CHF 130’000 for Rehaptix and CashSentinel

St Gallen/Zurich/Lausanne, December 2nd, 2013. From this year's finalists, the winners are: ReHaptix, a start-up based in Zürich which developed a test to assess and assist in rehabilitation from a stroke, and CashSentinel, a startup from Yverdon which created a new mobile payment system for large sums. These two startups will each receive 130,000 CHF, the maximum funding granted by Venture Kick.

The stroke rehabilitation process will become personalized through the innovations of ReHaptix. This spinoff from ETH Zürich created a tool designed to provide therapists with an overview of the motor difficulties of patients who are suffering from a neurological injury. This tool improves rehabilitation due to detailed knowledge of each patient's progress and which points to work on.

Marie-Christine Fluet and Sophie Winkler-Payot, the co-founders of ReHaptix, developed an assessment test for the different sensorimotor functions of arms and hands. The test measures the quality of the patient's movements and detects their deficiencies through an electronic device equipped with force and position sensors. The patient can see in real time the results and progress that is measured in an objective way, which is extremely motivational during their rehabilitation process. The therapist can then adapt their daily treatment and work on their deficiencies as shown by ReHaptix, such as muscle weakness or arm coordination. This test can measure what a therapist cannot necessarily see and offers objective and precise results. ReHaptix already has many partnerships with hospitals and clinics in Switzerland, Belgium and Canada that are currently using these prototypes. The market launch date is scheduled for 2014. Marie-Christine Fluet adds: «Thanks to Venture Kick, we have increased our visibility to our clients and to our investors. This funding will allow us to speed up our market entry and thus to continue to fulfill our dreams.»

CashSentinel developed a new kind of payment solution by creating a halfway point between an escrow agent and a mobile wallet. It has been reviewed by the Institute for Information and Communication Technologies (IICT) of HEIG-VD, which helped secure the system. CashSentinel allows users to complete important transactions in a flexible and secure way via their mobile phone. Julie Garg and Sylvain Bertolus, co-founders of CashSentinel, developed this payment system to fill a gap in the market. Currently, there is no secure way of completing a mobile payment for large sums, typically beyond 3,000 CHF. CashSentinel allows, for example, car buyers to record a cash transaction and after an inspection of the goods, to simply confirm the payment using their phone. The seller then instantly receives a payment confirmation, and the money is sent to their bank account between 24 and 48 hours later. Having confirmed the feasibility of the model with the authorities and having become an authorized financial intermediary, CashSentinel is now preparing for their launch, expected for the beginning of 2014. «venture kick was essential for us» states Julie Garg. «They gave us validation of the potential of our model, financial aid and personal assistance with the implementation; as well as motivation to develop the startup even faster». Sylvain Bertolus concludes by saying: «the funding through venture kick arrived at the perfect time and allows us to focus 100% on our commercial launch to ensure success.»
More about venture kick

Since the launch of venture kick on September 26, 2007, 293 project teams have benefited from CHF 11.5 million. It contributed to the creation of more than 2000 newly created jobs and a financing volume about CHF 400 million. These results show that this approach offers a great return for the Swiss economy and its enterprises. Thanks to venture kick, startups learned how to win customers and convince investors more rapidly. The program is open to all young talents with innovative ideas, which have not yet founded their company and are enrolled or employed at a Swiss University: students, postgraduates, researchers and professors.

The private initiative venture kick is financed by the Gebert Rüf Stiftung, ERNST GÖHNER STIFTUNG, OPO-Stiftung, AVINA STIFTUNG, Fondation Lombard Odier und DEBIOPHARM GROUP. The project is managed by the IFJ Institut für Jungunternehmen in St. Gallen. The objective of the initiative is to double the amount of startups originating from Swiss universities and technical colleges. Each month, eight projects get the chance to present themselves to a jury. The four most promising receive CHF 10'000 and automatically qualify for the second round held three months later, where the two best teams receive another CHF 20'000. In the third and final round, taking place six months later, the winner is granted CHF 100'000.

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