### FinTech in Poland — investor perspective

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### From Szczecin to Zakopane – who's raising, where, and why it matters

### VC Pulse Check - Market at a Glance

Strong local demand and a digitally engaged banking sector make Poland a practical launchpad for CEE or EU scaling.

- Poland's large and digitally engaged population, combined with increasing financial digitalization, fuels expanding market demand.
- Key verticals include payments, personal finance, and open banking, as well as SME lending, RegTech, InsurTech and Blockchain.











## CEE Rising – Central Europe's Scaleups

With an ecosystem valuation of €243B, Central and Eastern Europe is one of Europe's fastest-growing innovation corridors — up 15.5x over the past decade.

But the capital landscape remains uneven:

- Late-stage funding remains limited
- 50%+ of CEE scaleups expand internationally to raise Series B+
- Regions like Estonia, Poland, and Lithuania are outperforming in startup-toscaleup transitions

Strategically, Poland offers a compelling ratio of talent-to-capital — but unlocking late-stage financing is now critical for sustained growth.

### VC Pulse Check - Investment Landscape

Poland's fintech sector has grown by nearly 80% since 2018, now hosting over 300+ active FinTechs, with Warsaw leading, followed by Kraków and Wrocław.

- In 2024/25, FinTechs raised \$250M+, primarily in Seed and Series A rounds, demonstrating vibrant early-stage deal flow and investor appetite.
- Typical ticket sizes range from €100K-€500K (Pre-Seed) up to €10M+ (Series B and beyond), with valuations reflecting growing traction and regulatory readiness.



### Polish Funding Ecosystem v4

### Local VCs

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### Foreign VCs





















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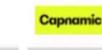






















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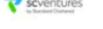








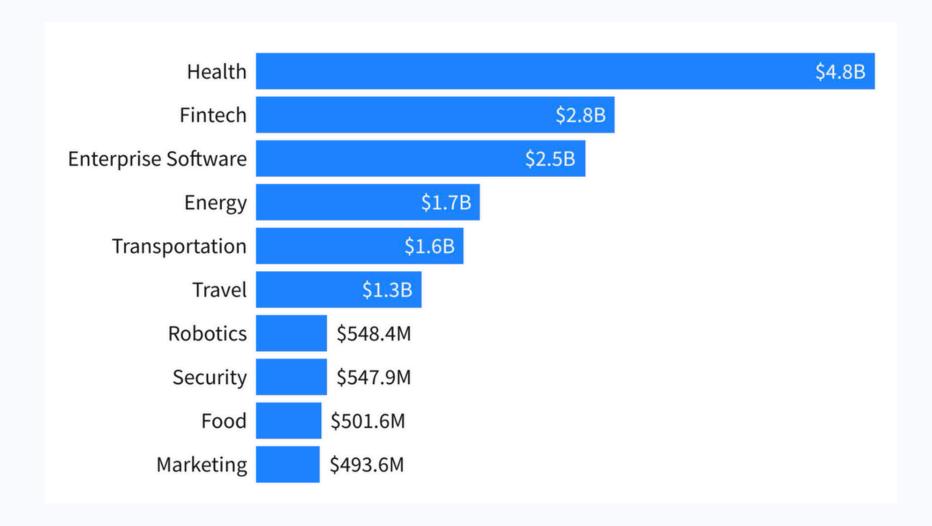




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The data suggests that VC remains essential to reaching unicorn scale, particularly in underfunded markets.

CEE and Poland' pipeline is strongest in:

- Fintech
- Health
- Al & enterprise software

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Ecosystem Setup: Dynamic and rapidly growing ecosystem with proven product-market fit in key verticals and expanding user bases.

### What Polish Investors Expect

Stage	Aspects
Seed	Unique IP, solid team, early validation
Series A	Early traction, product-market fit, B2B or global TAM
Series B & C	Strong growth metrics, scalable GTM, capital efficiency
Growth / late	Global expansion, leadership potential, defensible moats

### What Polish Investors Expect

- 1. Focus on metrics and scalability Polish investors lean analytical
- 2. Avoid pure "vision" pitches; show local traction or partnerships
- 3. Have a clear legal, HR, and compliance setup especially with GDPR and labor laws
- 4. Show ESG alignment (Environmental, Social, Governance) if relevant

### Thank you!

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