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Swiss Federation grants another loan guarantee: Avrios International AG, developer of a fleet management software promoting more ecological behavior

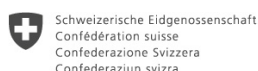
The managing company of the Swiss Technology Fund announces that the Federal Office for the Environment, FOEN granted another loan guarantee to an innovative Swiss SME: Avrios International AG located in Dübendorf.

Data of company vehicle fleets are usually distributed in various independent systems such as ERP-systems, excel-sheets and access-databases. Avrios is able to reduce this complexity with its modern and neutral online platform that collects all data automatically in a centralized database. In doing so, a 360-degree view of the fleet is achieved creating financial transparency. With its platform, Avrios is able to systematically influence fleet managers to act more ecologically thereby reducing carbon emissions significantly. Andreas Brenner, CEO and founder of Avrios International AG, is happy to have received a loan guarantee: „Use of our current platform has already significantly reduced both energy consumption and wear and tear of our customers. Thanks to the loan guarantee we are now able to scale our product even faster and help more fleet managers operate their fleets efficiently and sustainably.”

Simone Riedel Riley, Managing Director of the Technology Fund, adds the following: „Avrios won more than 160 customers in less than twelve months. This is certainly the result of its well-engineered software solution which increases efficiency in vehicle fleets in a unique way. Due diligence confirmed that customers quickly understand the user-friendly software leading to efficiency gains as well as carbon emission reductions within just a few months.”

Innovative SMEs, which are developing and marketing climate friendly technologies, can apply for a loan guarantee of up to CHF 3 million from the Technology Fund. The application form is available online at www.technologyfund.ch.

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The Technology Fund is an instrument of Swiss climate policy implemented by the Federal Office for the Environment, FOEN. The Fund grants loan guarantees to Swiss small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) which are developing and marketing innovative technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to use electrical energy more efficiently, to promote renewable energy or to protect the natural resources. www.technologyfund.ch and www.bafu.admin.ch/tech-fonds

Avrios International AG

Avrios International AG was founded as part of the family business Brenner in 2013. Today the company is a leading supplier of fleet management software solutions in German-speaking areas. The online platform displays and analyses vehicle data automatically and in real time. Avrios is able to systematically influence fleet managers to act more ecologically thereby significantly reducing carbon emissions. www.avrios.com

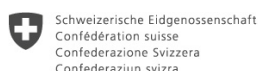
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South Pole Group

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