EPO DEEP TECH FINDER

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WITH THE EPO DEEP TECH FINDER YOU CAN ...

… find **startups and universities** in Europe with European patent applications

… filter for those active in **specific technology fields**
(e.g. offshore wind technologies) and more

… discover the **investors** supporting European tech startups

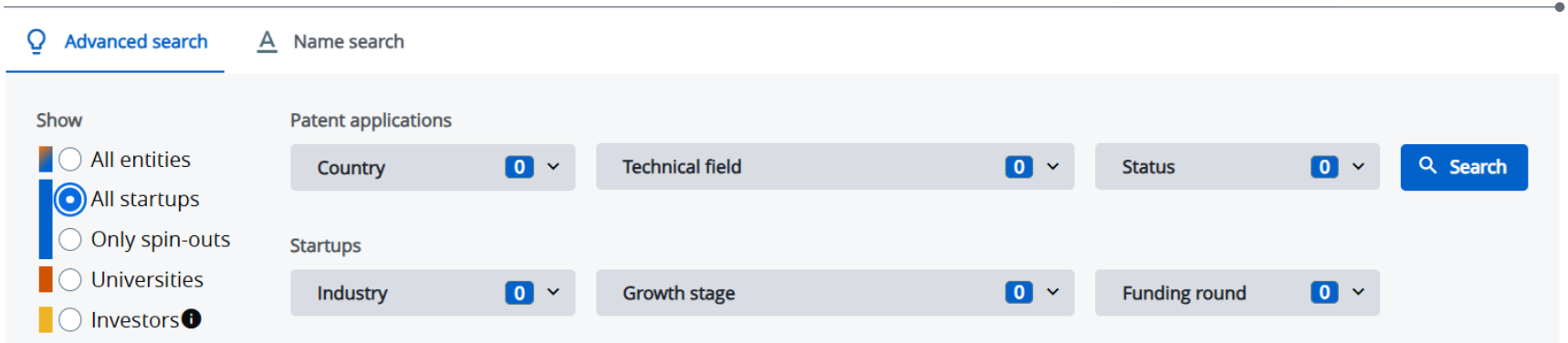
… save **lists** of startups and universities for later use

HOW TO ...

… find **startups and universities** in Europe with European patent applications

(1) Select:

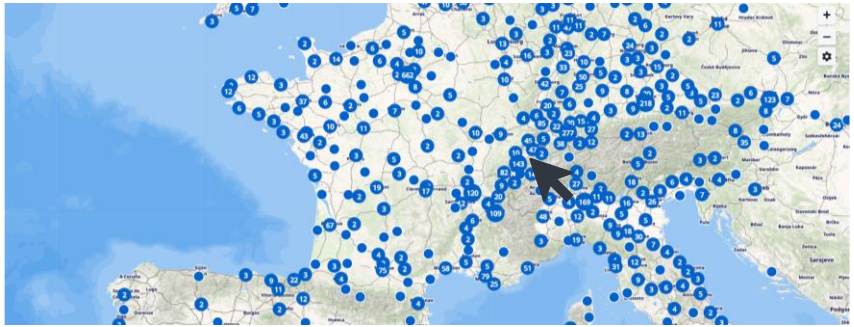
- All startups in Europe with EP applications
- Only spinouts (startups) from universities or public research organisations
- Universities with EP filed applications
- Investors with European startups with EP applications in their portfolio


Advanced search
Name search
Show
All entities
All startups
Only spin-outs
Universities
Investors
Patent applications
Country 0
Technical field 0
Status 0
Search
Startups
Industry 0
Growth stage 0
Funding round 0

HOW TO ...

… find **startups and universities** in Europe with European patent applications

(2) Travel over the **map** with your marker: startups are marked in blue and universities in orange. **Click on a dot to explore.**



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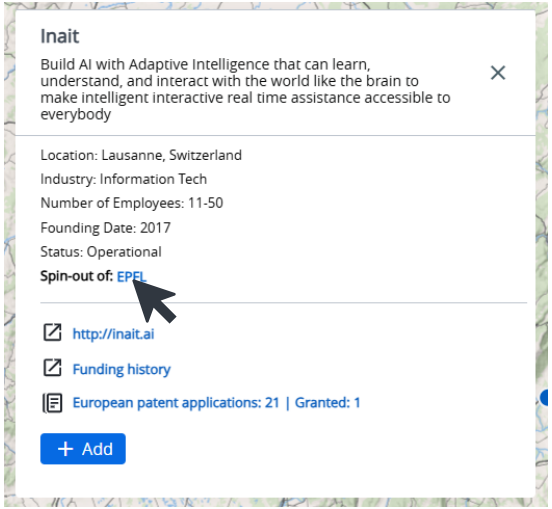
(3) You can view the **details of individual startups or universities** by clicking on their **websites**, or on "European Patent Applications" to view their **applications**, or on "Funding history" to view their **financial data** on Dealroom.

If a startup is a spinout from a university or public research organisation in Europe this will also be indicated. Clicking on the university name will reveal other spinouts from that university.



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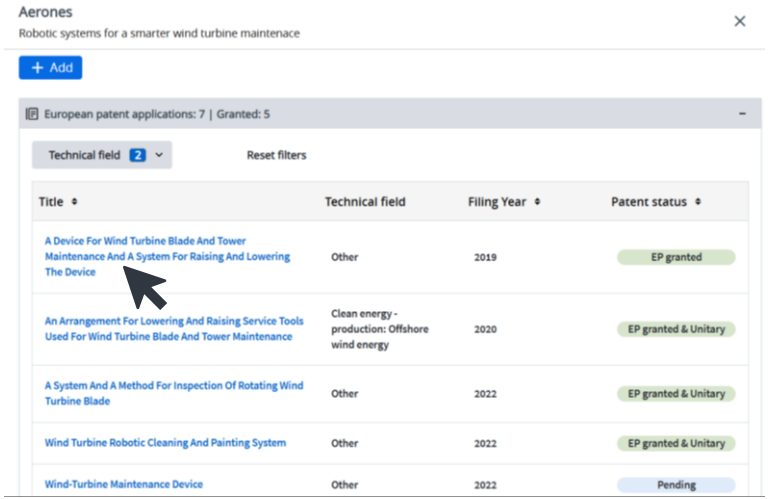
(4) If you click on "European patent applications" you can view the **full patent application document for each patent application on the EPO Espacenet website**



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… find **startups and universities** in Europe with European patent applications

(5) You can also search by the **name of a startup** or **university** by clicking on **"Name search"**

HOW TO ...

… filter for **specific technology fields** (e.g. offshore wind technologies) and more

(1) Use the filters in the search bar:

- Country of the startup or university
- Technical field of the patent application identified by EPO patent examiners
- Status of the patent *(granted, granted and unitary or pending)*
- Industry, growth stage or funding round of the startup

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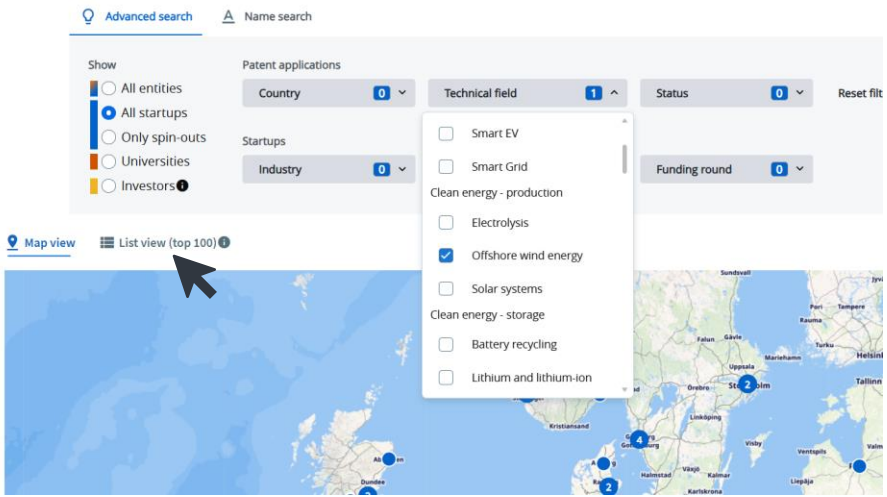
(2) Once you have completed your search, you can see **the results in a map or list view** by selecting either option at the top left of the map

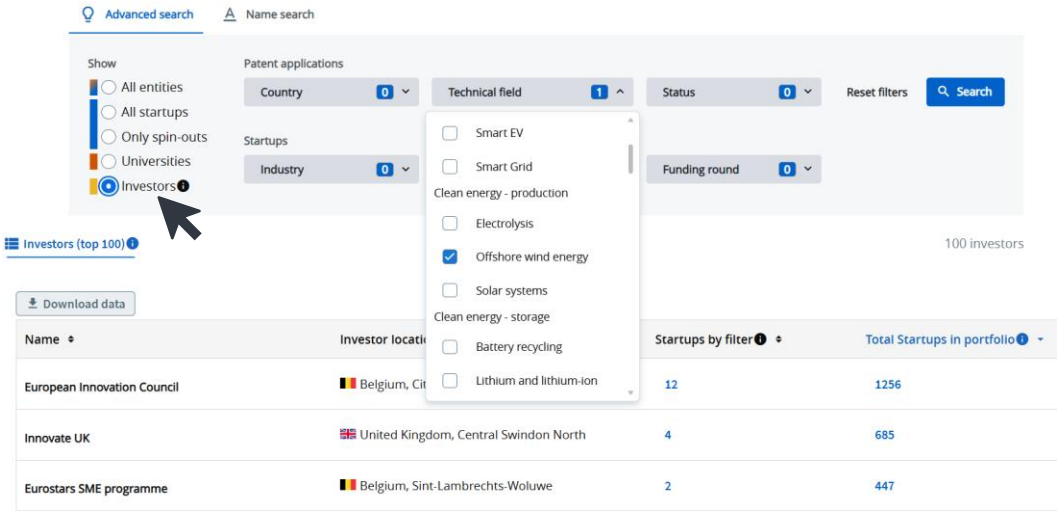


HOW TO ...

… discover the **investors** supporting European tech startups

(1) To view a list of investors in the Deep Tech Finder, go to the homepage and select "**Investors**" along with any **filters** you need.

The investors shown are connected to patent applications and technical fields via the startups in which they have invested.



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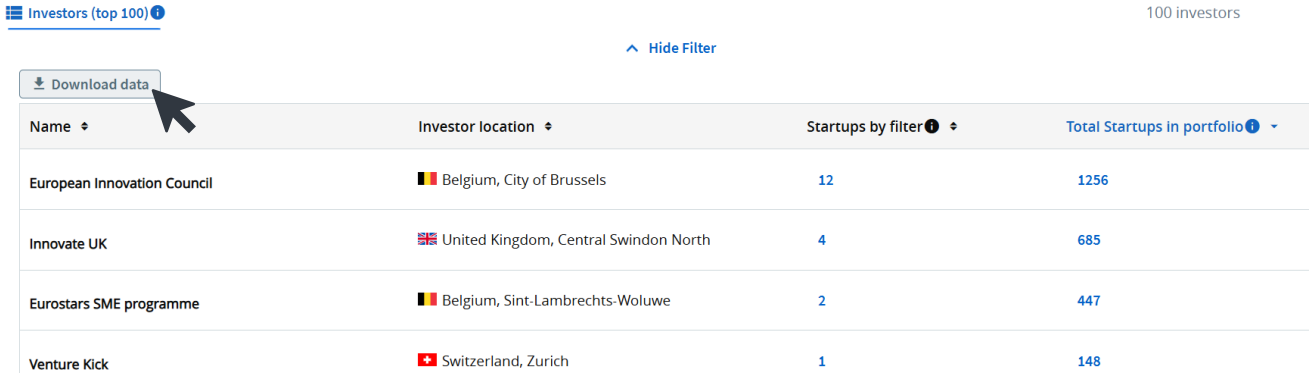
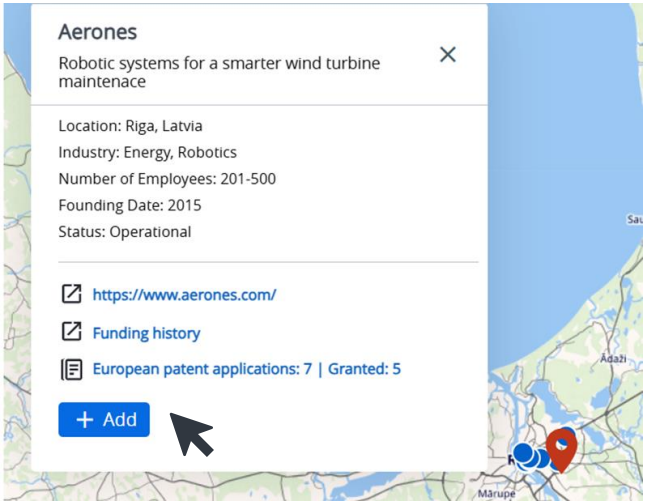
(2) You can also download the list. Only the top 100 investors by total number of startups in their portfolio are shown.



HOW TO ...

… save **lists** of startups and universities

(1) Click on the blue icon labelled "+ Add" on the card of a startup or university to save up to 100 startups or universities in your list.



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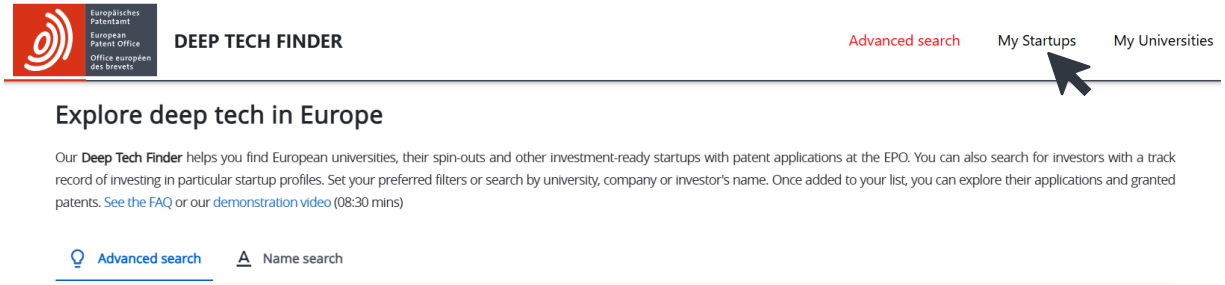
(2) At the top of the page, go to **"My Startups"** or **"My Universities"** to see the list.



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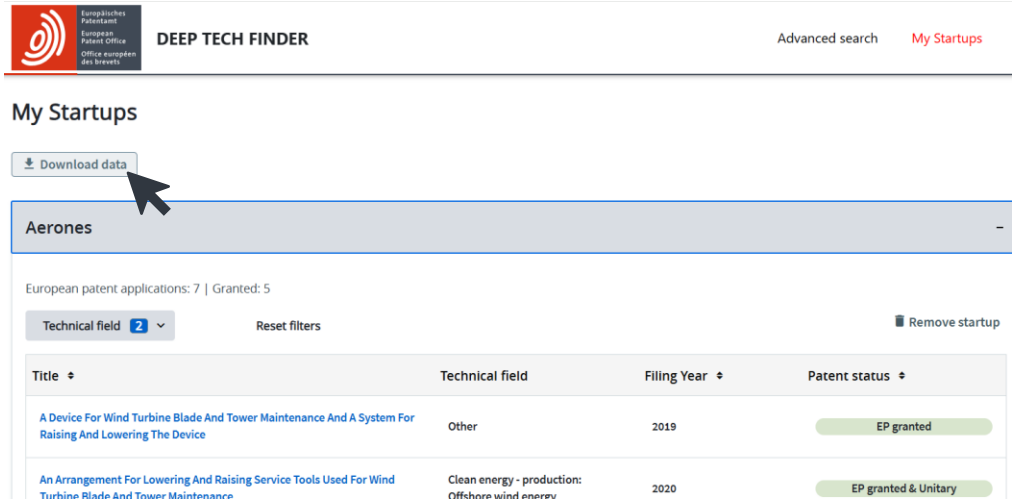
(3) You can view the **list** of patent applications for each saved startup or university **online** or **download** it as an Excel spreadsheet.



WHICH OF THE TOOL'S FEATURES CAN HELP ME?

THIS DEPENDS ON THE POTENTIAL USER. ARE YOU ...

... already involved in a tech startup?

- Find investors and potential partners
- Analyse markets and competitors
- Discover possible university collaborations
- Access patent documents

... interested in building a tech startup?

- Identify promising tech startups with EP applications
- Explore success stories of startups, along with their technology and funding information

... new to tech startups?

- Interactive tool for IP and entrepreneurship introductory sessions
- Useful for teaching technology transfer basics

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