

Eastern Europe Startups of the Year, Presented by HackerNoon and Free TON

The tech publishing company will host a vote for the best startups in 142 cities in Eastern Europe with over 100k people

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[HackerNoon](#), the technology publishing company, in partnership with Free TON, the company reimagining financial systems so growing businesses can realize their full potential, has launched a [startup of the year vote for all cities in Eastern Europe](#) above 100k people. The voting will last from now until Jan 22.



Startups of the year is a community driven vote for this year's startup of the year for every city in the world above 100k people.

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*David Smooke, HackerNoon
CEO*

The HackerNoon editorial team has curated 920 startups in Eastern Europe as part of their larger initiative to name a startup of the year for all 4k cities worldwide with over 100k people. While nominations are still ongoing, to date 30,000 startups in total have been nominated.

"It's not easy to build a business," said HackerNoon CEO David Smooke. "More businesses should be celebrated for not only surviving but also thriving through a worldwide pandemic. By bringing together sponsors, awards, and functions to aggregate the will of the people, we hope to accelerate the growth paths for thousands of startups

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This Startup of the Year experience is powered by HackerNoon's custom voting software that previously powered Noonies 2019, Noonies 2020, and will be Noonies 2021, which is HackerNoon's annual awards for rewarding technology leaders worldwide.

The Noonies are an annual tech industry awards event, presented online by Hacker Noon, built to recognize and reward the most innovative people and products in technology today.

Conceptualized in early 2019, Hacker Noon's first annual Noonies celebrated the contributions of over 500 internally and publicly nominated technologists, thinkers, makers, and leaders in tech. Their third edition will run for an extended period of six months, with public nominations open since next month.

In words of Storm Farrell, HackerNoon's full stack developer, "Startups is just a fork off the Noonies with a fresh lick o' paint and some structural differences. But it's powered by the same voting system."

What do tools like Miro, Telegram, and Grammarly have in common? Apart from the probability of you using at least one of them, they all originated in Eastern Europe. They have grown tremendously, infiltrated the mainstream culture and consequently our day-to-day lives. But aside from the known giants, what other Eastern Europe based startups have succeeded in surviving the pandemic, the biggest economic challenge since 2008?

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About HackerNoon

How hackers start their afternoons. Hacker Noon is built for technologists to read, write, and publish. We are an open and international community of 15k+ contributing writers publishing stories and expertise for 3M+ curious and insightful monthly readers. Founded in 2016, Hacker Noon is an independent technology publishing platform run by David Smooke and Linh Dao Smooke.

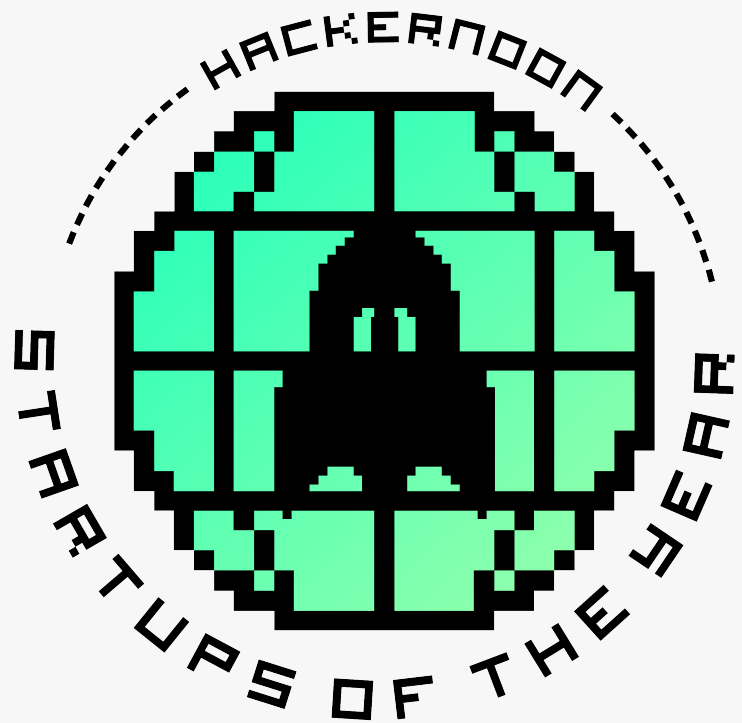
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