

ETH transfer — ETH Zurich's University Spin-off Ecosystem

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

ETH Zurich's technology-transfer office has helped create roughly 500 university spin-offs since 1996. An independent 2020 University of St Gallen study of 145 of them found CHF 900m revenue, 4,500 FTE jobs and a 93% five-year survival rate.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[ETH Zurich \(ETH transfer technology transfer office\)](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[StartAngels: ETH spin-offs are more successful than others](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[ETH Zurich news: spin-off study](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

[Science|Business: How ETH Zurich spin-offs strengthen the Swiss economy](#) — accessed 2026-07-23

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