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## ***GovTech.Pioneers: LogSentinel Wins Startup Pitching Competition***

- Bulgarian-Dutch startup LogSentinel, which protects sensitive government information such as logs, documents and data using blockchain technology as well as offers interdisciplinary consultancy service (including GDPR) won this year's GovTech.Pioneers.
- Chosen from over 80 startups, the 16 best were given the chance to pitch their product to a jury of experts on stage.
- GovTech.Pioneers took place for the third time on April 2nd, this year at Vienna City Hall.
- Joining Pioneers in Vienna were 300 corporate decision-makers, public sector officials, investors and startups.

**Vienna – Bulgarian-Dutch startup LogSentinel was named the winning startup at GovTech.Pioneers. They offer a solution for governments to secure sensitive information in a private blockchain. This ensures that data is protected and cannot be tampered with – a worldwide danger for authorities from city to multi-national level.**

Or, as LogSentinel Chief Operations Officer Anton Gerunov put it in his final round summary, “We are the guardians of truth on the Blockchain!”

“It’s not just fancy technology, but it solves a problem that governments care about,” said jury member and Urban Us Partner Stonly Baptiste at the winner announcement. “Cybercrime is a big and growing problem for governments, and it’s timely to present a new solution in this area.”

“Innovators, shakers and pioneers from Chile to Japan, the United States, France and the United Kingdom met together in Vienna to explore a collaborative approach to innovation with over 80 selected startups from India to Hungary and beyond,” said Oliver Csendes, CEO of Pioneers. “Pioneers provides a platform for innovators and entrepreneurs to present their technologies and gives them access to capital and decision-makers from well-established companies. Our goal is to bring the right people together and support new business relationships - our Match & Meet tool allows us to do so. In the end, it’s the personal contacts that offer real worth.”

LogSentinel has now been fast-tracked to the group of Pioneers500 startups at our flagship event, Pioneers’19, and will pitch for the Pioneers Challenge Award at the Hofburg in Vienna on May 9th-10th. Additionally, they’ve won a prize trip to New York to meet with the **URBAN-X** accelerator, a project of Urban Us and MINI/BMW for startups with solutions to offer cities.

LogSentinel qualified for the final after victory in the Cyber Security pitching track. Their fellow finalists were **CivilCops** (Citizen Collaboration track), **SimLab** (EdTech track) and **Avokaado** (Open Govtech track). The 16 pitching startups from countries including India, Estonia, the United Kingdom

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and France were hand-chosen to present their technologies at GovTech.Pioneers. Over 270 applied for the event.

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