

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO INNOVATE?

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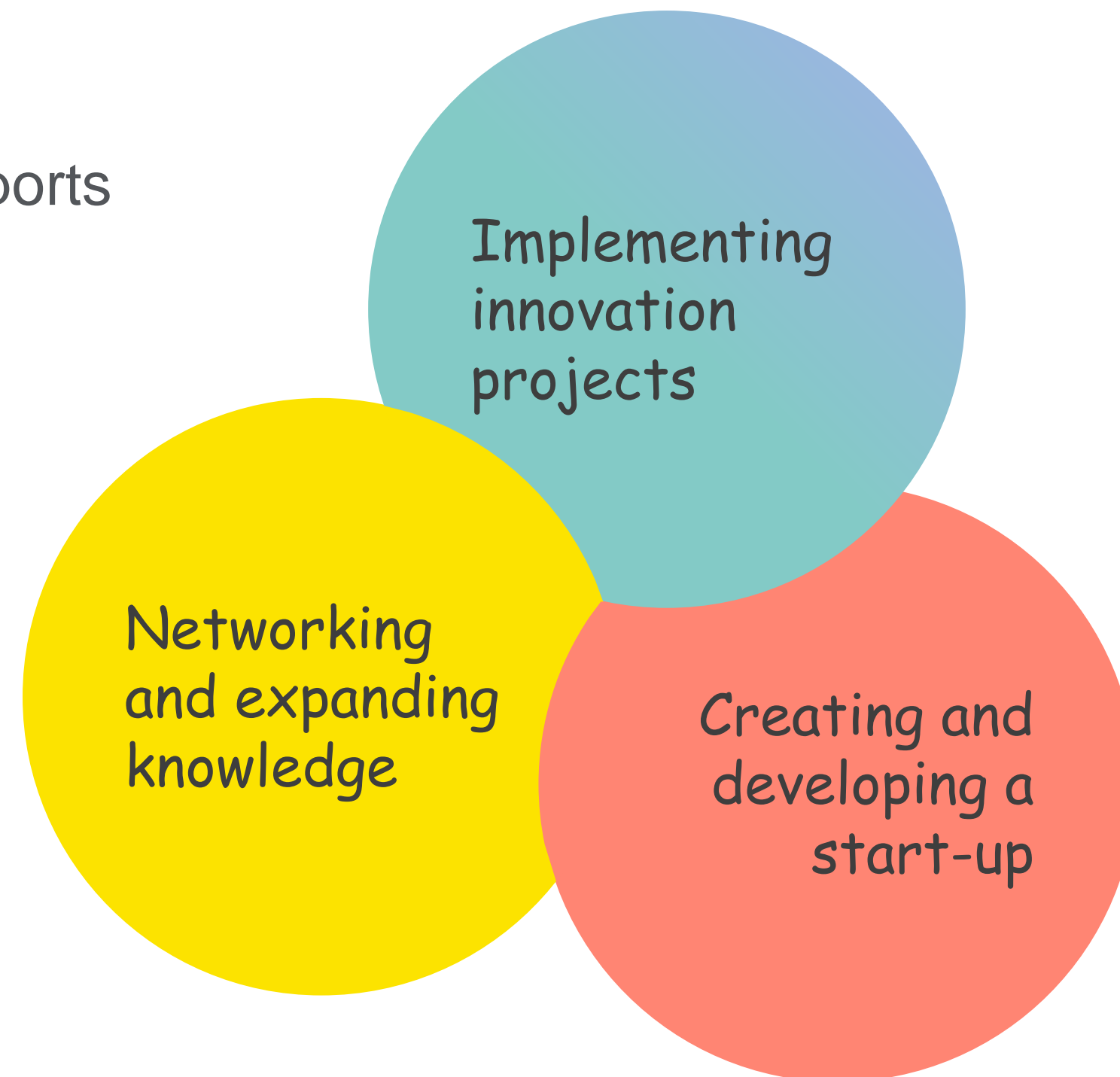
Innosuisse is the Swiss Confederation's agency for promoting innovation.

OUR MANDATE

Innosuisse promotes **science-based innovation in the interest of the economy and society** in Switzerland – in all disciplines.

INNOSUISSE – YOUR PARTNER FOR INNOVATION

How Innosuisse supports
your science-based
innovation:



Anna Beltzung

CTO and Co-Founder
Dr. sc. ETH Zurich

- Her work and expertise in nanocomposite and porous polymers have been instrumental in driving innovation within the company. Translating scientific knowledge into practical applications making dimpora® products become a reality.



ENGINEERED
FOR THE
OUTDOORS

FROM VISION TO GROWTH

The power of innovation at dimpora®

dimp^ora

Tough questions open the door to innovation

Can we create a high-
performance membrane
without relying on PFAS?



Dimpora's story is rooted in a deep passion for sustainability and driven by scientific curiosity.

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- The outdoor wear industry relied on PFAS for its waterproof properties.
 - Research shows PFAS are toxic, cannot be broken down, and are released into nature during regular garment use.
 - Limitations with existing processes and technologies.
 - Regulators are demanding changes. The industry needs alternatives.

Turning academic research into real-world impact

2018

Innosuisse
Initial
Coaching

Dimpora AG was born from a PhD project at ETH Zurich and officially established with a clear mission: **to develop sustainable, high-performance membranes that allow people to enjoy nature without harming it.**

Early stage challenges: Forming a dedicated team, pathway to scale, and navigating the materials industry.



Milestones on our
path to sustainability

2019

Major breakthrough

Developing a fully functional membrane free
of PFAS, marking a pivotal moment in
dimpora's journey.

Innosuisse Core coaching: Coaching support
for technology development and market
validation.



CREATING AND DEVELOPING A START-UP

TAKE YOUR START-UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL: 3 TYPES OF START-UP COACHING

START-UP COACHING



Challenging and
optimising the
business model



Creating and
developing
business traction



Refining and
implementing the
growth strategy

* Condition: completed Initial Coaching

Submit your application at:
<https://www.innosuisse.ch/coaching>

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2022

-96% CO2 Emissions

Eliminated toxic solvents, immensely cutting down environmental impact. -96% CO2 Emissions

Innoproject & Innocheque: help to scale up the technology for full scale and optimize manufacturing.

IMPLEMENTING INNOVATION PROJECTS

WITH RESEARCH AND
BUSINESS PARTNERS
IN SWITZERLAND

PRELIMINARY STUDIES WITH
INNOVATION CHEQUE

INNOVATION PROJECTS



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INNOVATION CHEQUE

TEST YOUR INNOVATIVE IDEA

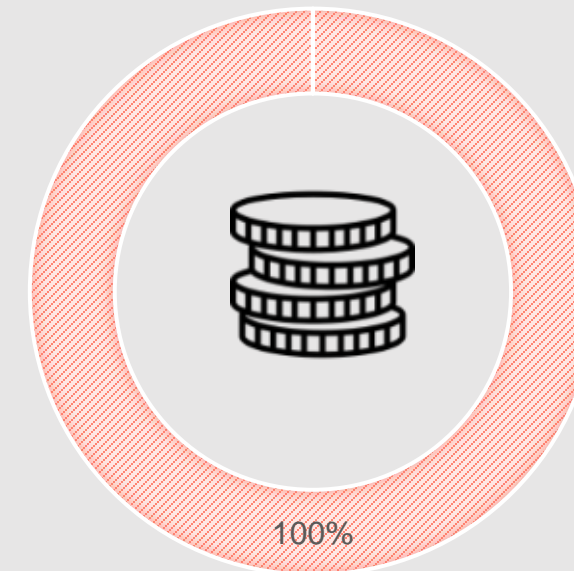
INNOVATION CHEQUE

SMES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS <250 FTES

- Easy entry into science-based innovation
- Evaluation of the feasibility of an innovative idea

- Services by research partner for the implementation partner up to CHF 15,000

INNOVATION CHEQUE



■ Innovation cheque by Innosuisse up to CHF 15,000

PRELIMINARY STUDIES

Concept developments, idea studies or analyses of innovation potential and the feasibility

Apply for a cheque:
Conduct a preliminary study for your idea with an innovation cheque

INNOVATION PROJECT BETWEEN COMPANIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

INNOVATION PROJECTS

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER

(industry partner, SME, NGO, administration)

- Wants to develop innovative products, services or processes with the help of a Swiss research institute

RESEARCH INSTITUTE

- Provides scientific skills and research infrastructure

INNOVATION PROJECT

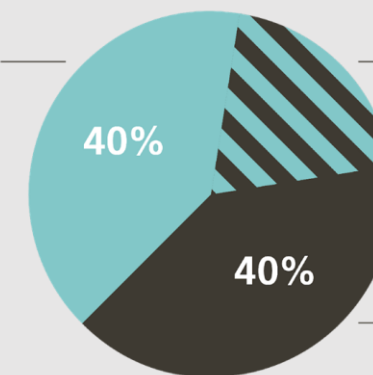
Duration: no limit,
usually 6 to 36 months

Project costs: amount unlimited

Own contribution: 40–60% of the total costs

Cash contribution: 5% of the total costs

Funded by
Innosuisse



Flexible bandwidth:
by Innosuisse and/or
implementation partner

Contribution by the
implementation partner
incl. 5% cash contribution

MARKET IMPLEMENTATION OF INNOVATION



Submit an application:

Carry out innovation projects with implementation partners

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2023

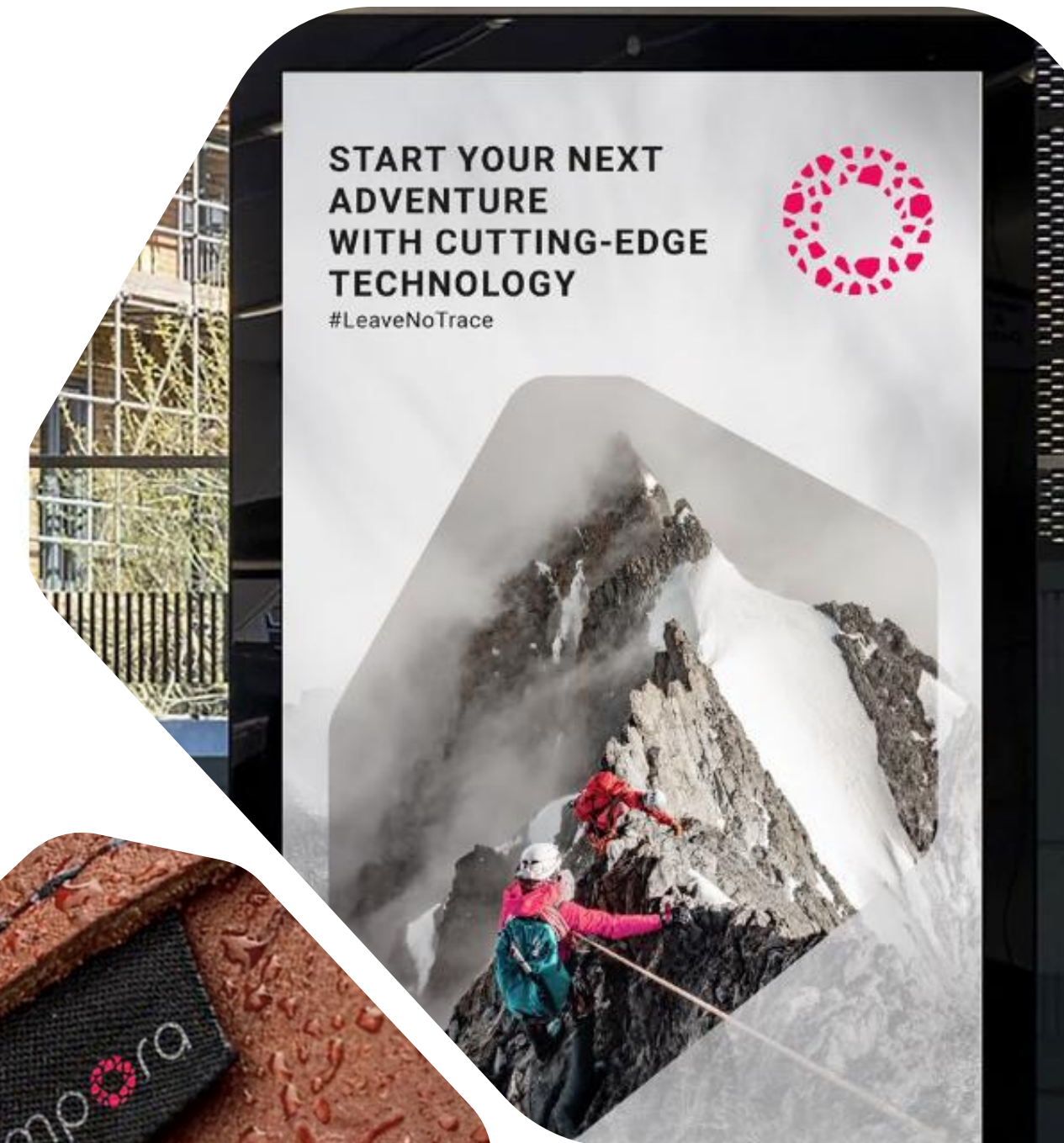
Solvent-free collection

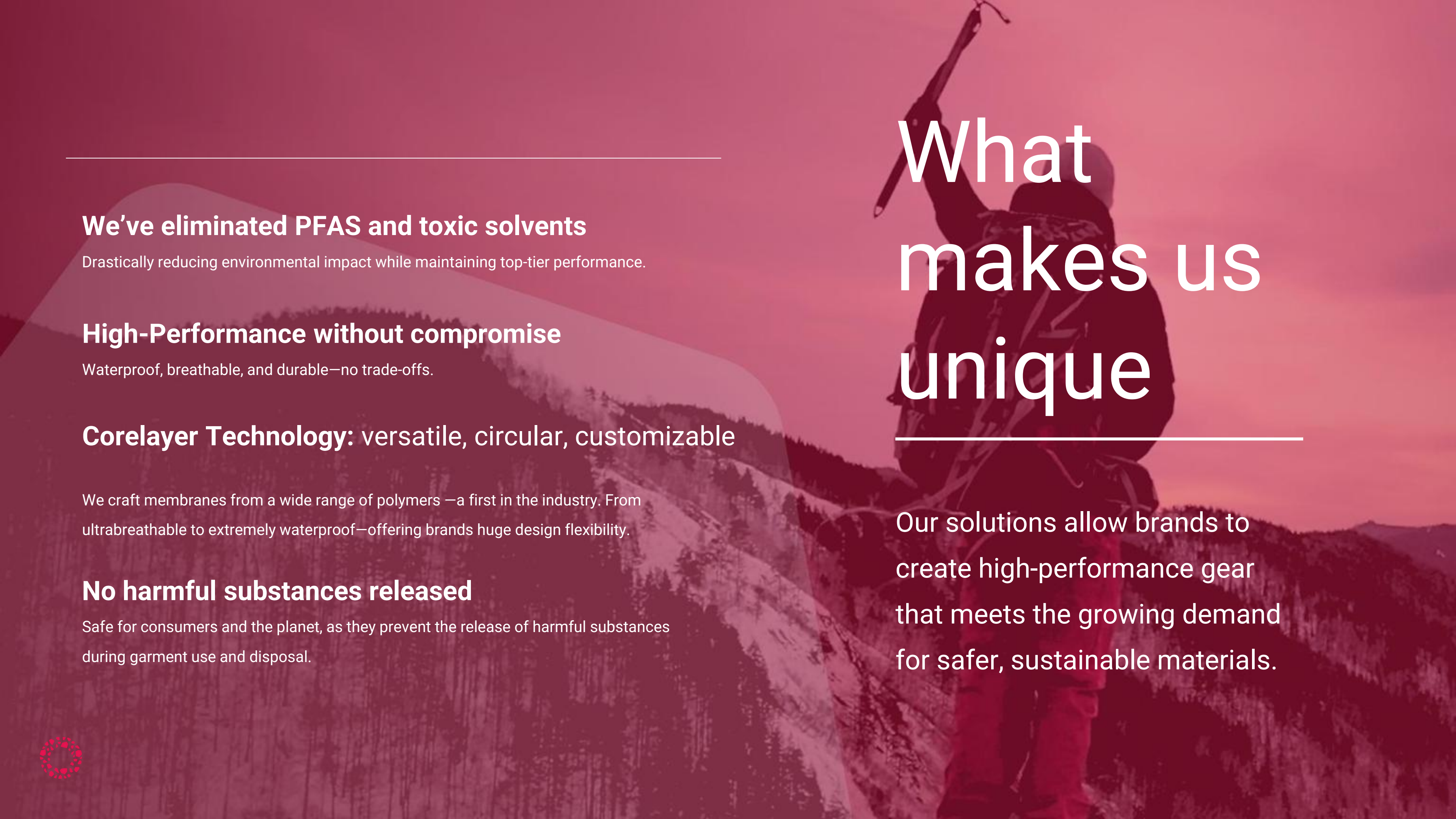
We launched our first solvent-free collection, proving that sustainable membranes could meet—and even exceed—industry performance standards.

Innosuisse scale-up coaching: Guidance on commercialization, go-to-market strategies, marketing and IP

Where we are today

- Market-ready with solutions like dimpora®, dimpora® MONO and dimpora® BIO.
- Helping brands move beyond outdated, toxic materials and make an impact together.
- We are an ingredient brand. Dimpora AG >> dimpora®
- Working to establish a second supply chain in Asia



A person in outdoor gear is climbing a mountain peak at sunset. The person is wearing a dark jacket, pants, and a backpack, and is using a climbing tool. The background shows a mountain range under a warm, orange sky.

What makes us unique

We've eliminated PFAS and toxic solvents

Drastically reducing environmental impact while maintaining top-tier performance.

High-Performance without compromise

Waterproof, breathable, and durable—no trade-offs.

Corelayer Technology: versatile, circular, customizable

We craft membranes from a wide range of polymers—a first in the industry. From ultrabreathable to extremely waterproof—offering brands huge design flexibility.

No harmful substances released

Safe for consumers and the planet, as they prevent the release of harmful substances during garment use and disposal.

Our solutions allow brands to create high-performance gear that meets the growing demand for safer, sustainable materials.



Is making brands extraordinary

Ensure compliance effortlessly

Future-proof your products with materials that already meet upcoming standards.

Deliver premium products

Deliver premium products that perform in extreme conditions while staying truly sustainable.

Design gear for any application

For high-intensity sports, extreme weather, high fashion or urban wear.

Build a future-ready supply chain

With materials that support circularity and sustainability goals.

Strengthen brand trust

By offering transparency and safety-conscious innovation.

Creating high-performance gear that meets the growing demand for safer, sustainable materials.





YOUR BRAND

climate-ready by

dimpora



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WHAT INNOSUISSE OFFERS

Implementing
innovation projects

Creating and developing
a start-up

Networking and
expanding knowledge

WITH
RESEARCH
PARTNER

INNOVATION PROJECTS

START-UP TRAINING

MENTORING

PRELIMINARY STUDIES WITH
INNOVATION CHEQUE

START-UP COACHING

ENTERPRISE EUROPE
NETWORK

FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE

INTERNATIONALISATION
CAMPS

INNOVATION BOOSTER

SWISS ACCELERATOR
INNOVATION PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL
TRADE FAIRS

NETWORKING EVENT SERIES

ALONE AS A
START-UP

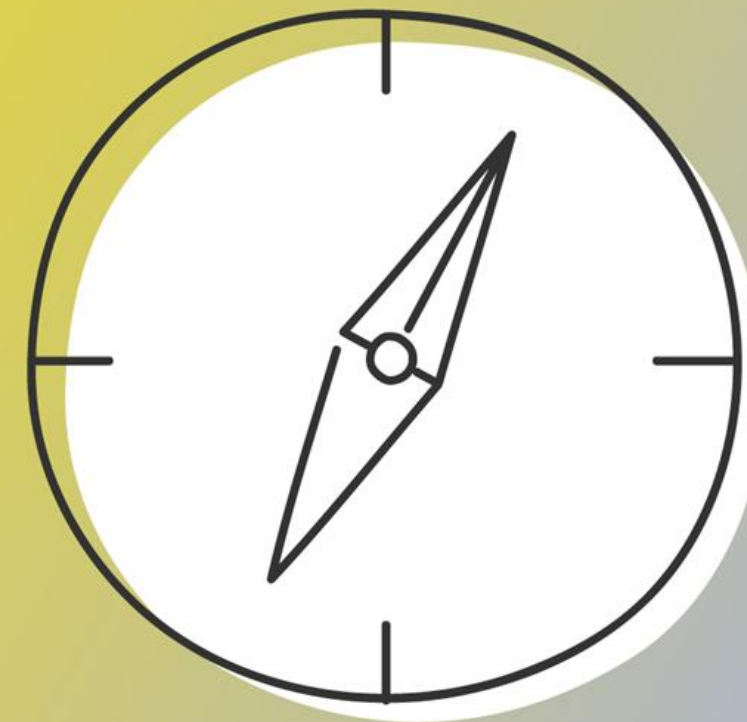
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INTERNATIONAL INNOVATION
PROGRAMMES

BILATERAL COOPERATION

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