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Turning radical ideas into fundable ventures — from quantum software to space resources, with 10+ years building innovation programmes across 3 continents.

SELECTED PROOF

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Ventures co-founded — quantum, health AI, consultancy

50+

Founders coached · 200+ mentoring hours

€2M+

Programme budgets owned across EU and national initiatives

5

Competition wins, including MIC Boostcamp Most Tech

EXPERIENCE

Business Innovation Manager

GeoVille Information Systems GmbH · Austria

Aug 2025 – Present

- ESA/EU bid management, EO technology commercialisation, space-resources partnership architecture.

Entrepreneur in Residence

Antler · Sweden

Feb – May 2023

- Intensive deep-tech founder programme; co-founded QBabes (quantum computing).
- Validated business models; built founding team; top-quartile programme ranking.

Space Downstream Innovation Consultant

EUSPA · Czech Republic

Dec 2020 – Jun 2025

- Jury member for space entrepreneurship competitions; coach and mentor for CASSINI ventures.
- Change agent for space-tech commercialisation across Europe.

Board Member & Advisor

African Blockchain Institute · Rwanda (remote)

Nov 2019 – Apr 2025

- Strategic guidance on DLT education, governance frameworks, cryptocurrency, proof-of-origin, identity, and CBDC initiatives.

Senior Industrial Technology Expert

NIRDA · Rwanda

May 2018 – Dec 2019

- Led STEM LAB and incubation for hardware/deep-tech startups; shaped national innovation policy.
- Designed and delivered hackathons; 15+ startups achieved first revenue, 3 secured follow-on funding.

Entrepreneur in Residence

SmiLe Incubator / Health2B · Sweden

Nov 2017 – Feb 2018

- Project-led MAMIO AI startup through Health2B acceleration — API integration, app prototyping, customer journey, prospect outreach.

SELECTED WORK

Desired Solutions — boutique tech innovation consultancy

Founder & Managing Consultant · Dec 2020 – Present · Sweden

Founded and scaled a technology innovation consultancy delivering data analytics, AI/ML prototyping, blockchain, and strategic advisory across Europe and Africa. Services: startup coaching, curriculum, tokenomics, data science, and BD innovation. Stack: AI/ML/DL, AR/VR, Web3, quantum.

QBabes — quantum software for industrial optimisation

Antler Entrepreneur in Residence · Feb–May 2023 · Sweden

Co-founded during Antler's 4-month founder programme. Business model: quantum randomness for industrial optimisation in energy (SMR) and smart-grid design. Built the technical team, validated with 8+ enterprise prospects, investor pitch in the top quartile.

MAMIO — AI-powered medicine independence

SmiLe Incubator / Health2B · Nov 2017 – Feb 2018 · Sweden

Project-led an AI healthtech startup through 4-month Health2B acceleration at SmiLe (Medicon Village, Lund). Image-to-voice software for elderly medicine independence. Working prototype; customer discovery with 20+ elderly-care facilities; GTM for Nordic providers.

CASSINI Entrepreneurship Network

EUSPA · Dec 2020 – Jun 2025

Architected entrepreneurship support under the EC's CASSINI initiative. Designed Challenges, Business Accelerator, Matchmaking, and Hackathon programmes. Jury for 100+ proposals. Network connecting 40+ ventures with investors, corporates, and research partners.

STEM 4 INDUSTRY Rwanda

NIRDA · May 2018 – Dec 2019

Conceived and operationalised Rwanda's first national hardware/deep-tech incubation programme — STEM LAB maker space plus a 3-month acceleration track. Curriculum: Design Thinking, business modelling, pitching, prototyping. 6-person team, EUR 500K+ budget.

COMPETENCIES

Venture Building

Business Model Canvas · Lean Startup · Customer discovery · MVP development · Pitch decks · Fundraising strategy

Coaching & Mentoring

Founder coaching · Curriculum design · Workshop facilitation · Design Thinking · Agile / Scrum · Technology transfer

Network & BD

Partnership development · Ecosystem building · Stakeholder engagement · Public speaking · Grant writing · Proposal development

EDUCATION

MA Engineering Physics & Nuclear — ISIB, Haute École Bruxelles-Brabant, Belgium · 2009–2011

BA Engineering Technology — ISIB, Haute École Bruxelles-Brabant, Belgium · 2005–2009

Complex Adaptive Systems (Chalmers) · Management (ICHEC Brussels) · Quantum Computing (Coursera) · The Blockchain (UC Irvine) · Neural Networks & Deep Learning (DeepLearning.AI) · Google Cloud ML · Data Science (Johns Hopkins) · Agile / Scrum · Six Sigma Green Belt · IELTS C1

Fluent in French, English, and Swedish. Works across five languages and three continents.