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4YFN26 Spin-offs data capsule

Global spin-off VC trends, 4YFN26 Spin-offs cohort highlights, and the most active investors backing them.

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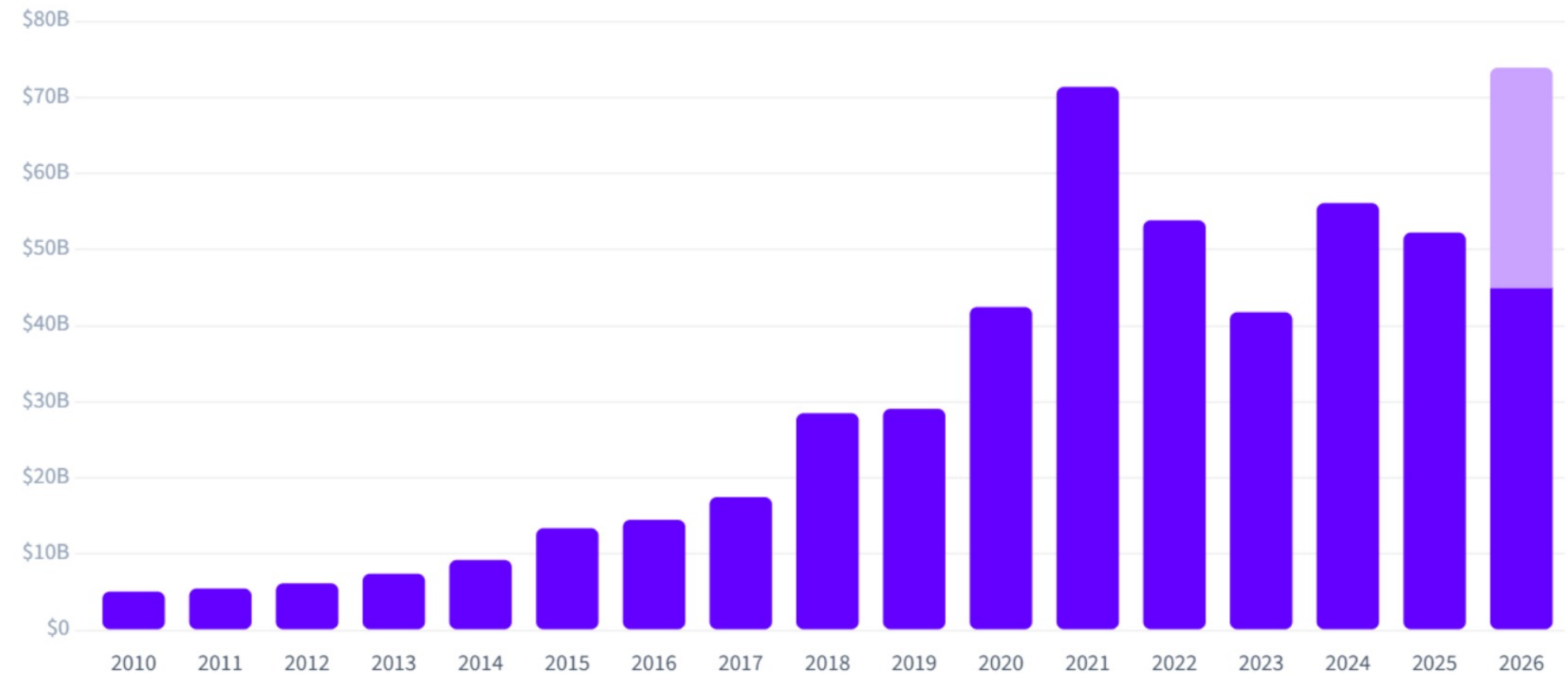


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Global Spin-off VC on track to \$73.9B in 2026

Annual venture capital invested in spin-off companies worldwide, with 2026 figures annualised from year-to-date

Actual 2026 projected (annualised from YTD)



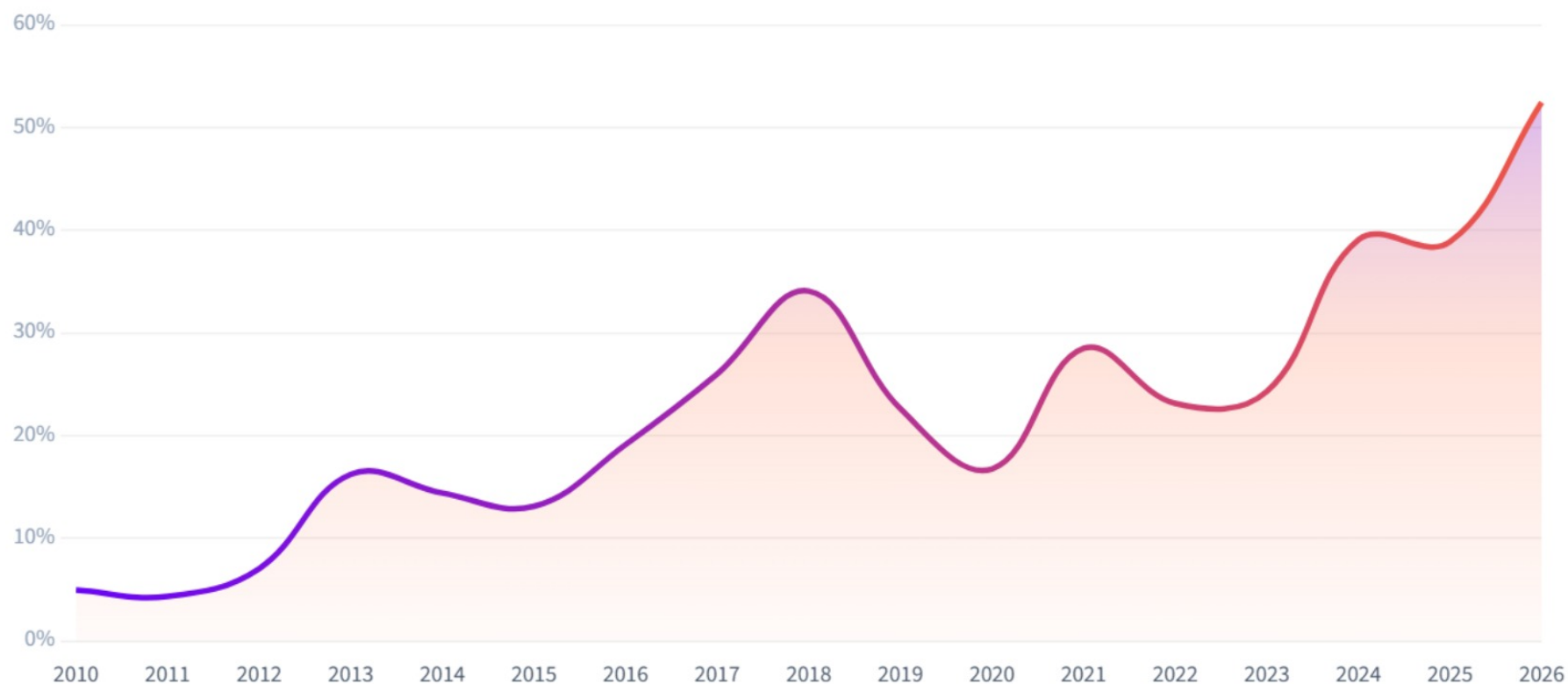
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AI share of Spin-off VC has surged from 5% to a projected 52% in 2026

AI-enabled spin-off companies' share of global spin-off venture capital funding

— AI share of Spin-off VC



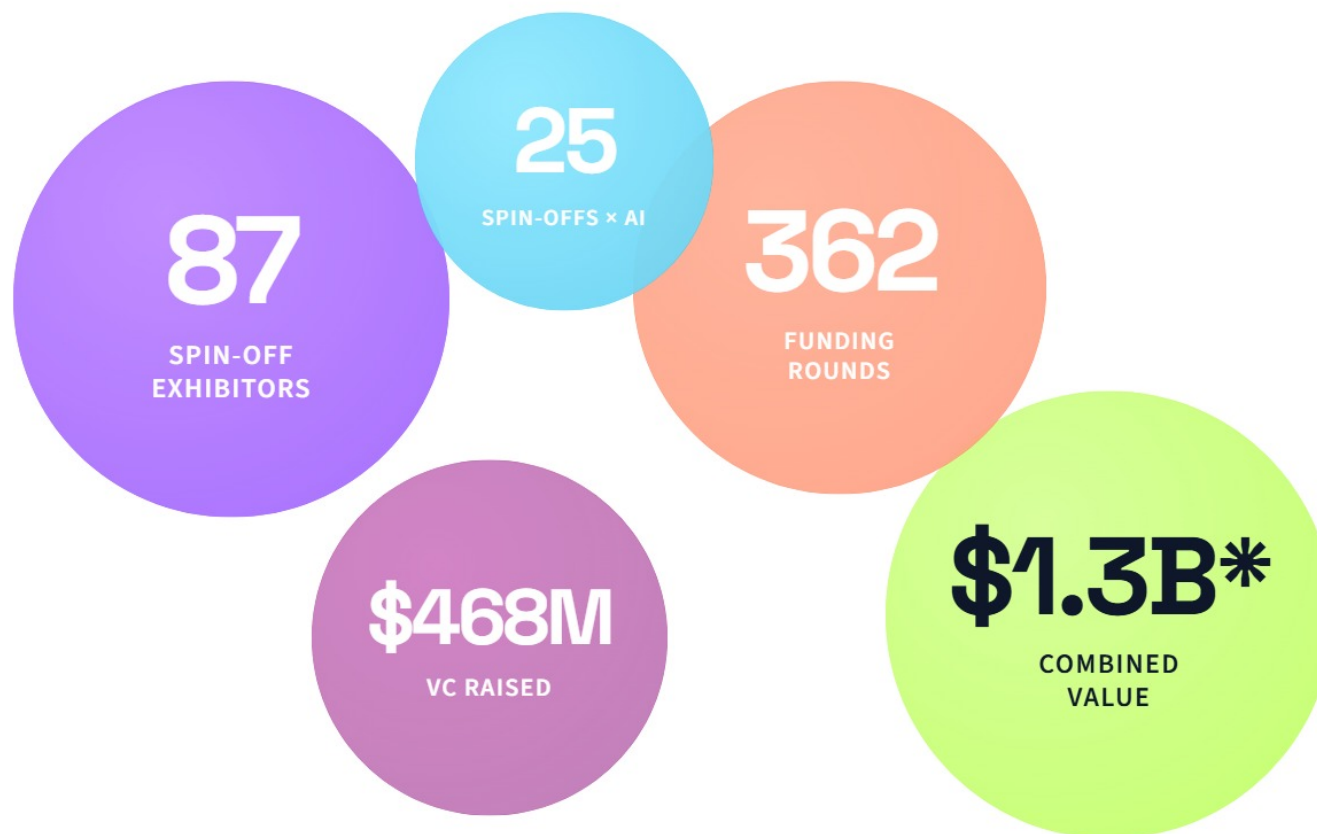
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4YFN26 Spin-offs at a glance

Exhibitor and funding snapshot of the 4YFN26 Spin-offs cohort



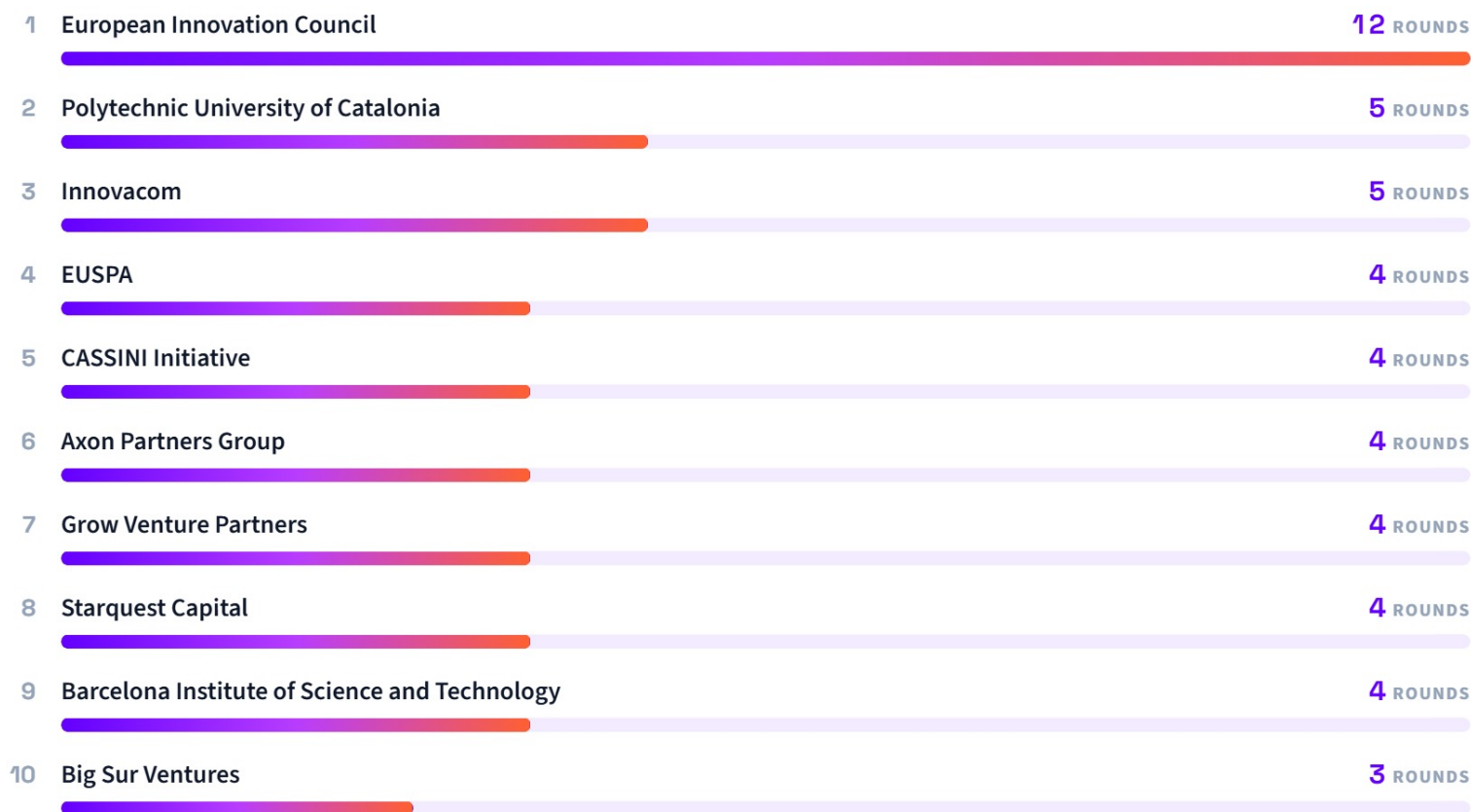
**Excludes Akamai, an MIT spin-off with a valuation of ~\$21.7B*

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European Innovation Council tops the leaderboard, involved in 12 of 190 rounds raised by the 4YFN 2026 Spin-off cohort*

Most active investors across 4YFN 2026 Spin-off startups, excluding Healthtech spin-offs



*Excludes 4YFN 2026 Healthtech spin-offs. 47 companies included.

Spotlight: Floodwaive

Winner of the 4YFN26 Spin-off pitch battle — AI-powered flood forecasting from RWTH Aachen



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TEAM SIZE

+46% YoY headcount growth

2023

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Spin-off from RWTH Aachen University

75

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Momentum score (out of 100)



Winner

4YFN SPIN-OFF PITCH BATTLE

· 2026

Recognised at 4YFN26 Barcelona

Aachen-based deeptech spinning out of RWTH Aachen University to build **DeepWaive** — a physics-informed AI foundation model that generates high-resolution flood forecasts up to a million times faster than traditional hydrodynamic simulations, enabling proactive climate resilience for cities, insurers and critical-infrastructure operators.

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