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CONNECTING VW GROUP TO THE FUTURE OF MOBILITY IN ISRAEL



WHY ISRAEL

Startup nation is a mixture of:



**Local spirit of
entrepreneurship**



**Academy and military
technology transfer
and talent**



**Multinational
companies and VC's**



**Governement
support**

MOBILITY HUB OF THE FUTURE

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Driverless and electric: Volkswagen develops innovative mobility in Israel

ID. VIZZION concept car

Starting in 2022, Volkswagen, together with two Israeli technology companies, will launch a ride-hailing service with self-driving electric vehicles on the country's roads.

FORD RESEARCH CENTER, ISRAEL OPENS IN THE HEART OF TEL AVIV'S TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY

Jun 12, 2019 | TEL AVIV, Israel



Business

Hungarian-Israeli JV to develop self-driving bus communications system

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ELON MUSK'S TESLA AIMS TO ENTER ISRAELI MARKET

By EYTAN HALON

Yandex' Autonomous Vehicles to Roam Around the Heart of Tel Aviv

The company autonomous roads and i additional s



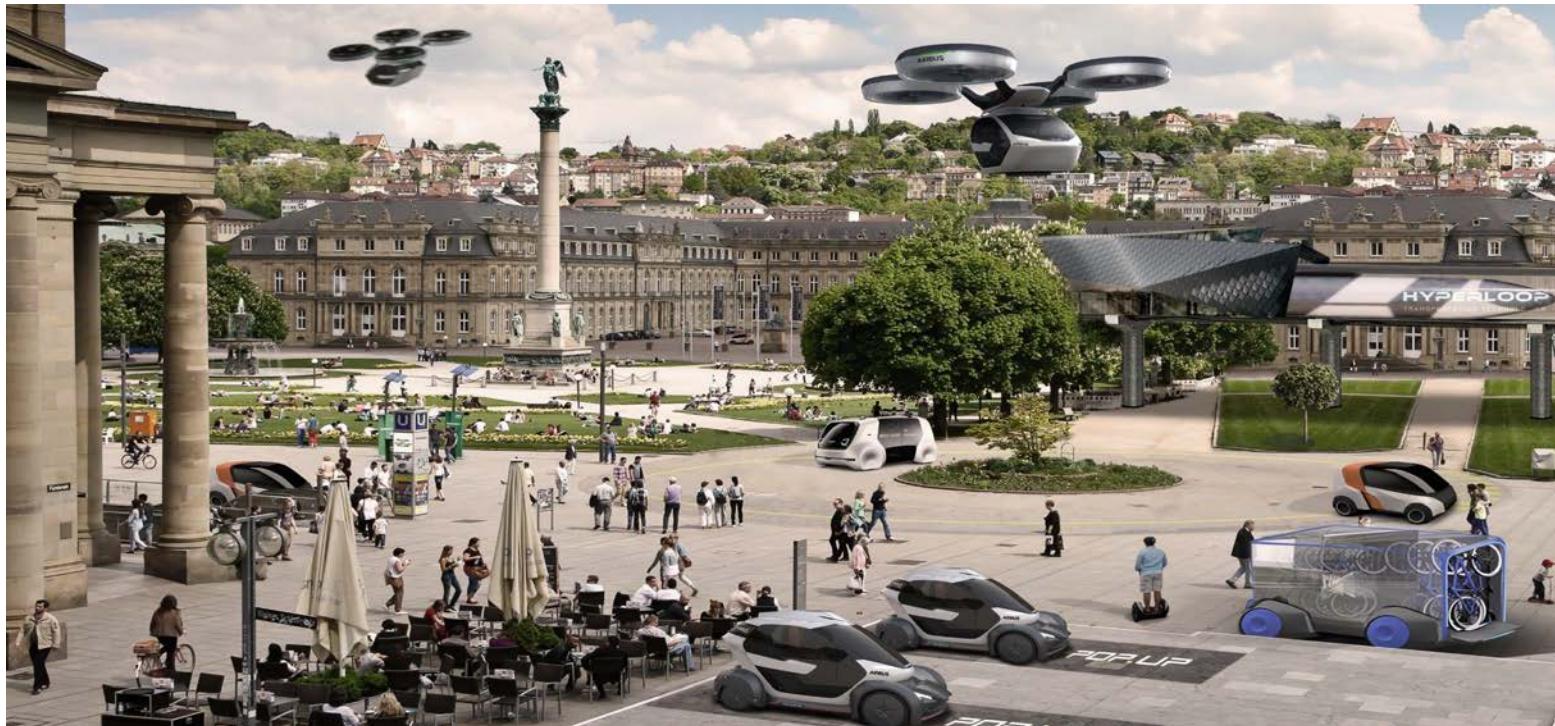
6. 12. 2018

ŠKODA SCALA: Compact model celebrates world premiere in Tel Aviv



THE VW Group Together – Strategy 2015:

“To become a globally leading provider of sustainable mobility”



The background of the slide features a high-angle, aerial photograph of the Tel Aviv city skyline during sunset. The sky is a warm orange and yellow, contrasting with the dark silhouettes of the numerous skyscrapers and modern buildings. In the foreground, there's a mix of lower residential buildings and some green spaces. A major highway or railway line cuts through the city, with several cars visible on the roads.

**KONNECT is an open innovation hub focused
on the technologies of tomorrow.**

**Founded by the Volkswagen Group and based
in Tel Aviv, KONNECT builds a bridge between
the Group's brands and the dynamic Israeli
startup scene.**

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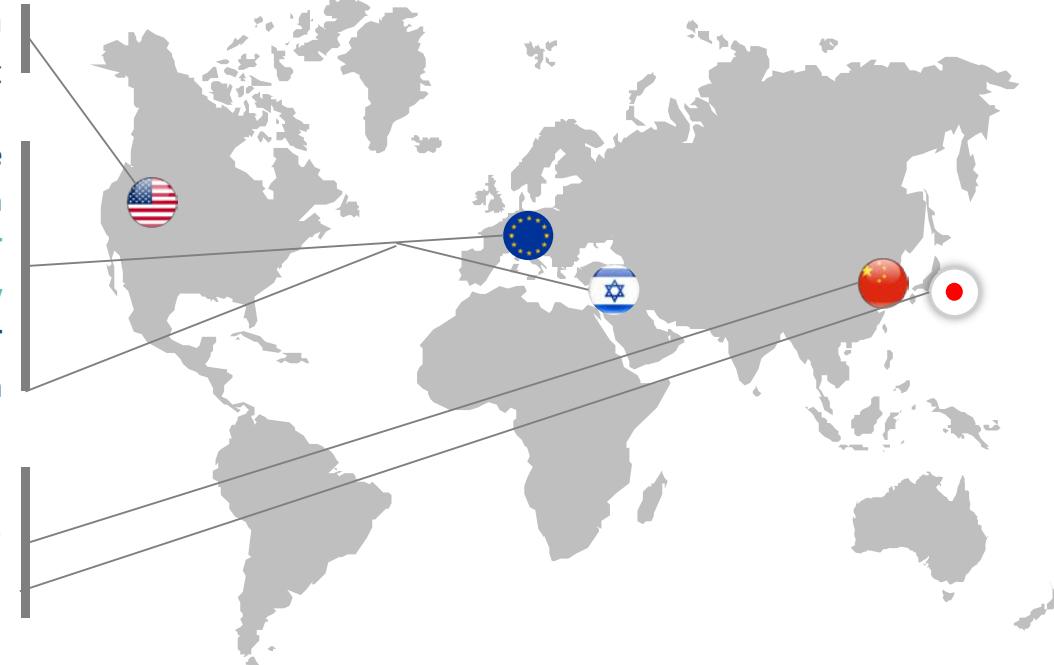
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We are supporting a wide range of stakeholders in Volkswagen Group's key transformational topics



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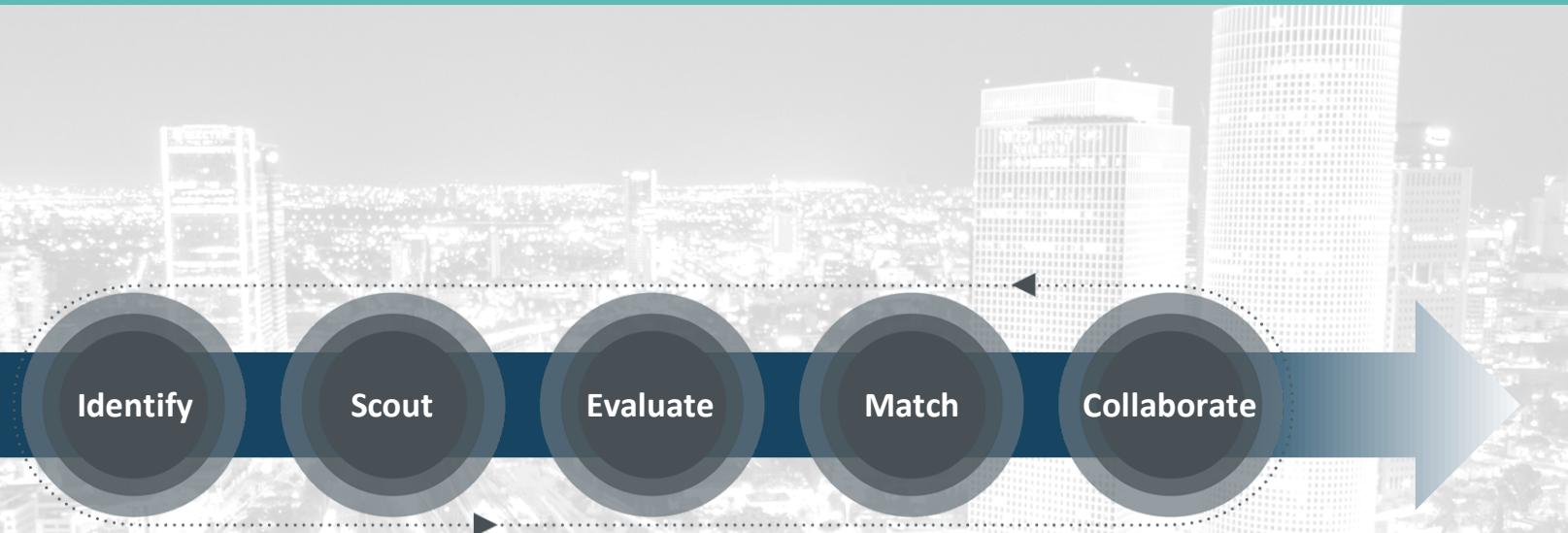
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driving THE vision
through
3 KEY PILLARS

TECHNOLOGY

BUSINESS DEVELOPMRNT

TRANSFORMATION

KONNECT'S METHODOLOGY FROM BRAND NEED TO COLLABORATION



KONNECT's main scouting fields

KONNECT START UP COMPETITION

October 30th, Konnect hub



32

Startups
Applicants



12

Startups
Pitches



2

Winners



€25K

Funding for a
mutual project



8

Different
Group Brands
& Dep.

Winning startups:

Seebo – Digital twin for Predictive maintenance (Industry 4.0), will work on a mutual project with Skoda
Foretellix – Advanced automation and analytics tool for AV dev., will work on a mutual project with K-GX

[Challenge Website](#)

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GROVE VENTURES

START-UP NATION CENTRAL

Mega Meetup

Automotive Challenges in Industry 4.0

Sunday, December 1st // 18:30 – 21:00 // Einav Culture Center, Tel Aviv





„The best way to
predict the future is to
invent it.“

-Alan Kay

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