedish Government's expert authority in innovation policy.

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## SISP

Swedish Incubators and Science Parks (SISP) is Sweden's industry association for incubators and science parks. Through strong collaboration between members (incubators and science parks) and Sweden's leading universities, innovations offices, holding companies, private sector actors, public organizations, and customers, SISP aim to develop the world's most effective innovation ecosystem to tackle today's biggest challenges.

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## Ignite Sweden

Ignite Sweden is a non-profit program that aims at catalyzing commercial partnerships between startups, large companies and the public sector. Since 2017, it has tailored more than 7000 matchmaking meetings between 1700+ startups and 400+ corporates and public organizations, resulting in over 610 commercial collaborations. The program is led by SISP - Swedish Incubators & Science Parks, and co-funded by Vinnova and Energimyndigheten.

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# Co-organisers

## 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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## Nordic Innovation House

Nordic Innovation House is a collaborative initiative representing the Nordic countries, serving as a bridge between the Nordic region and global innovation hotspots. Supported by Nordic Innovation, the organization brings Nordic entrepreneurship, values, and business practices to the global innovation ecosystem. Nordic Innovation House unites the most forward-thinking entrepreneurs, fostering connections and collaboration.

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## Business Finland

Business Finland helps customer companies grow and succeed globally by developing future-oriented solutions and boldly renewing business operations. The organization fosters collaboration between companies and research groups, enabling the creation of international business ecosystems. Business Finland's mission is to make Finland the most attractive and competitive innovation environment.

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# Supporting Partners

## 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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# Agenda

## Day 1 – October 28: Inauguration Day

Inauguration of Nordic Innovation Days conference with key actors from The Nordics and Singapore

Roundtable discussions with peers on topics including innovation, investment, startup and a greener tomorrow.

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## Day 2 – October 29: Win the Future and Matchmaking

Win the Future – Corporations and MNE:s team up with world renown climate researchers in three global innovation hubs to accelerate the path to their ambitiously set SBTi targets.

Matchmaking session with 1:1 meetings to discuss potential business collaborations.

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## Day 3 – October 30: SWITCH and Win the Future

Participation in SWITCH – Singapore’s premier innovation event.

Site visits around SWITCH.

# Joining organisations and companies

Investors



Incubators



Startups



Organisers & Partners



# Participating

Investors







## Nastaran Baleng-Soultani, RadCap

Nastaran has over 15 years of experience in innovation and business development. With a business degree, her career spans from working in large global companies to founding and running her own startups. She is the Co-Founder of Space Academy and RadCap. Her passion for driving development and increasing diversity in both tech and the investment industry has earned her accolades, including being listed among the Top 50 Most Influential in Tech and being named Digital Rising Star of the Year. Today, Nastaran works with RadCap, an investment company by women, for women. Additionally, she is involved in venture development, supporting entrepreneurs with operational and strategic guidance.

### **Industry**

Pre-seed to seed stages

### **Location**

Stockholm

### **Website**

### **LinkedIn Profile**



## Christopher Engman, Megadeals International

Christopher has founded 11 companies and invested in another 10, demonstrating his extensive experience in entrepreneurship and investment. His ventures have led to one IPO and three trade sales. Currently, he is mostly active in companies such as Megadeals.com, Engrate.io, Minestorage.com, Venizum.com, Qurator.com, and Forestcarb.com, which span a mix of SaaS and Climate tech sectors. Known as a large deal specialist, Christopher was named the most connected person in the Nordics by LinkedIn a few years ago.

**Industry**  
SaaS and Climate Tech

**Location**  
Stockholm

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## Jonas Lind, Megadeals International

Jonas Lind has 20 years of experience as a Group CEO and CEO, with a proven track record in managing portfolios of companies. He has also served as a Board Member and Advisor, and is the co-founder of four companies. As the creator of High Impact Management, Jonas Lind specializes in company transformations and turnarounds, startups and scaleups, mergers and acquisitions, and international expansion.

### Industry

B2B and Climate Tech

### Location

Stockholm

### Website

### LinkedIn Profile



## Boel Swartling, FEMBRIS Ventures

Boel holds a Master's degree in International Business with additional studies in Psychology. She is the co-founder of a scale-up company specializing in EV charging equipment and serves on the boards of technology and industrial technology scale-up companies. Boel also founded Sweden's largest capital market day for non-listed greentech companies. In 2021, she was recognized as Taycan of the Year by the financial publication Realtid for being the best female entrepreneur. Currently, Boel advises a private equity company focused on brown-to-green conversion, serves as a greentech industry advisor to the boutique investment bank Vator Securities, and works part-time as a coach at Sting, Sweden's largest tech incubator.

**Industry**  
Climate & Energy

**Location**  
Stockholm

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## Oliver Victor Pawela, tidir & First Ventures

Oliver Victor Pawela has deep expertise in renewable energy and finance, with over 10 years of experience in international renewable energy projects. In 2010, he co-founded Viatron, a wind power service provider that he IPO'd in 2013, leveraging advanced patents, EU grants, and unique technology. He has also worked on large-scale infrastructure projects with companies like Vestas, GE, and Siemens, installing over 1GW of power. Since 2017, Oliver Victor Pawela has been a strategic consultant for energy companies and funds, focusing on offshore wind farms with investments exceeding 11 billion SEK. He is currently a partner at Greenfield Infrastructure Partners and is establishing Tidir. He holds a dual degree in International Business and Management from the Stockholm School of Economics and the University of St. Gallen.

### Industry

Infrastructure, Renewable Energy & Space Tech

### Location

Stockholm

### Website

### LinkedIn Profile



## Mikael Rydle, tidir & First Ventures

Mikael Rydle is a seasoned entrepreneur with a passion for business and innovation. Coming from a family of entrepreneurs within manufacturing, Mikael Rydle gained early exposure to the factory floor and large-scale production. Thru his career Mikael Rydle has gained extensive experience in scale-up processes, procurement, manufacturing, and distribution. He has co-founded several startups, taking the lead in transforming ideas from the initial concept stage to fully marketable products. Before venturing into entrepreneurship, he held key roles as a Sales Manager and General Manager, where he often led teams of over 100 individuals. For the last six years, Mikael Rydle has been involved in venture capital as an Investment Manager, focusing on sustainability investments.

### Industry

Infrastructure, Renewable Energy & Space Tech

### Location

Stockholm

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## Cozette Wachtmeister-Zeito, 2050 Consulting & Prime Directive Holding



Cozette has a long-standing career in the tech industry, where she has co-founded and served as CEO for three tech companies, including a consultancy, a children's screen time platform, and the impact SaaS platform Removalment. She recently joined Climate Bureau 2050 as the Impact Fund Lead, focusing on financing climate projects to achieve net zero. With a background in behavioral sciences, Cozette has successfully connected tech, human behavior, and sustainability throughout her career. She is a shareholder in several startups, primarily in tech and impact, and serves on the boards of ForestCarb and other ventures. Additionally, Cozette advises AI startup Tendium and social sustainability software company Favvos, while also contributing to the National Mobilisation for Startups and Scaleups.

**Industry**  
Climate & Sustainability

**Location**  
Stockholm

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# Participating

## Incubators





## Maria Olofsson, Uminova Innovation



Maria Olofsson holds several key roles, including Operations Manager at Uminova and Process Leader at Ignite Sweden. She also serves as a Board member for Sparbanksstiftelsen and advises various startup boards. Additionally, Maria Olofsson frequently moderates tech events and conferences. As an investor in impact startups, she has over 15 years of experience in sport tech and the health industry. She is also a Nike Master Trainer and holds a PhD in Biochemistry. She is passionate about leveraging tech startups to enable a more sustainable future. Maria Olofsson is dedicated to creating real value for startups through strong teams, strategic investments, and collaborations that drive sustainable business and impact.

**Industry**  
Climate & Impact

**Location**  
Umeå

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# Participating

## Startups

## Lex Avstreikh, Hopsworks AI



With an extensive background as a former Creative Director and expertise in product and strategy, Lex Avstreikh now works as the Head of Strategy at Hopsworks; a Swedish startup at the forefront of machine learning infrastructure for enterprises. He focuses on identifying pivotal market trends and executing strategic initiatives that secure and advance Hopsworks' position as a global leader in the ML industry.

### **Industry**

AI and machine learning

### **Location**

Stockholm

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## Tomas Broberg, TBox Sweden

Tomas Broberg holds a double major in Engineering Physics from the Royal Institute of Technology and International Economics from the Stockholm School of Economics. His academic background led him to a career in strategic consulting with a focus on geopolitical risk. Professionally, Tomas Broberg has combined his work in this field with co-founding non-profit organizations focused on Russia and China. At TBox, he merges his interests in data analysis and geopolitics by utilizing big data tools to analyze trade flows and political dynamics.

### **Industry**

Data Analytics

### **Location**

Stockholm

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# Alexander Edvinsson, Skansen Technologies AB

Alexander Edvinsson is the CEO and founder of Skansen Technologies AB, a Stockholm-based venture focused on strategic tech and building companies using a bottom-up approach. His previous experience includes developing new ventures in commercial cyber defense and data-driven strategic analysis, as well as advising Swedish industrial companies on strategy and risk. Alexander Edvinsson holds an LL.M. from Uppsala University.

## Industry

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**Location**  
Stockholm

## Website

[LinkedIn Profile](#)

## Johan Hesslind, Ekkono Solutions



Johan Hesslind is a growth-oriented IT executive with a background in sales and business development roles at companies such as Ericsson, Hewlett-Packard, Extreme Networks, Fortinet, and several startups. He focuses on delivering authentic, sustainable customer value through the use of new technology, noe CEO of the Swedish Edge Machine Learning startup Ekkono Solutions.

### **Industry**

AI and Machine Learning

### **Location**

Varberg

### **Website**

### **LinkedIn Profile**



## Jonas Järnfeldt, The Train Brain

Jonas Järnfeldt is CEO at The Train Brain. His focus is commercializing The Train Brain's unique Machine Learning models that aim to accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility. He has a background as a management consultant and he has started several companies in different industries. Jonas Järnfeldt is a sought after speaker educated in Sweden, Canada and France. He hold a Master's degree in Business Administration and Management from the University of Linköping.

**Industry**  
Smart Cities and Proptech

**Location**  
Stockholm

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## Ramtin Massoumzadeh, Quandify

Ramtin Massoumzadeh is a qualified engineer specializing in vehicle engineering with extensive experience in prototype development. He has served as a consultant and educator at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) for several years, where he worked with advanced machinery, including 3D printers and CNC mills. This expertise has been instrumental in the success of Quandify. Ramtin Massoumzadeh has been recognized on Forbes' 30 Under 30 list and is an active participant in Prince Daniel's Fellowship program.

**Industry**  
Sustainability/Cleantech

**Location**  
Stockholm

**Website**

**LinkedIn Profile**





## Olle Henning, Quandify

Olle Henning is the co-founder of Quandify, focused on promoting water awareness. An alumnus of the Stockholm School of Economics, Olle Henning began his career in the financial market, engaging with numerous startups and scaleups seeking investors—a journey he now experiences from the other side. With a background in finance, Olle Henning brings a unique perspective to the highly technical environment at Quandify. His experience has opened doors to opportunities such as entering SSE Business Lab and attracting investors, contributing to the company's success through a diverse blend of academic backgrounds and experiences.

**Industry**  
Sustainability/Cleantech

**Location**  
Stockholm

**Website**

**LinkedIn Profile**

## Olivia Nestius, Graphmatech



Olivia Nestius is dedicated to supporting the green transition, with a career focused on building and supporting companies in the cleantech sector. Most recently, she served as Chief Strategy Officer and Managing Director of SaaS at Svea Solar, one of Europe's largest solar companies, where she led successful fundraising efforts and launched new business areas. Now, Olivia Nestius is taking the next step in her green business journey by joining a deep tech startup focused on sustainable materials. Prior to her hands-on work in startups and scaleups, Olivia spent six years as a strategy consultant with McKinsey & Company, specializing in cleantech, private equity, and transformation projects across Europe and the US. She has led international teams in various regions, including the US, Europe, and Australia, and is recognized for her strong people and change management skills, dedication, entrepreneurial drive, and problem-solving abilities.

**Industry**  
Sustainability/Cleantech

**Location**  
Uppsala

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## Isabella Palmgren, Mimbly

Isabella Palmgren is the CEO & co-founder of Mimbly. She has a MSc in Bioengineering and has been is a unreasonable fellow, Prince Daniel Fellow and Forbes 30 under 30 for Social Impact. She is passionate about sustainability and protecting our oceans against pollution and bringing sustainable products to the market.

**Industry**  
Sustainability/Cleantech

**Location**  
Gothenburg

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## Emil Vestman, Mimbly

Emil Vestman has an educational background in Industrial Design Engineering from the Royal Institute of Technology and Chalmers University of Technology. After his studies, he co-founded Mimbly, a company focused on reducing water pollution and overconsumption. Passionate about sustainability, innovation, and adventure, Emil Vestman has been recognized as a Swedish national winner of the SKAPA Award for young innovators by the Alfred Nobel Foundation. He holds 15 patents in filtration and water-related technology and has led the product development process from idea to commercialization. Emil Vestman is dedicated to using his skills in entrepreneurship, design, and development to inspire others to create.

**Industry**  
Sustainability/Cleantech

**Location**  
Gothenburg

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# Participating Organisers (Contact Persons)



## Joanna Boquist, Vinnova

Joanna Boquist holds an Engineering Degree in Physics from Lund University and a Master of Business and Administration from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. She has 15+ years of experience from promoting international collaborations with Sweden and is the newly appointed Head of Vinnova's Office in Singapore. Her mission is to connect the Swedish and Singaporean innovation ecosystems in order to create more innovation collaborations which will enable a green and digital transformation.

Prior to Vinnova Joanna Boquist have held various positions in business development and strategy at a corporate level or as a consultant. She has professional experience from Israel, Poland, India, China and Hong Kong.

**Area of Responsibility**  
International Collaboration

**Location**  
Stockholm and Singapore

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## Elijah Aldana Silverman, Ignite Sweden



Elijah Aldana Silverman is the Head of International Projects at Ignite Sweden. A non-profit organization focused on connecting innovative startups to corporates and the public sector in order to solve some of the worlds greatest challenges.

Elijah Aldana Silverman brings a background in international business development, working for a San Francisco based corporate, and Singaporean startup before joining Ignite. Having missions and clients in countries across the Americas, APAC, and EMEA.

**Area of Responsibility**  
Ecosystem & Project Manager

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## Ellinor Bokedal, Swedish Incubators & Science Parks

Ellinor Bokedal is responsible for strategic communications and policy at SISP - Swedish Incubators & Science Parks. She has been active in various roles in the Swedish innovation ecosystem since 2007 and has a communicative and strategic mindset to developing the innovation ecosystem.

Ellinor Bokedal was involved in founding SISP - Swedish Incubators & Science Parks - in 2010, which today is an advocacy platform, representing Sweden's incubators and science parks. She returned to SISP in 2022 after several years working with incubators, science park and startups and is now using that experience to represent those target groups to decision makers, in Sweden and abroad.

**Area of Responsibility**  
Strategi Communications & Policy

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## Sasan Shaba, Swedish Incubators & Science Parks



Sasan Shaba is VP Philanthropy & International Cooperation at Swedish Incubators Science Parks. 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. Sasan Shaba is dedicated to delivering concrete results for companies and organizations, leveraging his expertise in startups and his background as a CEO and manager.

Previously, as Senior Portfolio Manager at the Swedish Energy Agency, he supported over 250 Swedish Cleantech and Energy startups. His focus lies in making a significant impact on climate and people through pioneering and improving services and products.

### **Area of Responsibility**

Philanthropy and International Relations

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