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Startup questionnaire 2023





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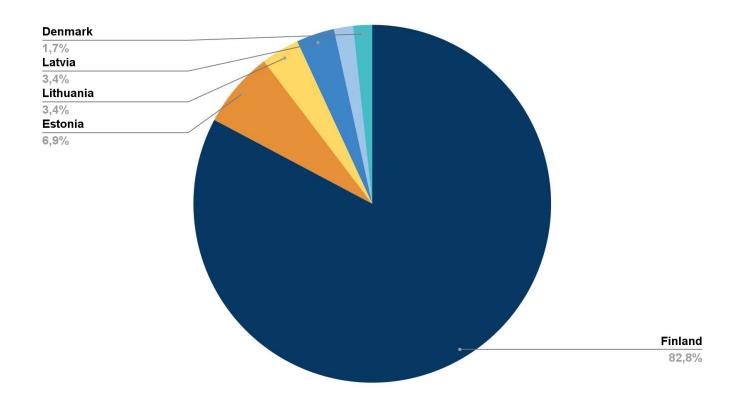
The startup questionnaire sent to startups who have sought funding through the FiBAN. The goal of the questionnaire was to acquire information about improving the overall startup experience and to understand the profile of applying startups.

- FiBAN's feedback and the overall experience were considered mostly positive,
 though pointed out some communicative development points in our process.
- Most startups who applied ended up receiving funding even if not via FiBAN.
- Most still recommend FiBAN as a funding channel even though only 6% received funding through FiBAN's dealflow.

Survey data was collected in June 2023. Total of 90 startups out of 662 startups answered the survey out of which 25 had attended Pitch Finland event, and 6 eventually received funding via FiBAN. Startups who answered had submitted their application between 2019 and 2023.



Country breakdown



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Keywords describing the startup experience





Seeking help other than money from BAs

80% were looking for non-monetary help from business angels, such as:

Industry expertise

• Know-how from relevant industries such as logistics and healthcare

Networking and connections

Introductions to investors and relevant industry stakeholders, building a network

Strategic guidance and advice

• Help with GTM, scaling, internationalization, strategy, commercialization

General help

Feedback of pitch decks, tips on presentation, estimating of valuation



Gender diversity of applying startup teams*

The application stage

Startup founder teams that apply funding from FiBAN

49% are all-male teams.

45% are mixed-teams (female, male, nonbinary).

6% are all-female teams.

Investment negotiation phase

Startup founder teams who start investment negotiations with angels

52% are all-male teams.

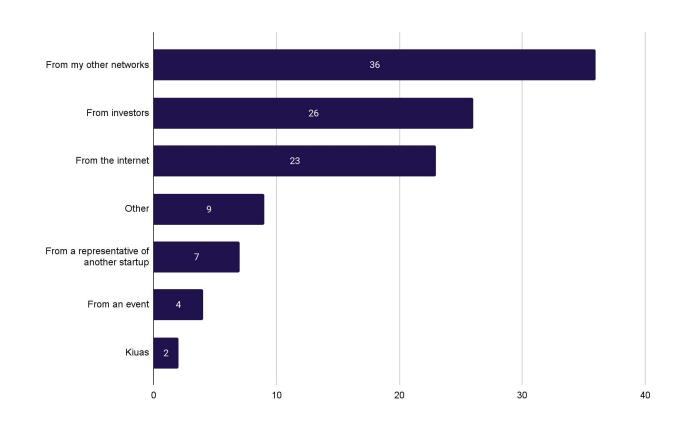
41% are mixed-teams (female, male, nonbinary).

7% are all-female teams.

^{*}Based on FiBAN Dealum application data.

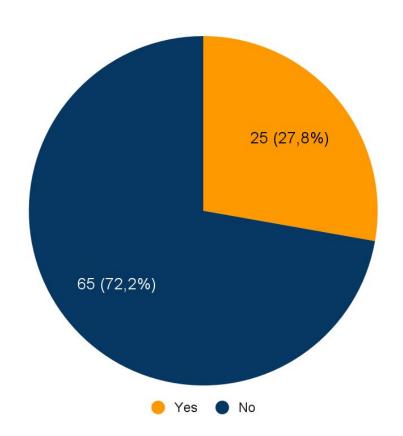


How did you hear about FiBAN?



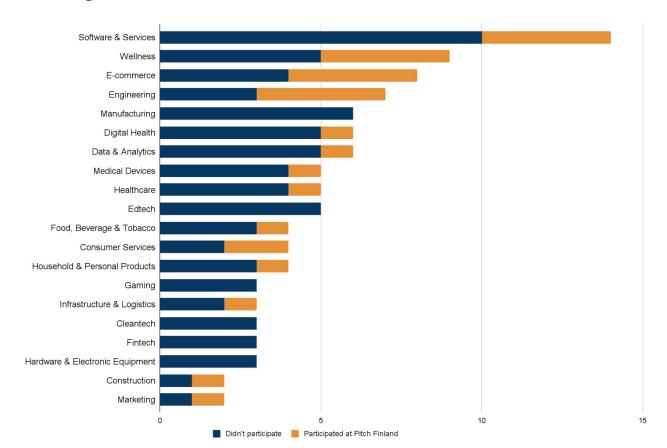


Did applicant participate in Pitch Finland?



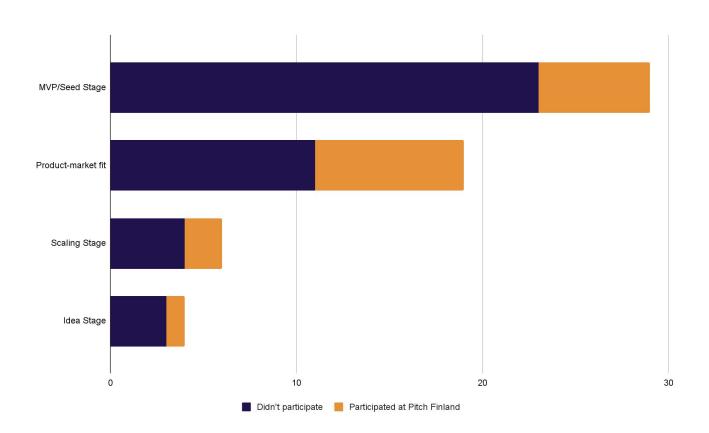


Industry breakdown





Development stage breakdown





Pitch Finland experience

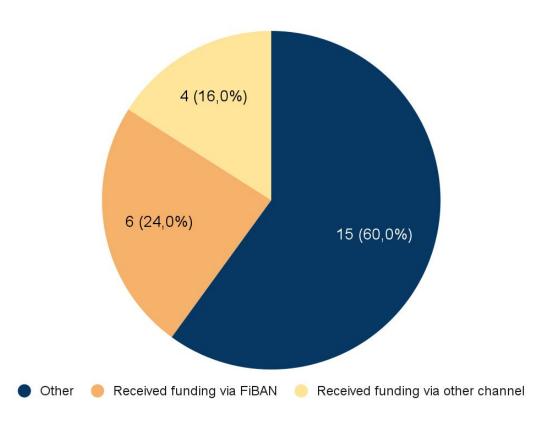
88% of the PF participants found the event an positive experience (n=25)

Improvements for pitching requested by startups:

- Startups request more detailed feedback from investors
- Startups wish to receive more support in talking with investors

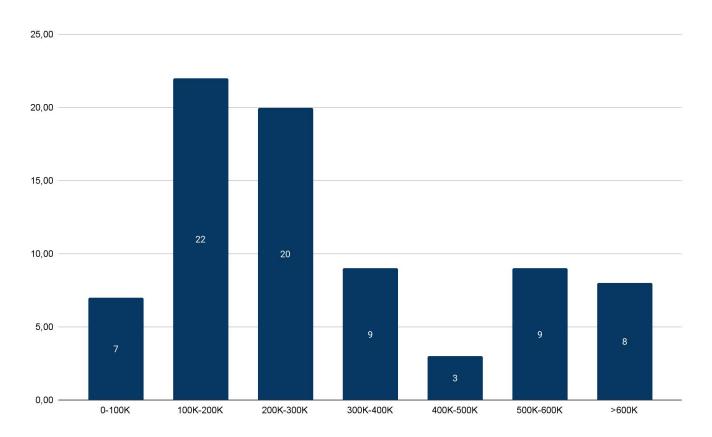


What happened after Pitch Finland





Funding targets of applied startups

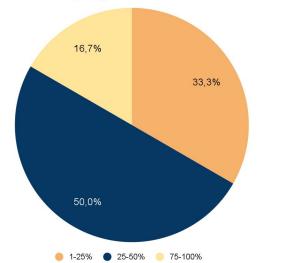




Funding via FiBAN

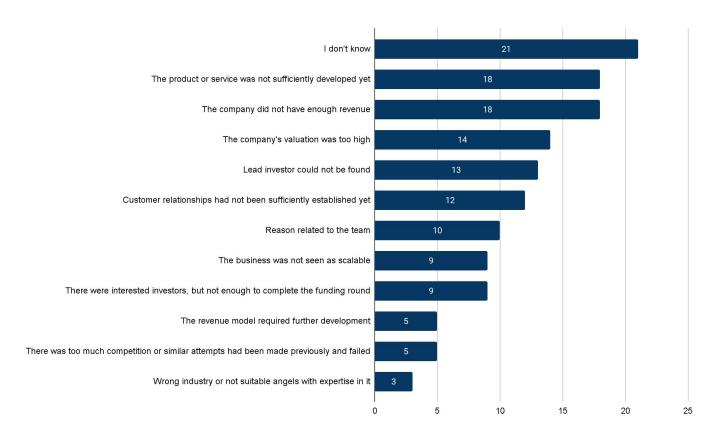
6,5% of the applicants eventually received funding via FiBAN (n=90)

Percentage of the funding target that was achieved via FiBAN



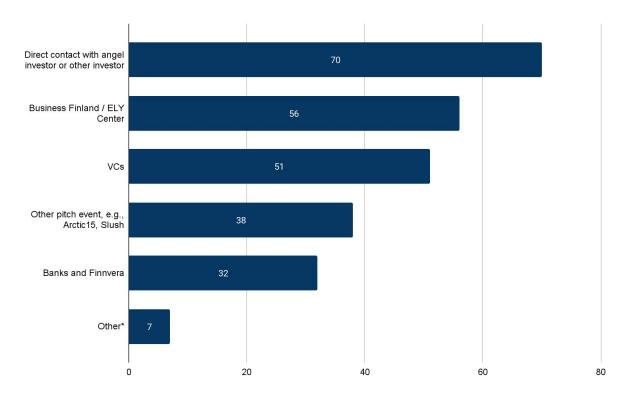


Reasons for not receiving funding from FiBAN





Other funding channels besides FiBAN



^{*}Other includes: EstBAN, EU funding, partner organizations, own funding, EUBAN, Fundu and f6S



Received funding via other channels

56% of the applicants received funding from other sources (n=90)

Most popular alternative sources of funding include:

- VC & CVC
- ELY
- Finnvera
- Business Finland
- Business Angels
- Foreign investors or BANs
- Bank loan



Data on other funding channels

175.000 euros was the median investment from elsewhere (n=28)

