



**FORUM**EPFL

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Forum EPFL is the largest student recruitment fair in Europe. This year, it will celebrate its 44th edition from **October 5 to 9, 2026**. The Forum aims to help students integrate into the professional world as easily as possible, regardless of their career choices.

This event is entirely organized by a committee of 20 students and is fully self-financed. It takes place at the SwissTech Convention Center in Lausanne, one of the largest convention centers in Switzerland.

# The Objectives of Forum EPFL



In addition to organizing the fair, the association prepares graduates and students throughout the year with its Skills Week events.

The first Skills Week is organized in spring and offers students the opportunity to take professional photos and have their CV reviewed by HR experts.

The second Skills Week includes the same opportunities, as well as conferences, mock interviews, and various workshops.

The Forum EPFL week then gives students the opportunity to meet companies, participate in workshops, conferences, interviews, and networking lunches.

Forum EPFL helps facilitate students' professional integration while enabling companies to find talented profiles. Its main objective is to enable this meeting under the best possible conditions.

# Key Figures for 2025



- 188 Companies
- 133 Start-ups
- 18 NGOs /IGOs
- 3 000 Registered Students
- 23,500 Visitors

Forum EPFL is one of the few student associations to be ISO 9001 and 14001 certified, guaranteeing high-quality and environmentally responsible management.

This year, the Forum EPFL committee is collaborating with the Association pour la Sauvegarde du Léman (Association for the preservation of Lake Geneva). This association works to preserve the ecosystem of the Lake Geneva region, and we offer participants the opportunity to contribute to its funding during registration.

# EPFL, a Talent Hub

EPFL ranks 6th in Europe according to the QS Europe University Ranking 2025 and, together with ETH Zurich, is one of the two most renowned technical universities in Switzerland. EPFL has more than 14,000 students, 60% of whom are international, representing over 120 nationalities. Among its alumni are Didier Guzzoni, the inventor of Siri, and Daniel Borel, founder of Logitech.

The School, renowned for its cutting-edge research, is also home to numerous projects tackling current global challenges, as illustrated by the creation of a research and innovation center dedicated to AI, aimed at addressing issues such as access to healthcare and climate change.

This university feeds into the regional economic ecosystem, which includes many multinational companies and also offers a strong environment for start-ups within its Innovation Park.

*“Companies succeed when they have access to talent, and EPFL is where talent is produced.”*

**Anna Fontcuberta i Morral, President of EPFL**



# Program for the Week of October 5–9, 2026

## Forum Get Ready: Monday 5

A day reserved for students, giving them the opportunity to prepare for the fair with professional photos, CV reviews, and workshops. The day ends with the keynote conference featuring a special guest.

## NGO/IGO/Laboratory Day: Wednesday 7

A day dedicated to NGOs/IGOs and research laboratories.

## Start-Up Day: Tuesday 6

A day dedicated to start-up booths. The day concludes with the final of the public speaking competition.

## Thursday 9 & Friday 10

**Company Booths:** Booth days for companies participating in Forum EPFL.

**Interview Lounges:** Companies can conduct interviews with selected students following meetings at their booths, presentations, or through our CV database.

**Workshops:** Group activities (30–50 participants) involving real company projects, allowing companies to identify potential talent among participants.

**Networking Lunches:** Students can share a meal with company representatives to exchange in a less formal setting.

## Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Company Presentations

Alongside other activities during these three days, companies participating in Forum EPFL can present themselves to students and engage with them during and after presentations over an aperitif.

# Our Media Coverage



As the largest student recruitment fair in Europe, Forum EPFL attracts media attention every year. Through articles, interviews, and reports, several major media outlets have covered the event in recent years:

**RTS (2025)** interviewed the Vice President of Forum EPFL on the benefits of the fair for EPFL students.

**Talendo (2024)** explored behind the scenes of the Forum through an exclusive interview with the Vice President. Carac (2024) went backstage by interviewing the organizing committee.

**Canal9 (2024)** discovered Forum EPFL by following two students visiting the fair in search of professional opportunities.

**RTS (2023)** followed the Logistics Manager during the first day of the event.

**RTS (2023)** highlighted strong demand in the digital sector with interviews of start-ups present at the event.

# Potential Report or Article Ideas

Forum EPFL now stands as a true reflection of the Swiss and international job market. Acting as a bridge between academia and the professional world, this event brings together a wide range of economic actors through various activities, including recruitment booths, conferences, workshops, and personalized interviews.

As such, the Forum can be approached from multiple complementary angles, including:

- Switzerland at the heart of innovation: understanding how participating companies fit into the Swiss R&D ecosystem.
- Behind the scenes of a large-scale event organized by students: immersion into the organizing team and discovery of the logistical, human, and strategic challenges involved.
- Career opportunities after EPFL: feedback from alumni, analysis of growing sectors, and sought-after profiles.



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- Company representatives interviews: focus on recruitment objectives, selection criteria, and vision of the current market.
- Cross perspectives: how students and companies perceive the added value of a recruitment fair located on EPFL's campus.
- Current major challenges: diversity, sustainability, digital transformation, and the use of AI—how Forum EPFL and its participants are addressing them concretely.

We remain, of course, open to other suggestions and ideas to enrich this content according to your interests and editorial lines.

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