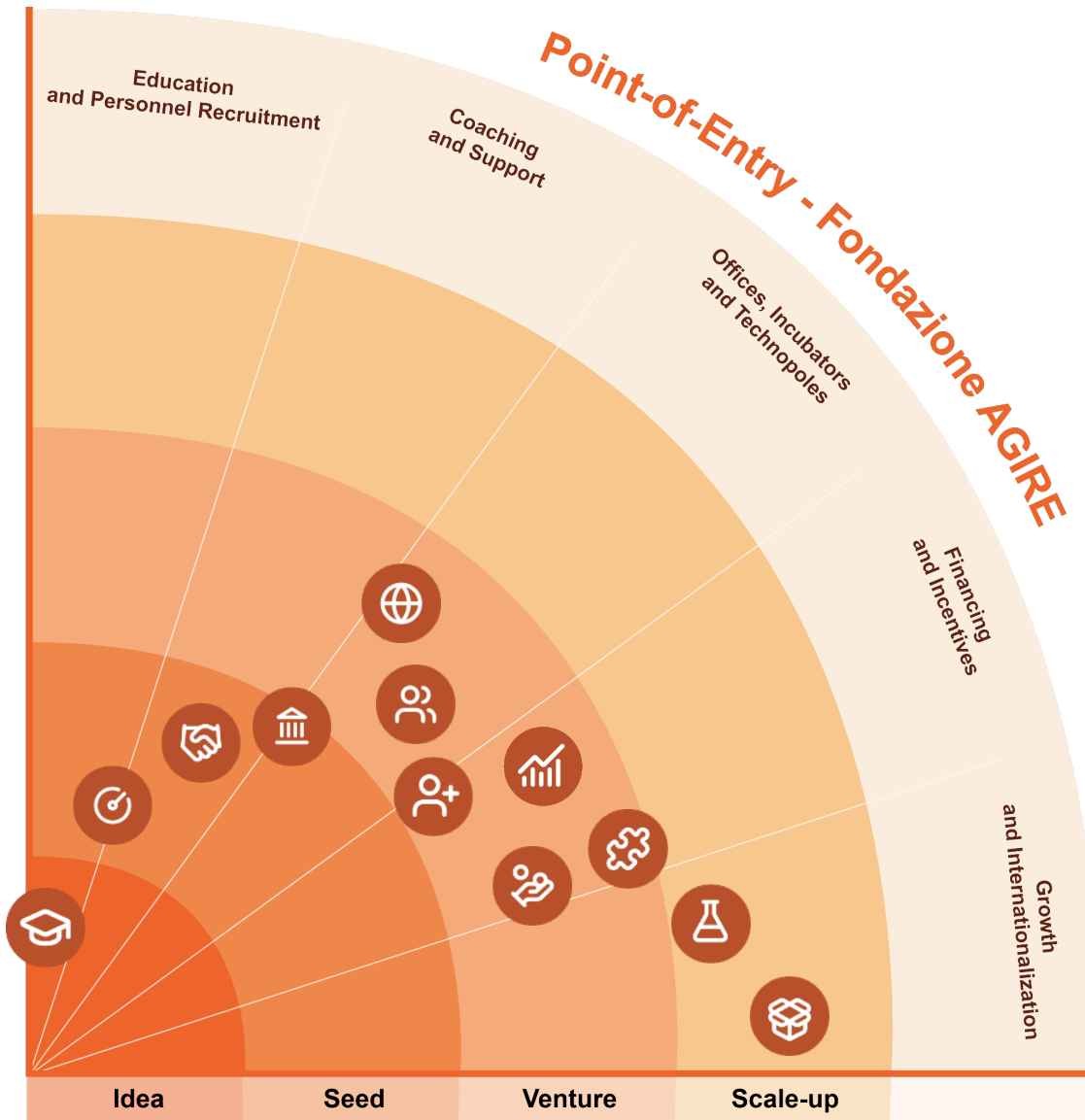


Specific Measures for Innovative Startups

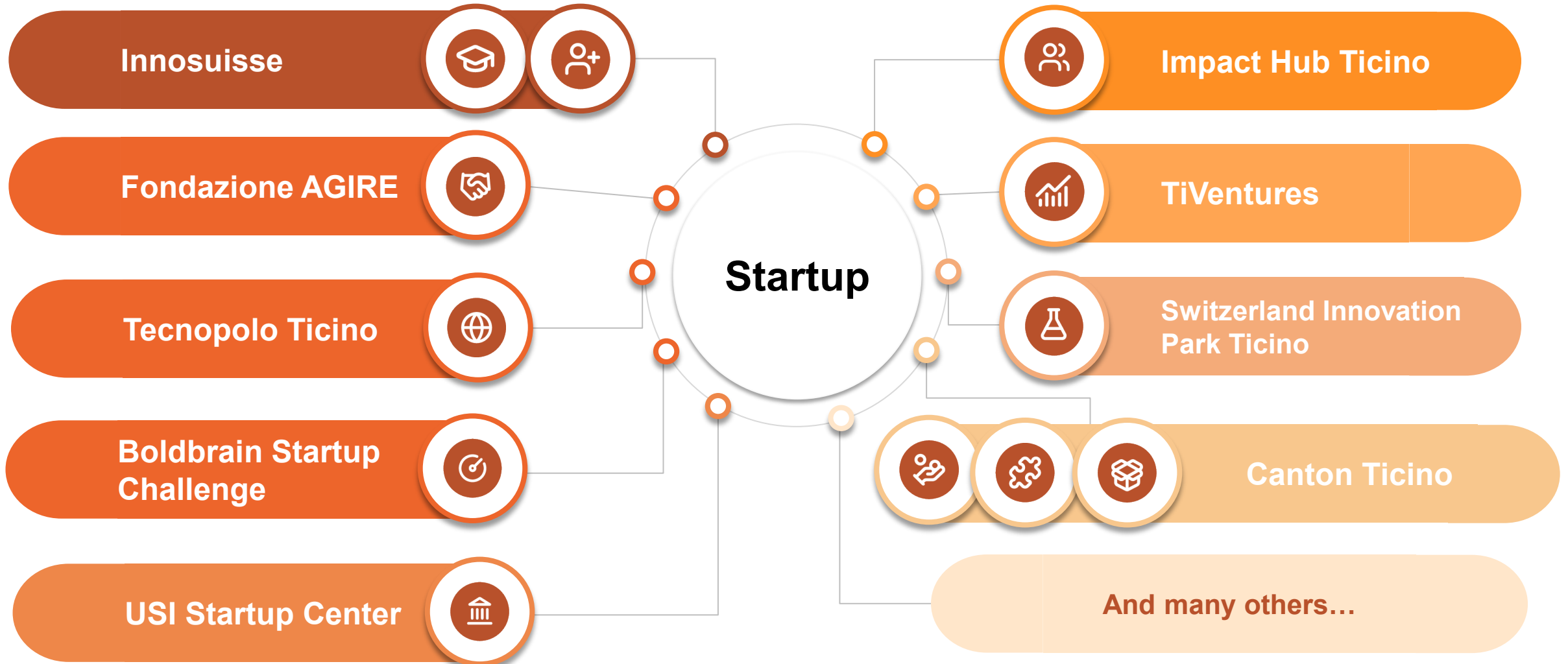
Innovative startup: a targeted support

The Canton of Ticino is [the second innovation ecosystem in Switzerland](#) and is an ideal place to launch and develop innovative startups thanks to a vast array of supports for every stage of their growth.



- Courses for future entrepreneurs and startups
- Early-stage start-ups acceleration programme
- Targeted coaching
- Academic incubators
- Coworking and mentoring
- Offices and networking
- Coaching sessions vouchers
- Investment funds and pitch training
- Tax breaks for innovative startups
- Non-repayable grants for innovative projects
- Laboratories and joint projects
- Patent box

Innovative startups: the actors



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Innosuisse

Courses for future entrepreneurs and startups



- Courses for future entrepreneurs and startups.
- Business Concept: teaches practical skills to start a business.
- Business Growth: supports the growth and scalability of operations.
- Support for startups in refining their value propositions.
- Promotion of the creation of professional networks.

Coaching sessions vouchers



- Vouchers for coaching sessions.
- Intended for young businesses and their founders.
- Coaching tailored to the different stages of startup development.
- The coaches are nationally accredited.

Boldbrain Startup Challenge

Early-stage start-ups acceleration programme



- Acceleration program (early stage).
- Free 3-month coaching for selected projects.
- Series of workshops to develop the idea, business plan, and startup pitch.
- Cash and in-kind prizes for finalist startups.
- Managed by Fondazione Agire, in collaboration with USI Startup Centre.

Fondazione Agire

Targeted coaching



- Cantonal agency for innovation.
- First entry point to the regional innovation system.
- Individual or group consulting and support services for highly innovative startups.
- Initiatives such as “Scouting for Investors,” that allow startups to present themselves to potential investors.

USI Startup Centre

Academic incubators



- Availability of a business accelerator.
- Hosting of innovative startups and prospective entrepreneurs from the academic world.
- Provision of consulting and matchmaking services, with support throughout the various stages of project development and involvement of academic expertise.

Impact Hub Ticino

Coworking and mentoring



- Coworking spaces, programs, and events.
- Target audience: freelancers, SMEs, startups, non-profits, social enterprises.
- Focus areas: sustainability, social innovation, circular economy.
- Promotion of local interaction and connection to the global network.

Tecnopolo Ticino

Offices and networking



- Access to an ideal environment for the growth of young innovative businesses.
- Access to dedicated tools and services.
- Opportunities for exchange with similar organizations
- A dynamic and collaborative atmosphere.
- Managed by Fondazione Agire.

TiVentures

Investment funds and pitch training



- Seed investment fund.
- Investments in early-stage startups with innovative technologies and high growth potential.
- Focus on deeptech sectors: health, high-tech, digital, cleantech.

Switzerland Innovation Park Ticino

Laboratories and joint projects



- Promotion of the collaboration between companies, universities, and research centers.
- Access to advanced laboratories, coworking areas, and research infrastructure.
- Support for connections with investors and strategic partners at national and international levels.
- Facilitation of global visibility, networking, and collaborative projects for international business expansion.

Canton Ticino

Tax breaks for innovative startups



- Tax incentives for innovative startups recognized under Article 5a of the cantonal tax law regulation.
- For startups (legal entities): exemption from donation tax and reduction of capital tax to 0.01%.
- For investors (natural persons): separate taxation of income equivalent to the amount invested in innovative startups at a 1% rate.

Non-repayable grants for innovative projects



- Cantonal support for mature-stage startups through non-repayable grants for innovation projects.
- Participation in applied research projects (Innosuisse, European/international programs).
- Investments in new products, production process innovations, and market expansion.
- Involvement in trade fairs and internationalization projects.

Patent box and other measures



- Tax benefits for innovative companies.
- Patent box scheme with tax relief of up to 90% on profits from patents and similar rights.
- Additional deduction of up to 50% for research and development costs.
- Maximum tax relief on taxable profits of 70%.